

November 4, 2020 November 4, 2020

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

To Oklahoma City Public Schools Board of Education, Superintendent McDaniel, and Administrators:

As teachers, it is clear that the current and proposed plans to return to school do not prioritize the physical safety of our students, staff, and teachers. Not only are our lives being put at risk, but we are actively risking the safety of all of our families at home.

We want to return to school to see our students. Online learning has been difficult for students and teachers, but it is not possible for us to return to school safely and conduct classes in person. COVID-19 cases are rising, and every day looks scarier than the previous.

Therefore we cannot support a return to school on November 9th. Instead we propose to wait until at least the start of the next semester. During this time the district can implement wide-spread testing of staff and students, finalize specific safety plans and quarantine procedures, install proper air filters, and equip buildings to ensure the safety of our students, staff, teachers, and families at home.

Make health and safety our number one priority. Call off the district-wide return to school on November 9th.

Sincerely and with hope,

Teachers of OKCPS