

October 12, 2020

ATTN: Leslie Bergstrom

Dear OSD School Board,

I request that my letter be read out loud at the OSD School Board Meeting on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

I am a Sophomore at Oregon High School, although it sure doesn't feel like it. I have been affected by not having in-person school in so many aspects. In the first aspect, you could only imagine a student becoming depressed due to being socially distanced from everyone since March 2020. Having to do school work at home all day, in a room, staring at a computer for 6 hours a day is not the type of learning we should have. We should have the choice. Secondly, after school is done online, we have MORE work to do since we are now cramming all this work into the block schedule. We are getting MORE homework, MORE pressure, LESS education, and ZERO social activity with our school peers. Not being able to see other students, teachers, and counselors that we adore and rely on for our education is affecting mine and a lot of others mental health. Please bring back in-person classes for Oregon High School. AT LEAST GIVE US THE CHOICE! If we can all go to Walmart, Target, restaurants and places like that with 50 other people in masks, why can't we be in a classroom with 20 students and 1 teacher with masks and socially distanced for an hour? This has negatively affected my education and it is a lot harder for me and a lot of my friends not being able to learn in person or at hand. I am worried about how I will get into college with this type of learning. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who are working very hard to try to help us students. I appreciate you. We deserve the choice to go back to school!

Sincerely,

Dallas Rose Rogers

Oregon High School Sophomore

## Thank you!

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Mon, Oct 12, 2020 at 5:56 PM

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Superintendent and Board Members,

I want to send an email of gratitude and a heart-felt thank you to each of you!! Your leadership and work to make difficult decisions at this time is so very appreciated and important.

My daughters, [REDACTED] Living, working, and schooling during a world pandemic sure is a tricky balancing act that is undoubtedly challenging.

However, knowing that my children are in a school district that has placed their decisions solidly on expert guidance and safety is VERY comforting during this unprecedented time. As much as we ALL want "life to go back to normal", we know that this is not a safe decision at this time.

Thank you for continuing to keep the safety of our teachers, students, and ultimately our entire community as the highest priority in your decisions around remaining virtual for grades 3-12.

Appreciations,  
-Kiley Ogodogu  
234 Jefferson Street  
Oregon, Wi

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## School meeting pictures

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Mon, Oct 12, 2020 at 3:36 PM

To: lcb2@oregonsd.net

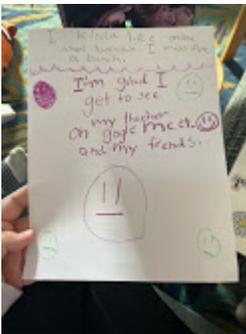
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Hi,  
I request that my pictures be shared at the OSD School Board meeting on Monday, October 12th.  
I wanted to pass these pictures along to all of you. I asked my 1st and 3rd grader to draw a picture of how they were feeling about online school and these are what they gave me. [REDACTED]  
Thanks for you time,  
Jenny Haley

Sent from my iPhone

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### 3 attachments



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## Oregon School District - What We Value

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Mon, Oct 12, 2020 at 4:53 PM

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Cc: Steve Zach <sbsz@oregonsd.org>, Ahna Bizjak <sbab@oregonsd.org>, Kevin Mehring <sbkm@oregonsd.org>, Krista Flanagan <sbkf@oregonsd.org>, Troy Pankratz <sbtp@oregonsd.org>, Heather Garrison <sbhg@oregonsd.org>, Tim LeBrun <sbt1@oregonsd.org>

Good Afternoon Dr. Bergstrom and Board Members,

I ask this email be read at the District Board Meeting on October 12th.

### WHOLE CHILD EMPHASIS

*Each child is healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged.*

- Meet the academic, behavioral, social and emotional needs of all learners.
- Discover and nurture the talents and interests of all learners.
- Ensure all learners meet the "The Four C's" measures of success: Competency, Character, Culture and Community.

### Our Mission Statement

"The mission of the Oregon School District is to educate by helping students acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed to achieve their individual potential, to contribute to a changing society and to be receptive to learning as a lifelong process..."

When looking at OSD's very first value, can you all look at this statement and honestly say you are meeting any of these standards you've set for the district?

School Board and Dr. Bergstrom - can you honestly go to sleep at night saying each and every child/learner in this district has their academic, behavioral, social and emotional needs properly met?

School Board and Dr. Bergstrom - can you look a student in the face who is far behind in their academics because they don't have internet access needed in their rural locations to be able to complete or even engage in their studies and tell them they are getting an equitable education?

My answer to the above questions - NO. This virus is not going anywhere. Learn how to live with it.

Children aren't going anywhere either and they deserve to have leaders who day in and day out bust their butts to live the work of their mission statement and core values. It's time Oregon School District Leadership step up to the challenge and do the jobs they were hired and elected to do - give our kids the best education from the best school district in Dane County.

When I look back on my children's last years of high school, I pray it's for the same reason we put them at OSD; because it was the best public education they could receive. Don't make parents in this community regret that choice. Don't let a parent's only option be to move away or take their child to another school. The educational disparities coupled with the detrimental and long term negative affects due to the lack of an in person education is shameful! Where there is a will, there is a way. OSD Superintendent and Board Members need to think with that hat on at all times.

If you've been analyzing all the emails sent to you or are doing your own research, you already know the statistics and data sent your way daily from parents and concerned citizens. I'm not going to fill up this message with those details. I will remind you the survival rate for Coronavirus in Wisconsin is 99% and specifically in Dane County it's 99.6%.

One of the things I have always told my children is when you make a mistake, say it. People will respect you so much more if you admit your mistakes, ask for help and grow from the experience. I feel like it's important to send the same message to all of you. When you are in over your head and don't know what to do, ask for help. There is an entire community of professionals and just plain good people who have continually offered their help - receive it. You have made a mistake by taking on this burden yourselves and not asking for help when it is very clearly needed. I offered in an email that went unanswered back on 9/24 that I would be happy to help with PPE and proper hygiene procedures since I successfully helped in my job where hundreds of seniors are cared for 24/7. People our reaching out - listen.

In closing, there is nothing special about Dane County which would require them to have unattainable metrics for in person learning, when a school less than 15 minutes from my house has very successfully implemented in person learning 5 DAYS PER WEEK. You absolutely must do better for the children of this community. It's your job!

Let's go Oregon!

Sincerely,

Sarah Schliem