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To: [SPCSA Public Comment](#)
Subject: Comment regarding high school students returning to in-person instruction
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Hello,

I wanted to submit a comment regarding the importance of in-person instruction for high school students. My son is a 9th grader at Pinecrest Sloan Canyon. He attends all of his classes on Zoom and almost every Zoom office hour opportunity. He is on a screen from 7:00 am until 11:00 pm every single day with classes and homework. He is a straight-A student and has high hopes to attend his dream college. He is also beyond exhausted and stressed. He knows his grades MATTER for his future, and he is doing his best with online learning. However, it is NOT THE SAME as in-person instruction.

These high school students have AP and Honors courses with intense workloads. Because their academic records are so important at this stage, in-person instruction is vital to their success. Not only that, well-educated high school graduates reflect positively upon Pinecrest Academy of Nevada as a whole. So setting these students up for success benefits many parties.

I implore the Board to please take a look at these exhausted students and offer them a lifeline. They need to see their teachers face-to-face. They need to be able to ask questions and get answers in person. They need to feel successful, especially at this tumultuous time in their development as people and as students.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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"The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice" - Peggy O'Mara