

Can you please post the minutes from the August, 2021 board Meeting? Thanks!

Hello - I am reaching out to inquire the status regarding any large-scale upgrades to the Lincoln Middle School building. I remember the study conducted in Late 2019 / Early 2020 which identified that either a major facility upgrade or complete reconstruction would be needed in the near future. Could you let me know the status of these efforts? Apologies if I may have missed an update at a prior Board Meeting, I am happy to be pointed in that direction. Thank you all again for volunteering your time and your efforts throughout the year!

Hello! I love seeing that the district is offering SHIELD testing. I would like to request that during the next board meeting that the board disclose how many (or what percentage) of people opted out of this testing.

Hello, we are parents of children at Westbrook and Fairview schools. We have put a lot of trust into the district's decisions and procedures around the mitigation of Covid spread, and to be quite honest, we stopped paying attention to all of the details once mask use came into question with some parents over the summer. However, after the first three days of school it has become glaringly apparent that D57's Covid mitigation plan stops short. On Monday we learned there were two positive cases at Fairview, and the email came with the quarantine policy attached. According to the document, if one of our children spends an entire day in a masked classroom, seated three feet away from another student who tests positive for Covid, our family will not receive a call. While we realize that the definition of contact exposure doesn't trigger a quarantine for our child in this instance, it's confounding that the district would choose to keep classroom parents unaware. If a child sitting anywhere in the classroom had lice, we would be afforded a paper notification. This is so we can look for lice on our own kids, and not spread it around our home and further in school. In the same way, we would fully expect the district to notify parents of long term Covid exposure. As I'm sure you're aware, masks prevent direct airflow on someone but the aerosol droplets will linger and migrate in a classroom over a 6 hour period. This wasn't new science last year, and the Delta variant has upped the stakes. At the very least, is it too much to put parents on notice so that they can have their asymptomatic child tested in a few days' time? This could reduce spread at school, in the community, and tip off families about to visit elderly relatives, etc. We aren't experts on medical privacy, but it's clear that lice notifications are not more important or more valuable than Covid notifications. This is especially true while our community's children are still waiting for vaccine authorization. We urge the district to consider doing more to notify parents of Covid in the classroom. Thank you for your time.

Hi! My kids told me that currently during the lunch time, students are eating lunch without masks in a closed space, constantly talking to each other for 30 min. I feel that it is nullifying all-day masking. I would appreciate it if the schools could consider more robust ventilation indoor, eating outdoor during warmer months, and perhaps no-chat policy in lunchroom/cafeteria. Thank you! (I hate to be a party pooper here knowing how excited children are to finally be able to talk with their friends, but I hope we all agree that their safety is the priority in the current surge of Delta variant)

Thank you for standing behind science and public safety. As a teacher, I more than understand the difficult with managing a class where the rules vary. Universal masking helps teachers focus on teaching and instructing. As a parent, I am grateful my child has the freedom to go to school and feel safe. Without masking, I'm not sure that would be possible. I appreciate you.

****PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EMAIL WAS SENT TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS AT THEIR D57 ACCOUNTS. WE ARE AWARE THAT THE EMAIL MAY HAVE GONE TO SPAM AND NOT BEEN SEEN BY BOARD MEMBERS.**** This email is coming to you from Mount Prospect Parental Rights & Research Alliance As parents, we have come together to: Empower parents with the understanding of their parental rights under current state and federal laws, discern various health-related research, and explore educational alternatives that would best meet the needs of their children. Develop productive relationships between community members and their local leaders to ensure lawful applications of procedures and practices. Remove unnecessary barriers to in-person learning for healthy students. Below is a list of questions that we would like to have answered PRIOR to the board meeting on September 23. Why wasn't the process for IEP students to obtain a mask exemption communicated to parents? Why did parents have to seek this information out? Please explain how this choice reflects district diligence to ensure student's needs are being put first, especially among those with identified learning challenges? Can the communication of mask exemptions for IEP students be as robust as the thoughtful SHIELD opt-out communications? When will this communication be sent out to IEP parents? With regards to SHIELD testing, can you provide information for parents on the following? Which lab(s) will be analyzing D57 student samples? What personal data is collected with each SHIELD sample? Is a student's personal data stored? If so, where is it stored, and how? What security measures are in place for the storage of personal data? What is done with the sample once it has been analyzed? How can a parent opt-out of having their child's sample analyzed by the Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Network organization? Do children need to refrain from eating, drinking, or brushing their teeth before their test? How will results be communicated and to whom? What is the accuracy of SHIELD tests? How was accuracy tested? Per Illinois law, schools cannot quarantine children in or out of school without a court order (signed by a judge) for more than 48 hours.* Why doesn't the D57 quarantine protocol align with Illinois law? *(20 ILCS 2305/) Department of Public Health Act. (Part 1) in part states: In the event of an immediate order issued without prior consent or court order, the Department shall, as soon as practical, within 48 hours after issuing the order, obtain the consent of the person or owner or file a petition requesting a court order authorizing the isolation or quarantine or closure. When exigent circumstances exist that cause the court system to be unavailable or that make it impossible to obtain consent or file a petition within 48 hours after issuance of an immediate order, the Department must obtain consent or file a petition requesting a court order as soon as reasonably possible. To obtain a court order, the Department, by clear and convincing evidence, must prove that the public's health and welfare are significantly endangered by a person or group of persons that has, that is suspected of having, that has been exposed to, or that is reasonably believed to have been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease including non-compliant tuberculosis patients or by a place where there is a significant amount of activity likely to spread a dangerously contagious or infectious disease. The Department must also prove that all other reasonable means of correcting the problem have been exhausted and no less restrictive alternative exists. How did D57 determine the length of quarantine? How would an Antibody Test that confirms covid antibodies being present in the individual affect the close contact definition, participation in SHIELD, "test to stay" option & mask mandate? What percentage of close contact quarantines have been a result of unmasked time during lunch? What steps can be taken to reduce the number of quarantines because of unmasked time during lunch? How does a teacher know if a student is having an anxiety attack when the student is masked? What is the total D57 enrollment for 2019, 2020, and 2021? Can the board meeting agenda include a time for Q & A between the community and the board? If not, please explain why. If so, can that be implemented for the October meeting? We appreciate your diligence in answering these questions and look forward to your response prior to the board meeting on September 23rd. Best regards, Mount Prospect Parental Rights & Research Alliance