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Recipient: District Administrator and Board of Education--Menomonie

Letter: Greetings,

Menomonie's Kids and Teachers Aren't Safe!

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Jeffery Pruett	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"Teachers are being put in peril by a politically-motivated and ignorant majority of the school board. It is a crime and must be reconsidered or stopped entirely."
Kristin Risley	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"This is unacceptable and unsafe. Please make the responsible, ethical, and professional decisions necessary to open our schools as safely as possible, per the public health guidelines."
Marion Lang	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"The potion address very serious weaknesses in the District's Plan. Protecting our children and our teachers is vital to the health of our community."
Daniel Paulson	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"I believe that the people who are making these decisions have little respect for this virus and the recommendations of those who's responsibility it is to keep us safe. They talk about the mental health of athletes while ignoring the anxiety of those who will be on a bus or in a classroom too close to kids who engage in school sanctioned "high risk" activities. If they really wanted to keep our students safe and in classrooms then they would take every measure possible to keep everyone safe. Even Menards knew that in order to keep their staff from being out sick for weeks and their organization functioning in this pandemic, they had to do everything possible to keep everyone healthy. Too bad our school leaders don't follow their lead. As it is, we should have a lottery to see when the schools have to go remote like we do with the car on Lake Menomin. I'm betting on September 21st."
Mary Marin	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"I find these actions by the SDMA school board completely irresponsible. Shame on the 5 plus the Superintendent for putting the entire community at risk!"
Courtney Ernste	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"Opening school is unsafe as is allowing athletics to go on. As an alumni of the district and a member of the community, I am deeply appalled at what's been deemed acceptable."
Jennifer Luciani	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"Please reexamine and change your policies in order to protect our entire community. Please don't wait until we have community members who are ill, disabled, or dead. Surely you understand that you have a responsibility to look out for the safety and well-being of students and staff? Why are you ignoring the advice of the Dunn County Health Department on the issue of sports? I hear a lot of talk of people "wanting things to get back to normal" and about "mental health" and of course those things matter, but how much normality and mental health will we have in the face of severe illness, disability, and death? How many community members are you willing to have suffer? It's hard for me to see these policy decisions in Menomonie as anything other than following political talking points that are completely contrary to scientific evidence and public health. Please, prove me wrong and show me that you take seriously what we are being told by the top epidemiologists and health experts in the world."

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Steve Hogseth	Menomonie, US	2020-08-26	"In my opinion the action being taken by the Menomonie School Board is a reflection of the incompetent and reckless national leadership regarding Covid-19. Let's do more to protect Menomonie's kids, parents, teachers, staff, and citizens. Perhaps more communities will also speak out!"
Patrick Pesek-Herriges	Eau Claire, WI	2020-08-26	"Opening the schools with live teacher/student and, especially, student/student relationships will inevitably spike the spread of COVID 19 in our community. As an older person I feel my own risk to be high. The school board's plan has insufficient distancing, as shown in the petition. Having a football season seems foolish when major college conferences have cancelled."
LYNDA Paulson	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"Lynda R Paulson"
Warren Lang	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"Health and safety of students, teachers, and staff should be the #1 priority and they are not in the current plan. The wider community will be affected as well if COVID spreads in the schools."
Josh Bramley	Blenheim, New Zealand	2020-08-26	"What level of responsibility do grown-up people need in order to take this seriously? Is there worry of being "TOO careful"?"
Jane Pedersen	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"Kids ARE NOT safe"
Heather Jerrie	Wheeler, WI	2020-08-26	"I'm a retired teacher, and I know what conditions are like in classrooms and on buses. You have not made the necessary changes to provide even a minimum or protection. You're putting your teachers, children and families in danger. This is criminal!"
Carol Thompson	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"Even though I no longer have children in the district, these poor children, teachers and staff will be out in the community. The policies of the Menomonie School District is anti-science. Shame on them for being so reckless with people's lives."
Nila Natzke	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"So far we in NW Wisconsin have been lucky to not have a major outbreak. Some see that as proof that covid isn't a real problem. The fact is that it hasn't been a big problem, YET! If we start school with lax measures in place, we will definitely see an increase in cases. By then, it will be too late."
brittney legowski	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"As an ECE major at UW-Stout, I guarantee that the entire city is handling this pandemic extremely poorly, especially the K-12 system."
Innisfree McKinnon	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-26	"I want everyone's kids to be safe and well."
Erin Myers	Orlando, FL	2020-08-26	"As an MHS alumnus, and physician, I am disheartened and appalled by the irresponsibility of our community leadership in not heeding the guidance of advisory bodies in safeguarding the wellbeing of students, faculty, and the community at large."
Mary Riordan	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-27	"I trusted the School Board and superintendent to follow the law, and they haven't. I am happy to support the petition."

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Valerie Veguez	Durand, WI	2020-08-27	"As an educator myself, I wouldn't feel comfortable in a school setting without social distance and proper PPE"
Audric Buhr	Chippewa Falls, WI	2020-08-27	"I live in this district, I'm a parent in this district. I teach in this district and while the "Reopening Plan" looks pretty on a multicolored document. The specific information to implement this plan has not addressed. Staff are going into next week blind. It's like our students and staff have been thrown off a cliff and have to grow our wings as we are plummeting to the ground. I have told my son it's like if mom and dad gave you the keys to the car, but never taught you anything about driving. Good luck, and hope you don't crash. I want to teach, I believe I can change lives, I don't want to end them."
William Laine	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-27	"We should follow CDC guidelines."
Tena Cochran	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-27	"I am signing because the school board is ignoring expert advice and putting students, staff, and the greater community at risk. This is not leadership!"
Emily Billingsley	Eau Claire, WI	2020-08-27	"I'm a graduate of MHS, an RN, and am currently getting a Master's degree in public health. I work in a nursing home that was classified as having a Covid-19 outbreak. We were under full precautions - all staff had to wear KN95 masks at all times, residents were not allowed to leave their rooms except for showers and appointments, all non-essential services were canceled. If a resident did leave their room, they had to wear a mask. Anybody who had symptoms, tested positive, or refused to be tested had to be isolated for 14 days. Every resident was tested. Every staff member had to be tested weekly. And it STILL SPREAD, to staff and to residents. I can't even imagine if they had been crammed in the dining room (classroom) or on a bus together. Before you say that they're elderly and have compromised immune systems, young/healthy staff members also caught it and some of them were extremely sick. Some of them passed it on to their children or parents or roommates. The proposed plan is not safe. I would put money"
Melissa Smith-Tourville	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-27	"I want my children, their teachers, our family, and our community to be safe."
Elijah Zech	Saint Paul, MN	2020-08-27	"Protection for the voiceless."
Melanie Daniels	Eau Claire, WI	2020-08-27	"I'm signing because this is not okay we can not put our children and teachers at risk"
Austin Moen	Hagatna, Guam	2020-08-27	"The "risk assessment" that was done by the superintendent and school board is a joke. Not following CDC guidelines creates a risk that does not need to be taken. The board and superintendent need to be reminded that the safety of their students and staff is absolutely in their hands, and they need to take that responsibility seriously. They have had nearly 6 months to adapt and form a safe and effective education plan, and have completely failed up to this point. As an MHS alumni, my expectations of the district have always been low, but this COVID mitigation plan has set the bar even lower."

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Lee Theorin	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-27	"Our schools are a great incubator for viruses with so many people in close proximity. The students, staff and the general public need to practice safety from Covid 19."
Michelle Reed	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-27	"I trusted the district and superintendent Zydowski to keep our kids safe and chose to send our child to school. I feel deceived. Had we known this was going to be the way the school year would be run, we absolutely would NOT have chosen in-person learning."
Abbey Goers	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-27	"We teach our kids by example. Our District Administrator and Board of Education need to revisit their mission, vision and values to remind themselves of the example they're setting. Most importantly, how they strive to prepare caring individuals, how they serve to increase trust and shared responsibility and how they value the protection of our students and the community. How are you building trust or showing our students and school staff you care if you ignore their health and well-being?"
Korey Maves	Menomonie, WI	2020-08-27	"I stand with and echo Mr. Swanson's statement to the board."
Paula Gorski	Eau Claire, WI	2020-08-28	"I am a substitute teacher..I am supporting teachers who may find themselves in dangerous situations this fall. How safe are our schools?"
Rachel Henderson	Minneapolis, MN	2020-08-28	"There are districts around the state and the country that are developing responsive, common sense plans that address the concerns of parents and teachers. Menomonie has not done this. I love our schools and our teachers, and am horrified by the disregard for their safety. It's not too late to do better!"