
Fwd: Upcoming board meeting

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To: BVP Board of Directors <bvp_board@blackstonevalleyprep.org>

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I spoke with this family tonight and assured them I would pass their concerns to you.

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From: **Kristen Pedroso** <kristenpedroso1@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Nov 19, 2020 at 5:30 PM
Subject: Upcoming board meeting
To: Jeremy Chiappetta <jchiappetta@blackstonevalleyprep.org>
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Hello Mr. Chiapetta,

Good evening. I will start with saying that we appreciate all that you and the BVP team has done for scholars this year. I myself am a teacher and I see, live, and work all of the new challenges we have been given. So very sincerely, we thank you and we pray for your peace and continued patience.

I am reaching out today because, although I am not on social media, someone made me aware that on FB there was an announcement of a board meeting. It's my impression, from the message that I received, that there is a vote for the limited plan or full distance learning and in-person is off the table. I believe this would be distance learning for the grand majority of the district except for kinder and VIPs. I did not realize that the board would be making decisions on closing without the push from the governor. I will be honest and say that I am very disappointed and disheartened to hear this. In addition to the complications it poses to our family personally (we literally have NO ONE to care for our young children on a long term basis as I teach in-person with no other option and my husband runs his own business) we have heard over and over again the importance of young children being in school. Isolation, lack of activity, prolonged abuse, depression, anxiety, less effective instruction... I know you know the list goes on. For our family the decision for in-person instruction was extremely easy. We are more willing to take the risk with COVID-19 than to risk the long list of guaranteed complications with isolation and distance learning. That may sound harsh to some but it is our truth.

This is a plea to you and the BVP team to do whatever it takes to allow in-person schooling to continue. We understand the challenge is EXTREME, but so should be the priority of each scholar's social, emotional, and academic needs.

With respect,
Kristen Pedroso
Shaun Jones

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APOLOGIES! This was sent from a tiny device using my enormous thumbs...or worse, via voice recognition software circa 2003...