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To: [SPCSA Public Comment](#)
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Dear SPCSA Board,

I would like to share with you the impact it would have on our family if our charter school is not permitted to open according to the previously approved hybrid plan. Both my husband and I work full-time and have three school-age children at home, one in high school and two in elementary school. I am also the mother of three more children in college. I am very invested in the health of our community families. I work at Renown Hospital and understand completely the magnitude of the health challenge we face. I do not take lightly the difficult decisions we currently face.

The past six months have been exceptionally difficult on our family to manage our children's education and continue to work full-time. The hybrid opening plan approved at Pinecrest was an answer to our struggles. This plan allows our children to have the opportunity to have in-person instruction while maintaining safe health standards for staff and students. The smaller class size allows our children to maintain safe social distancing protocols, but still allows for the opportunity for social interaction with their peers. In our opinion, this plan allows our children to be educated in person and give myself and my husband the time needed to accomplish the work for our jobs. Pinecrest has gone above and beyond to construct a plan that ensures that our children will be as safe as possible while in the school setting.

In addition, we have a senior in high school who is on a hybrid learning plan through Washoe County School District. Having all our children on the same type of educational plan helps our family to have a consistent learning structure. We ask that you please consider the impact this would have on all families to have to change a plan that we have been preparing for at last minute, and that would differ from the format that other children in our family will be engaged in this year. This year has brought so much turmoil and constant change that we ask that you please consider this when making the decision of whether to open according to the hybrid plan we support. Thank you.

Todd and Trisha White