



Arlington  
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SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

# Board Highlights

Board of Education Special Meeting  
October 26, 2020

## Special School Board meeting – 5:15 p.m.

### Community Input

- Christina Barbaric is a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in District 25, and would like to keep and expand in-person learning. She described how teaching in a hybrid model has been for her.
- Todd Witherow requests children be in school with full in-person learning. He emailed a presentation to Board members.
- Leah Ross is anticipating that children will be in school full time. She feels that the science shows that school doesn't spread Covid, and wants to move to full in-person learning. She thanked the Board and administration for getting the district to this point.
- Heather Molina feels the district does not have an outline for what it will take to get the students back to full in-person learning. She wants to be given a choice for children to be back in school full time. She noted that the teachers in the district are amazing.
- Dr. Marianne Corcoran spoke about teen suicide. She stated that suicide rates are up and that students need connection with their teachers. She wants students back in school full time.
- Casey Whitaker Pingree Grove, is a teacher in District 25, and spoke on behalf of District 25 colleagues. He noted that the teachers are working very hard in the current model. He expressed concern with the speed of decisions being made, and how that information is being presented to teachers. He would like full transparency with an open communication with staff and administration. He would like students back in the classroom, but is concerned about the safety of everyone.
- Renee Schlenhardt feels there is no transparency in the district. She noted that schools are a refuge for some students, and feels that the students' future is being put last. She would like a return date for a full time in-person option, and feels it can be done safely.

Dr. Bein summarized two comments that were emailed

- Scott Caro and Kevin Allender are requesting full time in-person learning.
- Adam and Janelle Thoma would like the District to reprioritize and move to full day in-person instruction.

Information Items - None

Action Items

- Direct the Superintendent to take no action and for the Superintendent to return to the Board at such time as specific communication is received from the Cook County Board of Health for additional Board guidance, consistent with the CCPH guidance of October 16, 2020, and the Illinois Department of Public Health's guidance of August 17, 2020.

<p><b>NEXT REGULAR MEETING</b> Thursday, November 12, 2020 7:30 p.m. South Middle School 400 S. Highland Avenue Arlington Heights, IL 60005</p>	<p>Arlington Heights School District 25 cultivates innovative learners within a nurturing and collaborative community to thrive in an ever-changing world.</p> <p>The Board Highlights are also posted on the District web page at: <a href="http://www.sd25.org">www.sd25.org</a></p>
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