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To Whom it May Concern:

When we originally filled out the recent survey for online schooling at Doral Academy Northern Nevada we were unaware of its importance. We are concerned about our son and the amount of time he is spending on the computer every day. Personally, it's way too much and is affecting our son's health both mentally and physically. He gets a headache every day and has no social interaction with his peers, which has led to negative behaviors.

In a typical day my son is online from 9am to 3:30 pm (with the Gifted student seminar) and then he is facing homework on top of this, which includes an iready diagnostic test that will take him approximately 4-5 hours today to complete. We are not sure why there is this much additional work on top of online school? We have also seen a bit of a character change in our son, which concerns us. Our son is starting to not care about what assignments he turns in or not, which is so against how he normally is. Our son is one of the most resilient kids I know and for him to be struggling should be a big red flag for all of you.

We understand these are challenging times due to Covid and some parents feel uncomfortable about sending their children to school, but can we provide those parents with an option to stay online and get our children back in school? At this point we understand Covid is a very serious illness, but also feel it is better for our son's social and emotional well being to have him in school full time. Our kids are really suffering emotionally due to the lack of social interaction with their peers and teachers. We hope you really consider this before you decide on full time online learning.

Sincerely,

Scot & Marne Sherman