

Video Public Comment

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<p>Rebecca Spiers</p>	<p>Mask requirement in school</p>	<p>I'd like to request that the mask requirement in school to be optional. Many other states have already taken this action. It's very unhealthy for children to not be able to breathe freely for long periods of time. My son returns home from school with a sweaty face and headache most every day. I'm very worried about his health because of this. It's time to make masks optional for those who wish not to wear them. Thank you.</p>
<p>Bo Forester</p>	<p>Teach Tolerance and Differences</p>	<p>Dear WCPSS BOE</p> <p>My child was teased and bullied by students and staff for the football and baseball team he supports. He is not a Steeler or Pirates fan the school is doing nothing to address.</p> <p>My child has been bullied and singled out because of a Duke shirt to school. Staff members teased my son saying Duke is puke. Students heard this and the laughing and screaming was unbearable.</p> <p>Start teaching acceptance and tolerance.</p>
<p>Dr. david H Bland</p>	<p>SRO's</p>	<p>Several years ago I shared with the board and several interested supporters data and personal experiences which I had in an effort to remove SROs and replace them in all schools with professional counselors. SROs may be a comfort/support to the school administration but they do not deal the root causes behind most if not all of the behavioral problems which the SROs are called upon to address. As a system we must recognize the disproportionate number of African-American students whom the SROs probably unintentionally introduce the student to the School to prison pipeline. I recognize that board has already affected a contract for SROs this year. I would hope that contract could be canceled or shortened and replaced by counsel in an orderly fashion.</p>

katie haberman	REMOVE SROs	It is disgraceful to have paid police officers creating a culture of criminality and punishment in the schools. Its outrageous. FIRST, fund the necessary mental health professionals that are so badly needed by students. All behaviors in children are a form of communication. Put people in the schools who know how to interpret, de-escalate and respond to the behavior rather than criminalize it. Wake County PS is years behind other school districts in this regard, and in the number of black and brown children criminalized in schools by SROs. REMOVE SROs NOW
Monife Balogun	School Resource Officers (SROs) from elementary schools	Remove School Resource Officers (SROs) from elementary schools and replace them with Behavior/Crisis Interventionist ((AKA)Peacebuilders). There is no reason for SRO's to be in elementary schools. Supporting and providing funding for this is a waste and should not be part of our School budget. It seems Wake County really wants to put funds into making our children think this is a normal process having law enforcement around them in their school environment opposed to providing them with Behavior/Crisis (aka) as Peacebuilders that will assist with teaching our children on how to handle their issues and have a place they can discuss their real feelings with resources that will listen and care. I read the proposed MOU and was totally disgusted. Put more funds into our TEACHERS salaries and show them how much they are appreciated opposed to adding forces in our schools that will not benefit our children at ALL.
Pamela Petry	School Resource Officers	As a retired speech language pathologist, I have spent well over 20 years in public schools in North Carolina, including Wake County Public Schools and Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Schools. My position allowed me many opportunities to work with students exhibiting behavior challenges. I know that when these children were offered appropriate resources and interventions, the results were dramatically different than those students whose behavior was punished by school resource officer intervention and/or suspensions. Please stop the school to prison pipeline and offer appropriate interventions. As Educators, we want to teach students how to deal with their emotions, not punish them.

Jacquil Toon	Criticism	I submitted a transfer request for my daughter to remain at her current school she has been at since Kindergarten and received support from the principal for her to remain there and was denied. I appealed the decision and that was also denied with no explanation. I subsequently submitted transfer requests to other schools as her assigned school is year round and I am unable to provide childcare during track out and would be at risk at losing my job and also her current school is magnet and it would be detrimental to her academic success for her to go to a traditional school. I explained all of this and was still denied stating the decision was final. I have reached out to several board members multiple times and haven't received a response. The school she currently attends is closed for transfer so no matter the reason, I would have been denied. No one from the board or representative of Wake County took the time out to explain this nor was I given another option. The school system should be for everyone and not just a certain community/economic status and the board should provide more diligence in these processes and not just documents for the parents to have to comprehend on there own.
Linda Miller	Remove SROs from elementary schools	The use of SROs (police) in elementary schools is not appropriate and is an extremely poor use of the school budget. I request that the school board instead provide Behavior/Crisis Interventionists who can better serve Wake County's students and citizens without criminalizing children for behavior problems. I'd also like to see Wake County hire more school counselors.
Suzanne Parker Miller	Eliminate SROs in Elementary School	I would like to ask the WCPSS School Board to remove SROs from any Elementary schools that have them and instead provide for Crisis Interventionists to be hired and utilized in needed situations. I would prefer that this be the case in ALL schools, but especially in Elementary schools, we do not need to introduce our youngest children to the school to prison pipeline. Thank you.

Lesley C Dinwiddie	removal of SROs in WC elementary school	<p>Dear Members of the WCPSS school board,</p> <p>I am asking the WCPSS school board to VOTE to remove School Resource Officers (SROs) from elementary schools and replace them with Behavior/Crisis Interventionist (formerly referred to as Peacebuilders).</p> <p>Through the long-standing school resource officer program (SRO) and zero-tolerance policies, there is a significant history of racial inequity in the referrals to juvenile and criminal courts in Wake County Public Schools. Many concerned citizens and organizations have been advocating for alternatives to police in schools for several years. We hope that this year the school board will remedy this inequity.</p> <p>We would also recommend the increased funding of mental health professionals i.e. Behavior/Crisis Interventionists are full-time trained mental health professionals that work inside schools to cultivate positive relationships with students, transforming the school community into a relationship-centered environment by addressing interpersonal disputes through de-escalation techniques, conflict resolution strategies, and promoting restorative practices.</p> <p>Replacing the SROs in our Wake County elementary schools with B/CIs would be both cost effective (cost of 2 B/CIs for every current 1 SRO) and promote safety in our schools. The members of the One Wake Education team are here to help you help our children.</p> <p>Thank you, Lesley Dinwiddie St Paul's Episcopal One Wake Education Team.</p>
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<p>Tammy Watson</p>	<p>Coaches Red/Yellow Card</p>	<p>Dear WCPSS BOE</p> <p>Where is the data that discusses high school coaches and yellow and red cards administered during sporting events. It is appalling to parents and players to watch the uncontrollable behavior that is displayed during games.</p> <p>It is absolutely embarrassed to be associated with a school when a coach a mentor is screaming, yelling at players and referees.</p> <p>Why does the board not speak of this matter? Ms. Moore sits on the NCHSAA BOARD, yet its her Region that is behaving in an incredulous manner.</p> <p>I understand revenue is created for the school but at what expense?</p> <p>Local Sponsors should know the number of coaches offenses before paying thousands of dollars to advertise at a school. Perhaps that would make the problem go away.</p> <p>Stop being a sore loser Coaches!</p>
<p>Carl Schlarger</p>	<p>School Safety - High School Drivers</p>	<p>Dear Wake County Public Schools Board of Education</p> <p>Heritage High school is building more homes and apartments very close proximity to the high school.</p> <p>This school is already capped.</p> <p>Accidents happen regularly outside this school on Forestville Road. These accidents are pile ups and involve multiple students. Mr. Lyons has decided and enforced young student drivers who exist right out of the parking lot TO NOT use the traffic light.</p> <p>He is enforcing them to go out by the bus loop no light.</p> <p>Year to Year multiple accidents due to obstructed view continues to happen.</p> <p>What are we waiting for? Are we waiting for a student to be severely hurt? Why doesn't the capped school pay for a traffic guard. Please help fix this issue for next school year.</p>
<p>Norman Lopez Garcia</p>	<p>WCPSS Lawsuit Juul</p>	<p>Dear WCPSS Board Members and Ms. Moore</p> <p>Thank you for stepping up and creating a law suit against the makers of JUUL. It has been 5 years in the making and many students and families are hurting because of this product.</p> <p>I support this decision.</p>

<p>Laura Carver</p>	<p>Oppose Mask Mandates in schools</p>	<p>Is the school board aware of the following from the FDA's website:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) facial coverings (cloth and surgical) are considered medical devices by the FDA when used for medical purpose (i.e. to "stop the spread of a disease") 2) FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for face masks for use by the general public as source control to cover their noses and mouths to prevent the spread of the CV-19 virus. 3) "EUA's authorize the use of medical devices that are not FDA-cleared or approved." <p>FDA Source:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/face-masks-including-surgical-masks-and-respirators-covid-19 2) https://www.fda.gov/media/137121/download <p>Am I correct in understanding the current Wake County School mask policy is that all K-12 students are being required to wear a "not FDA-approved" or an experimental medical device (cloth or surgical mask) while indoors at school?</p> <p>Have all members of the school board been informed on federal code of 21 U.S. Code 360bbb-3 Authorization for medical products for use in emergencies? Source: https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/21/360bbb-3</p> <p>(e) Conditions of Authorization (1) Unapproved Product (A) Required conditions "With respect to the emergency use of an unapproved product, the Secretary, to the extent practicable given the applicable circumstances described in subsection (b)(1), shall, for a person who carries out any activity for which the authorization is issued, establish such conditions on an authorization under this section as the Secretary finds necessary or appropriate to protect the public health, including the following:</p> <p>(ii) Appropriate conditions designed to ensure that individuals to whom the product is administered are informed—</p> <p>(I) that the Secretary has authorized the emergency use of the product;</p>
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(II) of the significant known and potential benefits and risks of such use, and of the extent to which such benefits and risks are unknown; and
(III) of the option to accept or refuse administration of the product, of the consequences, if any, of refusing administration of the product, and of the alternatives to the product that are available and of their benefits and risks.

The source website states (C) The term "product" means a drug, device, or biological product.

Why does the Wake County school policy say "required" instead of optional? Does this federal code above make it clear see the section (III) "of the option to accept or refuse administration of the product"?

Have all parents/guardians been made aware that your policy regarding masks is for students to wear a medical device that is not FDA approved? Have you provided informed consent to all parents/guardians for the use of this medical device outlining the risks and benefits?

Did the board know that a WakeMed Pediatric Pulmonologist told me directly that a child wearing a mask will increase their carbon dioxide (CO2) level and cause the physiological response of the child's body increasing their respiratory rate? Basically, the child's lungs will have to work harder and faster to process the excess CO2 they are inhaling, because their exhaled CO2 is concentrated within the mask and not fully released into the air.

Why does the Wake County School System force compliance on students of an unapproved medical device without student/parent/guardian choice?

Mija Khan	Equity Affairs	<p>Dear WCPSS BOE and Cathy Moore, Mr. Sutton, Ms. Mahaffey Will WCPSS allow for public comment, specifically on the hiring of the new Equity Affairs Officer? Mr. Rodney Trice will be leaving WCPSS sometime in July and no one on the board has addressed if public opinion will be accepted regarding this position?</p> <p>It is important that the public is included.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Mija Khan</p>
Lauren Kapler	Attendance Policy 4400	<p>Dear Wake County Public School Board of Education,</p> <p>When will attendance for students be corrected to reflect accuracy? Parents are being told different answers to questions. Certain schools say it falls on the attendance team, other schools say it falls under Paul Koh. Parents are asking for clear transparency so they can address. Multiple students this year were marked unexcused absence when they participated in and attended google class. Parents are bonding together to make a formal state complaint. Please help and address as we close out this school year.</p> <p>Thank you Lauren</p>
Allison Longworth	Attendance Policy 4400	<p>Dear Wake County Public School Board of Education,</p> <p>When will attendance for students be corrected to reflect accuracy? Parents are being told different answers to questions. Certain schools say it falls on the attendance team, other schools say it falls under Paul Koh. Parents are asking for clear transparency so they can address. Multiple students this year were marked unexcused absence when they participated in and attended google class. Parents are bonding together to make a formal state complaint. Please help and address as we close out this school year.</p> <p>Thank you Allison Longworth</p>

Rebecca Dalton	Attendance Policy 4400 High School	<p>Dear Wake County Public School Board of Education,</p> <p>When will attendance for students be corrected to reflect accuracy? Parents are being told different answers to questions. Certain schools say it falls on the attendance team, other schools say it falls under Paul Koh. Parents are asking for clear transparency so they can address. Multiple students this year were marked unexcused absent when their child participated in and attended google class. Parents are bonding together to make a formal state complaint. Please help and address as we close out this school year.</p> <p>Rebecca Dalton</p>
Amy Wood	Attendance Policy 4400 School Year 2020-2021	<p>Dear Wake County Public School Board of Education, Ms. Moore, Mr. Sutton, and Ms. Mahaffey</p> <p>Will attendance for students be corrected to reflect accuracy? Parents are being told different answers to questions. Certain schools say it falls on the attendance team, other schools say it falls under Paul Koh. Parents are asking for clear transparency so they can address. Multiple middle and high school students this year were marked unexcused absent when their child participated in and attended google class. Parents are bonding together to make a formal state complaint. Please help and address as we close out this pandemic school year.</p>
Jeff Kintner	Cameras in Classrooms Policy Needed	<p>Dear WCPSS</p> <p>I strongly support this. Please add a policy to include cameras in all Special Education Classrooms, including High School Curriculum Assistance. Stop the abuse.</p> <p>https://abc11.com/cameras-in-classrooms-wake-county-schools-north-carolina-disabilities/10772585/</p>

Vicki Crutchfield	Cameras in Classroom Policy Needed	<p>Dear WCPSS and Policy Team and Parents</p> <p>Please consider adding a policy to allow cameras in the classroom where verbal, mental and physical abuse is being conducted by employees/staff to our children. Hold your staff accountable - We are an at risk state for employment. Students, Children COME FIRST! See LINK!</p> <p>https://abc11.com/cameras-in-classrooms-wake-county-schools-north-carolina-disabilities/10772585/</p>
Emily Raulerson	Students with Disabilities Matter/Camera Access Policy	<p>Dear WCPSS and Policy Team,</p> <p>I support adding a policy to allow cameras in the classroom where verbal, mental and physical abuse is being conducted by employees/staff to our children with disabilities and learning differences.</p> <p>Hold your staff accountable - We are an at risk state for employment. Students, Children COME FIRST!</p> <p>WCPSS continues to have lawsuits with special education, because this district is not putting student rights first. Fix the Problem!</p> <p>https://abc11.com/cameras-in-classrooms-wake-county-schools-north-carolina-disabilities/10772585/</p> <p>Regards, Emily</p>
Jill Bergstrom	CRT does not belong in our schools!	<p>It is important for schools to promote positive relationships and equality to our children. Teach them to work together and get along with all peers. Teach them to advocate for themselves and each other. Stand up for someone when they are not being treated fairly. These ideas will help create a better future. Please remove CRT from our schools. It doesn't belong there and I don't want my children being exposed to these ideas. A public school, paid with tax dollars, should not teach opinions as facts. As a teacher, I would like to see more concentration on the academic disciplines of math, science, language etc and less on making students struggle with negative feelings about themselves or their feelings - real or imagined. Let's help this generation more forward towards unity and all be successful through ambition and</p>

		hard work.
Peggy Laroche	Camera Access Policy Needed	<p>Dear WCPSS and Policy Team,</p> <p>I support creating policy to allow cameras in the classroom where verbal, mental and physical abuse is being conducted by employees/staff to our children with disabilities and learning differences. Listen to the public.</p> <p>Hold your staff accountable - We are an at risk state for employment. Students, Children COME FIRST!</p> <p>WCPSS continues to have lawsuits with special education, because this district is not putting student rights first. Fix the Problem!</p> <p>Add cameras to all Special Education classrooms, including High School Curriculum Assistance. Review the teaching pedagogy. Staff needs to stop ruining students trajectory and self esteem.</p> <p>https://abc11.com/cameras-in-classrooms-wake-county-schools-north-carolina-disabilities/10772585/</p>
Aisha Chambers	Supporting Camera in Sped Classes	<p>Dear WCPSS and Policy Team,</p> <p>I support creating policy to allow cameras in the classroom where verbal, mental and physical abuse is being conducted by employees/staff to our children with disabilities and learning differences.</p> <p>Hold your staff accountable - We are an at risk state for employment. Students, Children COME FIRST!</p> <p>WCPSS continues to have lawsuits with special education, because this district is not putting student rights first. Fix the Problem!</p> <p>Add cameras to all Special Education classrooms, including High School Curriculum Assistance. Review the teaching pedagogy. Staff needs to stop ruining students trajectory and self esteem and scaring a generation.</p>

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Betsy Wilson	Attendance Policy 4400 - State Complaint	<p>Dear WCPSS BOE</p> <p>My child has had anxiety with the pandemic and after selecting Face to face instruction, decided to attend google meets. I tried to switch at the high school but they stated that could not be done. They marked my stepson absent 104 times combined in all classes.</p> <p>How is this helping his self esteem. He attended google classes, passed 3 out of 4 classes and was trying to work through his anxiety and depression.</p> <p>We are told this falls under Paul Koh, however he will not respond to emails. He will not take calls. Many high school parents are struggling with how accuracy is not of importance as we know numbers are to be reported to the state. This will affect colleges.</p> <p>WCPSS is creating an unnecessary problem for families. Paul Koh please address Attendance policy this evening for 2020-2021 as we finished out this school year in a pandemic. Run google reports.</p> <p>Thank you Wilson Family</p>
Twanda Montgomery	NCHSAA Investigation & Ms Moore Serves on Board	<p>Dear WCPSS and WCPSS Athletic Families</p> <p>Ms. Moore is on the board for the NCHSAA region 3 for Wake County.</p> <p>This board is under investigation for having 41 Million dollars! See link follow the investigation and hearing.</p> <p>Be a voice in this mess. What about all the fundraising money raised at each high school for each sport? Audit the boosters. I smell FISH!</p> <p>Was your child provided all that they needed in their high school athletics? Was your child provided any and all academic support like the NCHSAA states its offers to at risk students.</p> <p>https://www.carolinajournal.com/opinion-article/legislators-investigating-n-c-high-school-athletic-associations-41-million-piggybank-funded-by-public-schools/</p>

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Rick Henderson	Surveys at High Schools - Gender Pronouns	<p>Dear WCPSS My grandson who is a freshman at Heritage High school was recently provided with a survey where they asked his gender pronoun? Would someone on the board discuss this importance of this information. Will teachers be required to use the right pronoun when addressing my grandson. Have we stopped addressing students by there first and/or last name? Thank you, Rick</p>
Eboney Covington	Cameras in SPED Classrooms Requested	<p>Dear WCPSS and Policy Team,</p> <p>I support creating policy to allow cameras in the classroom where verbal, mental and physical abuse continues to be conducted by employees/staff to our children with disabilities and learning differences.</p> <p>Hold your staff accountable - Students, Children COME FIRST!</p> <p>WCPSS please share the amount of money in law suits this district has had to shell out because of issues with special education.</p> <p>This district is not putting student rights first.</p> <p>Add cameras to all Special Education classrooms, including High School Curriculum Assistance. Review the teaching pedagogy. Staff needs to stop ruining students trajectory and self esteem. You are affecting generations not just one child.</p> <p>https://abc11.com/cameras-in-classrooms-wake-county-schools-north-carolina-disabilities/10772585/</p>
Audra Killingsworth	CRT	<p>I have no problem with CRT being taught in our schools. Why? Because it is the truth. We teach our kids facts and for too long the truth of slavery and the ongoing effects it has continued to have has been glossed over and only briefly discussed. In fact the systems that were put in place to support white people and subjugate black and brown peoples are still in place. Our kids deserve the full truth, not for it to be</p>

		covered up because it makes some people uncomfortable.
Renee Sekel	SROs	<p>Good morning, I am writing to ask you all to remove SROs from our schools, particularly our elementary schools. I truly appreciate the work that you all have done to make an MOU that is fairer, but it seems to me that the money spent on our SRO program would be better spent on behavioral/crisis interventionists.</p> <p>I think we can all agree that police officers are neither trained for nor meant to address the mental and emotional well being of our elementary students. I think we could further agree children 10 and under are not, by and large, capable of criminal actions that require the intervention of law enforcement. With those two ideas in mind, it then seems to make sense to use WCPSS' limited resources to pay for professionals who are actually trained for and meant to address the needs of young children.</p> <p>Thank you for all of your hard work on behalf of our students.</p>

Sheila Jones	Sustainability in Wake County Public Schools	<p>My name is Sheila Jones and I am an Environmental Educator with the Wake Soil and Water Conservation District. I have served as a community partner with Wake County schools for over 30 years. Thank you for considering my written comment that I submit today on behalf of the Wake Green Schools Partnership. With WCPSS recently being honored with the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) Green Ribbon Schools “2021 District Sustainability Award”, we’d like to suggest an addition to the WCPSS 5-Year Strategic Plan to further build on this nationally recognized achievement.</p> <p>We suggest a sixth objective with three strategies that are modeled after the tenants of the USDOE Green Ribbon Schools award:</p> <p>6) Sustainability</p> <p>To equitably provide healthy schools that support students, teachers, and surrounding natural and cultural communities by reducing environmental impacts and developing students’ ability to think critically, innovate, and provide solutions towards more sustainable living.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Reduce environmental impact: Create benchmarks and practices to incorporate sustainability in buildings, grounds, transportation, child nutrition services, and operations and maintenance. o Improve health and wellness: Create benchmarks and practices to promote a healthy physical school environment both indoors and out and improve student and staff wellness practices. o Environmental literacy: Teach effective, impactful and relevant environmental and sustainability education that includes community and civic engagement, green careers, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) connections while utilizing the outdoors as a learning laboratory. <p>Including sustainability efforts in the next WCPSS 5-Year Strategic Plan will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop scientifically literate K-12 students, - build on momentum from the USDOE District Sustainability Recognition, - prepare WCPSS to respond to opportunities from the new federal administration’s emphasis on addressing Climate Change, and - leverage strong interest from teachers and community partners in WCPSS sustainability.
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Brandy Owens	Attendance Policy 4400 in Pandemic	<p>Dear WCPSS BOE</p> <p>Who do we contact within WCPSS for attendance accuracy. We were told to contact Paul Koh and Mr. McFarland. The mistakes are not being addressed at the local level.</p> <p>My child has had great difficulty junior year with the pandemic and WCPSS did not support high school families. These students were on the back burner. They were the last group to be permitted inside buildings.</p> <p>My child struggled in his classes, and we were not given an option to change our minds after attending face to face instruction. At the time parents made these choices the school system did not explain what a day in high school would be like.</p> <p>My son needed to be home. He continued to attend google classes as I am home taking care of my elderly aunt. His teachers continued to mark him absent. He said to me one day why should I go anymore they are just going to keep marking me absent?</p> <p>I told the principal my child is feeling this way, and we were told they are following policy.</p> <p>Was this a ploy to make WCPSS students worse, so more money can land on your lap?</p>

		<p>Was this a ploy to appear as if more students are lost and not engaged so more money can be allocated to Wake County schools?</p> <p>A team of parents are gathering to file a state complaint. Mr.Koh and Mr. McFarland explain why accuracy was not permissible this year?</p> <p>As parents we can not understand the reasoning behind this decision that has come from higher up superintendents.</p> <p>Ms. Owens</p>
Fernando Martinez	Remove SROs from elementary schools	<p>WCPSS school board,</p> <p>We are writing to urge you to vote to remove School Resource Officers (SROs) from elementary schools and replace them with Behavior/Crisis Interventionist (formerly referred to as Peacebuilders). Black students continue suffering, disproportionately, due to lack of action. It is really important that you take an official vote on SRO removal from Elementary Schools.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Letha Muhammad Bekah Brown Fernando Martinez</p>

Amy Marshall	Mask Mandate & Inappropriate lesson at Apex Elementary	<p>The purpose of this message is to urge you to follow Harnett County BOE and lift the child mask mandate in WCPSS now for summer school and for the fall. A few days ago, Harnett Co BOE proved that each NC school district CAN make their own decisions on this matter. We saw Gov. Cooper pictured maskless with 15,000 PNC Arena hockey fans last week, including thousands of unmasked children. It makes NO SENSE to force a child mask mandate in WCPSS when Cooper is allowing no masks at 15,000 packed arena. Parents want you to lift the mask mandate NOW! You all were elected to your board positions to represent your constituents. Thus far, I have heard NOTHING PUBLICLY from any board member on their preference to lift the mask mandate. Therefore, parents believe that 100% of the Wake BOE SUPPORTS FORCING CHILDREN TO WEAR MASKS IN SCHOOL WHILE COOPER ALLOWS THEM TO BE UNMASKED AT PNC ARENA PACKED IN WITH 15,000 PEOPLE. If you do NOT support forcing children to wear masks now and in the fall, please SPEAK UP at today's board meeting. Your silence will mean that you fully support forcing kids to continue to suffer wearing masks. You know who your constituents are. Don't expect to be supported in the next election unless you start speaking and advocating for your constituents on the issues they trusted you to represent them on. Secondly- different topic- Apex Elementary principal Caggia allowed an inappropriate sex-ed video lesson to be broadcast. Parents provided a copy of the inappropriate video. Parents are seeking legal action regarding civil and criminal laws that may have been broken in the Apex Elementary K-5 video sex ed lesson on lgbtq terms and definitions. If you do not support the sex-ed video lesson that was shown at Apex Elementary on Friday 6/4/21, please make that clear publicly today in the board meeting. Unless you speak out that elementary children should not have received the inappropriate lgbtq definitions of terms lesson, parents will assume to condone it and so will their legal team. The entire Wake BOE and Superintendent Moore may be named in a legal action for supporting sex ed content delivery to k-5 elementary children. We need a public statement from Moore and the board that the lesson was inappropriate and that it won't happen again.</p>
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Melissa Kingenburg	Unaccounted Students - Drop Out Rate	<p>Dear WCPSS</p> <p>What is the total of unaccounted students this year in the pandemic. What has counseling services done to locate these students? How many have been found that did not attend school this year? What is the drop out rate this year?</p> <p>I am a college student wanting to write a paper on the effects of this pandemic in NC public education. Melissa</p>
Jessica Merrell	Cameras in the Classrooms	<p>To All the Board Members,</p> <p>Times have changed and cameras are everywhere. We need them in the classroom.</p> <p>I support creating policy to allow cameras in the classroom where verbal, mental and physical abuse is being conducted by employees/staff to our children with disabilities and learning differences.</p> <p>Add cameras to all Special Education classrooms, including High School Curriculum Assistance.</p> <p>https://abc11.com/cameras-in-classrooms-wake-county-schools-north-carolina-disabilities/10772585/</p>