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My name is Jessica Egger and I'm a parent of two Doral Dragons. I am currently the i-Ready coordinator for our school as well as serving as treasurer on our PTO board. We are so looking forward to starting school this year & today I'm asking you to please allow us to continue opening with our hybrid plan.

2020 has been a year full of unknowns. However, our amazing principal has lead the administration team in developing a reopening plan that is in the best interest of the Doral student body. They have spent countless hours during spring and summer to have solid plans no matter the situation. These plans not only are what a majority of our parents and staff want, but they are backed by science.

While there is no way to be perfectly safe during this pandemic, we can mitigate the risk. The comprehensive plan that our school has submitted does exactly that. Following federal, state, and local guidelines, students are required to wear a mask. The school will only open at 50% capacity, with an additional day of cleaning with no children present. These are only some of the ways that the school will do whatever they can to keep our kids safe while still offering as "normal" an experience in school as possible. Our plan is safe and was written with direct advice from the head of our only local pediatric hospital. That said, with the new recommendation, it would be impossible to operate the hybrid plan.

I also believe that the benefits our students receive from being in school, even only 2 days during the week, will outweigh these mitigated risks. The lack of socialization and in-person instruction from our amazing teachers at the end of the last school year placed a heavy toll on our developing kids. Parents were also affected, trying to balance their work and careers along with their new roll of teaching their children at home. While that situation may have worked for a few, I believe many parents struggled along with their kids to thrive and succeed.

As a parent and staff member, I want to go back to school and I want my children back in school. I'm worried how we will be able to explain how it's safe for the school directly across the street to open, but not ours. Those in our student body that aren't able to hire tutors or work from home, will be forced to leave our school for Washoe County because they are opening full time. While I appreciate your recommendation, I ask you to please leave these decisions up to each principal.

Thank you for your time!

Jessica Egger