

Failure of our schools

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Mr. Winter,

I just read this article: <https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/publications/detail/latest-state-test-scores-show-massive-drop-in-learning-at-washington-public-schools>

I would like to know:

1. When are the kids getting tested again?
2. What are the district's action plans when the scores don't go up? Summer programs? Cause these poor kids deserve more education.
3. Will you be passing everyone again this year even if they don't pass English or Math?
4. What are the numbers for our kids in South Kitsap?
5. Who is to blame in your opinion for these horribly low scores? We can't say the teachers and the kids can we? They were in the trenches all last year trying to get through the mess that you all put them in. You and the principals get paid pretty big bucks and these scores are a direct reflection of your performance as leaders. Why are we paying you this much when you aren't actually educating our kids?
6. After seeing these scores, Do you think closing public schools in year 20-21 was a good idea? Do you stand by your decision to keep them "safe" while at the same time making them completely uneducated in two very important topics for advanced education?
7. When will we be hearing a public apology for denying our children an education during the 20-21 school year and admitting that the school district made a mistake by making it online? The scores show that a lot of kids did not receive education last year and they deserve an apology. Just because you provided online education doesn't mean you actually taught anyone anything.
8. When is the policy for hiring ONLY vaccinated employees going to be lifted since it is blatantly clear by the data it makes no difference whether someone has been vaccinated or not. So maybe then we can get more subs to give teachers a break. You are creating nothing more than division amongst vaccinated and unvaccinated. Testing only unvaccinated is discrimination and segregation. That is not the "community" that south kitsap should represent, especially when you all say in your joint statement that South Kitsap SD is the heart of the community. You all are not showing a good example of identifying what we all have in common which is that we all want to help these kids. No politics, no division, no matter the cost, we all should be doing what is best for their education. Let their safety be up to their parents who can choose to pull them out. You all are not doctors and cannot be giving medical advice or restricting entry to schools based on applying a medical device (masks) to kids and staff. That is unlawful.
9. When will the mask mandate be lifted in South Kitsap schools? You have the date of when the Governor will allow you to but you and the school board have the power to stop them now. Your boss is the People, not government. You made an email criticizing Kettle Falls and Richland School Districts for putting their kids first. So I'd like to know when you plan to do that? There is zero difference between doing it now and on 3/21 other than you are too scared to stand for these kids and their right to go to school without mandates.

Online learning was the worst decision that this school district could have made. Did it really "slow or stop the spread"? Not one bit. Did it stunt the growth of thousands of South Kitsap students? Absolutely. You and the school board members have to take full responsibility for that. You have done more harm to them than you will ever realize. People trust you with their child's upbringing and education and you failed them. These scores don't lie. Do the right thing and lift these mandates. That is the first step to making things right.

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