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Thank you for adding suggested tweets, posts and comments for today's virtual action. The virtual parent town hall is taking place today, 5:30pm on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [City Schools TV](#) on YouTube

Public Official Contact List	Parent Waiver Details and Concerns
Member Generated Images	Slideshow with relevant arguments, data, and citations
#MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe Member Questions/Post	Example Member Letters to Leaders/Parents

Parent Specific Concerns

If schools are so safe then why is @BaltiCitySchools forcing parents to sign a form waiving their right to sue the school system if they get sick from in person learning? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Appendix H of @BaltiCitySchools Health and Safety Guide requires parents to affirmatively waive the right to seek compensation if their child becomes ill from attending in-person learning. Are you more concerned with learning or legal liability? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

If in person learning is so safe right now why is @BaltiCitySchools the only district in the state requiring parents to affirmatively waive the right to seek compensation if their child becomes ill from attending in-person learning? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

If @BaltiCitySchools was already willing to send my child into a building with incomplete ventilation work why should I trust your word that the buildings will be safe a couple of weeks from now? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Public Health Data

Over 80 confirmed COVID cases, just of BTU members + students who've been in buildings w/ only 2% of students back, what do we think will happen

when we multiply the amount of students and staff back x20?
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The City Schools Community Indicators Dashboard says if we're >15 cases per 100k over the past week we should have "limited or no in person programs." We're currently at 39.7 but we're expanding in person programming? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

The CDC's core indicator for risk of introduction and transmission of COVID-19 in schools is # of cases per 100k over the last 2 weeks. Anything over 200 puts you in the HIGHEST RISK category, and we're at 585 but are now expanding in person programming?! #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Physical Conditions/Building Safety

Only 28 of the 108 elementary and elementary/middle schools in @BaltCitySchools – or 26% – have completed air ventilation system upgrades yet schools are reopening? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Almost 80% of buildings scheduled for ventilation upgrades are still waiting for work to be STARTED. Yet @BaltCitySchools wants students in them in less than 30 days? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

A robust and detailed plan is needed for cleaning... @BaltCitySchools has still not released one yet... #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Couldn't guarantee soap or paper towels but now @BaltCitySchools swears the buildings will be cleaned and ample supplies sufficient for a pandemic... #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

The @BaltCitySchools School Board meets virtually because it is #StillNotSafe yet they want me to send my babies to school?
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The @BaltCitySchools School Board meets virtually because it is #StillNotSafe yet they want PSRPs to return to North Avenue when they won't? #MakeltMakeSense

@BaltCitySchools had a 3 billion dollar backlog of ESSENTIAL facilities maintenance work BEFORE the pandemic, but now we suddenly have the resources to ensure a safe learning environment? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

My school building does not have walls separating classrooms. It is an open space, yet it is scheduled to open in February. How can the building be safe when the air flows freely between spaces and the virus is airborne? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Vaccinations

Leadership of @BaltCitySchools still expect staff to start before giving them the opportunity to get both rounds of the vaccine #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

As a math teacher I did the math... in order for 500 @BaltCitySchools staff members a week to be vaccinated, if they want to, it would take until basically June...#MakeltMakesense #StillNotSafe

Top Maryland Legislators say vaccine rollout has been "unacceptable" but @BaltCitySchools believes they can vaccinate educators WHILE expanding in-person learning? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

If @BaltCitySchools puts as much energy into their plan to vaccinate staff as they have into developing this reopening plan then Baltimore is in serious trouble #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

COVID 19 Testing

Currently @BaltCitySchools is only offering testing to SYMPTOMATIC staff and students. At school buildings. Inviting COVID-19 into the schoolhouse. #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Hey @BaltCitySchools, we're still waiting for that comprehensive testing plan for staff and students... #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

@BaltCitySchools refused to commit to proactive testing of staff and students. Their new plan only tests folks after they're already sick. #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Academic Testing

So now we think testing is more important than our students and staff lives and health?!? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

So we have higher demands for students' academic testing than the health for them and their families?!? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Retirement

Retirement shouldn't have to be my backup plan when @BaltCitySchools refuses to protect my life. #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Forcing staff members to choose retirement over the job they've committed their adult lives to is a funny way of showing appreciation to veteran educators in @BaltCitySchools... #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Dining

So when my student can't finish their lunch in the 15 minutes allotted for them to eat with their mask off do they take the rest home or what @BaltCitySchools? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Apparently COVID-19 isn't a threat for the 15 minutes that students spend eating lunch in their classroom or the cafeteria without a mask on...
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Transportation

Explain to me how thousands of children traveling on public buses with other people qualifies as safety. #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Uncontrolled community spread but let's put hundreds of @BaltCitySchools staff and students on public transportation everyday? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Explain to me how we ensure cohort integrity when the vast majority of our students take MTA across the city on buses where social distancing and mask wearing can't be enforced. #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

If we can't ensure social distancing and mask wearing for the 25k students who take the MTA across the city to school, isn't cohort integrity destroyed before they even enter the building? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Contact Tracing

-I still have not seen the detailed plan to support students and staff who catch the MTA to get to school, that would affect contact tracing!
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-So @BaltCitySchools says they can contact trace COVID exposures for all staff and students? Even students who take the two busses and the light rail to get to school? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

PPE/Supplies

-As an educator, I have almost never had all of the supplies that I needed for Day 1 of teaching my students the way they deserve, where is the evidence that all of the required PPE is already present #MakeltMakeSense

-Sooo we could barely have enough pencils and paper for students, but now @BaltCitySchools can guarantee every student and staff member the correct amount of PPE #MakeltMakeSense

-Wear our masks and socially distance? Let's see our @BaltCitySchools administrators model it first! #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

School Nurses

Two nurses have already died going into unsafe buildings. We cannot ask more to put their life on the line. Reopening is a choice @BaltCitySchools doesn't have to make. #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Allergic Reactions to Vaccines

Pregnant Workers

Trauma

Studies have shown long term heart conditions after being infected even in some asymptomatic athletes, yet somehow for \$197,400,000 it is worth it. This district prefers gains over pains! #MakeltMakeSense
via- Keysha Goodwin

Teaching In-Person x Virtually Simultaneously

@BaltCitySchools, If educators are teaching both sets of students simultaneously, how is in-person learning not just virtual learning done in an unsafe school building? #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Students are hoping to attend schools for better support while their teachers will be completely exhausted by teaching both over zoom AND in person. #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

So we're just going to talk about in-person learning as-if it's going to look VERY different than virtual learning? Students will still be isolated on a computer... #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

Students are invited to opt in for hybrid so they can receive a far less suitable education with far more risk. #MakeltMakeSense #StillNotSafe

We let our students make many decisions before they're ready: how much student debt they should incur and how readily they should risk their death/their families deaths due to COVID-19. #MakeltMakeSense

If there is only one educator per grade band, who is attending to in-person students during virtual small group and vice versa? Is in-person learning partial supervised virtual learning in a school building? #MakeltMakeSense

Sick Leave x Accommodations

My preexisting condition requires frequent monitoring by medical professionals but isn't "serious" enough for @BaltCitySchools to grant me an accommodation... #MakeltMakeSense

General

It took less than a year for 400,000 Americans to die at the hand of COVID-19. The rush to return to buildings before staff are vaccinated is laughing in the face of danger @BaltCitySchools. #MakeltMakeSense

I shouldn't have to choose between my family and my job.#MakeltMakeSense

I shouldn't have to choose between my health and my job.
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Biden says the worst is yet to come, so why are we reopening now?
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Borrowed from Social Media

[@BaltCitySchools](#) opening schools before students and
[@BTUBaltimore](#) staff are vaccinated? [#makeitmakesense](#)

“I would just say that this is an extremely arbitrary decision. To pick a date, and say that this is one we're going to open up these grades. And this is the day we're going to open up *these* grades, regardless of the public health data,” #MakeItMakeSense

Supporting Media + Links

- <https://www.baltimorebrew.com/2021/01/19/only-1-in-4-baltimore-schools-set-to-reopen-are-now-equipped-with-air-vent-upgrades/>
- <https://www.baltimorebrew.com/2021/01/12/baltimore-teachers-and-parents-oppose-more-school-reopening/>
- [https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/bcpss/Board.nsf/files/BUSSYJ74CF79/\\$file/Final%20Safe%20In-Person%20Learning%20-%2010-27-20%20UPDATED.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/bcpss/Board.nsf/files/BUSSYJ74CF79/$file/Final%20Safe%20In-Person%20Learning%20-%2010-27-20%20UPDATED.pdf) Community Indicators Dashboard

- <https://coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov/> Baltimore City Coronavirus dashboard
- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/indicators.html?fbclid=IwAR1YD2cfAQjv2DEYJ78FhHO3n5DEQh4BiLQrlb8Sc3OnV0Z_Lr7e-SFc9TQ#thresholds CDC Core indicators for reopening schools
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UR6Thttl24pQgtHjv2-2_puvZRCqI-rm/view?fbclid=IwAR0vu2qDFRziuWznGWjSA8KTYE4zn2bvkawuG-blmpxoNwDdw8TS1QeD55k City Schools Ventilation Upgrade work status
- <https://t.co/rUYOqQfG9p?amp=1> City Schools 3 billion dollar backlog in maintenance work

Data Points

According to the Baltimore City Health Department's COVID-19 dashboard, positive cases of coronavirus are up 8 percent since four weeks ago. #MakeItMakeSense