

From: Joan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 6:59 PM
To: SB Members <sb.members@spps.org>
Subject: Phase 1 Reopen Schools

Good Evening, School Board,

Yes, It is Wednesday, evening at 7:30 pm and yes, I'm still at Bridge View working on getting my room ready for my students.

I have been attending school board meetings virtually in September. I have listened and heard all the wonderful planning that is going on. It was this planning that helped me make the decision to return to Bridge View and teach special education this fall. I have used this information to reassure my families that IT WILL BE SAFE AT SCHOOL..

I just want you to know that I'm not confident in my decision. Do you know why? All the planning the district administration has done had NOT been given to the school sites, like Bridge View.

This is what I see on Wednesday, (no school Thursday or Friday) and Phase 1 starts Monday.

1. We do not have disposable gowns for all staff. Apparently not enough were ordered, and maybe we will have them by Monday.
2. There are NO directional markings on the floor, and no 6' spacing reminders on the floors as you can see by the pictures, except for right in front of the lunch counter. We we asked about this, we were told that "the students won't follow it anyway" and "the arrows won't stick to the carpet. This is not OK! We need the markings as a reminder for staff in addition to the students! Again, we may get the markings on the floor by Monday.

I thought that the "checklist" and "walk-throughs" were supposed to catch these things!

3. Historically Bridge View has had terrible air circulation, and hot and cold spots. We do not feel confident that our HVAC system is going to provide the required CFM for air changes.

I talked to our custodian today and asked him what the cleaning schedule was. He said that temporary workers were going to be hired.

This should all be in place now, NOT NEXT WEEK WHEN VULNERABLE STUDENTS ARE IN THE BUILDING!!!

4. We were told at 4:00 this afternoon that there would be no masks nor hand sanitizer on the buses. That is the perfect place to have face masks and hand sanitizer. So, I will have to go out and buy some, because my classroom funds won't pay for hand sanitizer and masks.

This makes me think that again, the district is experimenting with special education students. They are the most vulnerable and systems should be in place before the students come to school!

I'm NOT confident about the preparations and safety here at Bridge View. Are you worried about the students here? I am.

Sincerely,

Joan [REDACTED]
Teacher - DCD
Bridge View School
[REDACTED]