

CREST SCHOOL TOWN HALL MEETING (May 14, 2020)

How has distance learning impacted your family?

Joleen: 3 boys at different ages. First grader struggling in reading. He gets distracted. He is very hands on learning. He needs all my time. When my youngest needs school time, it is very difficult.

Susie Quinn; Twins (kinder) and 8year old. While also working from home. Helpful having different class times. Thank you teachers for planning out different class times, but a challenge.

Melissa Olson; Kinder and second. Challenges, Zoom is too much for the little guys. Teacher changed it to 45 minutes four days a week. And trying to do all the other items using screen tims. Too much screen time.

Julia Glover; 1st and 4th grader. They are excited to go on. It was difficult at first, but now he gets excited. Playlist: Well laid out. Maybe there was a tool to let us know it was done. I don't have time to ask them one by one what did you learn? Maybe a checklist.

Julie Cavin: Second. Health care worker. I had to rearrange my schedule to make things work with my child Oliva (3rd grader). Parent/child dynamics are different. There are days that are good days, and some days are emotional. I want you to know the position being a parent picking up the role as a teacher and the playlist. Access to childcare. It is a necessary issue. My husband who has not been able to work, is not going back to work. We need to explore childcare options.

Jessica Allen Mollie: Healthcare worker, medical technician. I rely on my mother. I found out how to see her progress, but I have to rely on someone else. My daughters'

How important is childcare for your family: Share your exact needs:

Julia Quintero: I will have some college kids to help me, but I have three different kids who need childcare. My husband is the manager at ICU. I need to consider the needs to keep my family safe.

Julia Cavins: I need childcare. My husband and I are working. I need 6-4pm

Heather: When will we know when our students will be required to wear masks, if so, my students will not be returning to Cajon Valley. And Chemicals they will be around. Will all schools need to follow those rules? Yes

Anacker: Do you have a contact for the state or county, so we can write letters and say we don't want it.

Heather: Does everyone agree this is a bit much. This is going beyond ridiculous.

Mindy: (Kinder and TK) They were talking about TK only being 9-12 and after that full time. So I am supposed to drop off and pick up TK at noon, and my other child at 3:00pm.

Heather: Can you talk about some of the changes when students do return to school.

Joleen: $\frac{1}{3}$ of our school needs childcare. It is a huge number that needs it.

Susin Quinn: I need it too and hopefully not cut down to 5:30pm. Ideally 6:00pm endtime.

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School will look different, but how will you dream it?

Heather: I would love for my daughter to go back to a regular school. Not normal for my daughter to sit with plexiglass and tape around her. Not normal that she can't pick up a ball and not normal for my older kids not being able to play sports.

Mrs. Vaughn: 5th and 1st grader. I'd like to see a balance of keeping them safe, but also allowing play time. I'd like to see them get back into school, but minimize safety issues.

Julie Cavins: 3rd grader, Olivia. Social emotional learning needs to happen in a classroom, not digitally. My key needs to learn how to write, not type. She needs to be in the classroom with hands-on learning. I want her in the classroom with measures such as a clean environment. What does state testing look like, and what will 4th grade look like. I have a feeling she is behind. My concern is if we only continue this digital platform, it's not the way to go.

Julie Glover: I am in the position that I agree kids should be together. Wearing masks and a plexiglass divider, but I do want safety precautions. Since we have been home, we haven't been sick at all. We all had an ammonia. I know many kids were sick, but the PTA wanted to implement hand-washing. My pediatrician said she did appreciate that health care wasn't taken seriously. I agree that children are missing out, and regressing a little bit. I don't think kids should be wearing masks. I see wearing masks will be a challenge

Julia Quintero: My husband, manager of ICU, health and safety is a priority. With 12 per classroom, we could have children be there all day. I think we will need to hire a bunch of more teachers. I am from a district without a chromebook, but I had to teach my parents how to use

Google. I don't agree with having parents being plugged in all the time. In the ideal world kids come back with safety in place.

Jessica Hogland: Kinder, it has been going well. I would like that option to continue. I would like more projects and hands on stuff.

Christina Thomas; 4th grader, I think it would be great to have options. I agree with Heather. I am not for masks, I am not for a bubble. I would like to have the option to choose if I feel my child won't thrive in that environment.

Stephanie Schumaier: Dalia Second grader: I hear rumors about starting in July. Can you speak about that? Tamara: We have not heard we will start school in July.

Becky Wolters: I agree with Heather and Christina. I want options. Mask wearing is difficult with my son's speech issues. He says, "Mom, no one can understand me." Sister is a nurse, chemicals are an issue. I like options, three day a week school and the rest is distance learning. We were very sick in January and came back. My husband thought he had an amonia, but the doctor said no. I think having options and knowing what it will look like in the future is good. I don't want our kid to feel separated with social distancing. Restrictions are uncomfortable

Nicole Martin: kinder, second, fourth: We've been doing really well, but we are supplementing. I agree with Jessica, I would like to have options not computer based. Give us some science. My 4th grader is done with his playlist in 30 minutes. Second grade teacher has given him alternative options, and I really like it. I agree that Zoom duration is a little bit challenging. One is fine, but my second grader in about twenty minutes, "Are we done yet." Also, maybe some benchmarks. If I could go on and check that he has completed his playlist.

Mrs Anaker: Kinder, LCC 6th. My 6th grader has a report, but the progress report, maybe be can get a report on progress? We come to Crest because it is a STEAM, so I like the idea of coming back to a day or two a week to do projects and hands-on. My kids work well when they get to touch things. I think it needs to be important to get hands-on. My kinder is figuring out how to guess answers just to finish. We need to make sure they get to "do things."

Mindy - Ryker kinder - He would spend 2 hours on the chromebook, but he can't do the problem, but if I write it down, he can get it. I've been doing paperwork and writing down what I see. He hates the playlist.

Good Morning Tamara,

I wanted to answer some of the questions you had on today's parent zoom meeting. Camera shy + time restrictions, so I didn't want to chime in too much.

My son, Tyler, is currently in 1st grade at Crest Elementary.

1) Overall, how has distance learning been?

- In my household, distance learning has not been bad. Tyler of course has his bad days and good days.

The 1 hr zoom meeting is doable and the teacher keeps everyone involved and interested as 7yr olds tend to get a bit distracted.

However, the weekly assignments that are to be done are a bit boring and easy. I don't like that there is no accountability for the kids if they don't finish their work. On top of the weekly assignments, I have Tyler doing more work to keep him challenged as I do not feel he's getting enough through distance learning.

2) Daycare options

- Currently my household does not need daycare, however, when school resumes, before/After care at Crest Elementary is essential. I take advantage of hours between 7am-4:30pm

3) How I visualize the classroom looking?

- Cleaning of common areas and kids washing their hands should have always been a practice that should not have ever been taken lightly. Before the school closed down, they had implemented kids washing their hands after recess and before lunch and I was shocked that this wasn't a normal occurrence because "it takes too much time away from school work"....well look where we are now.

I understand smaller class sizes to maintain the kids not having to be "on top of each other". I do not agree with face masks, tape on the floor, Plexiglas barriers, the stopping of recess, or cleaning every hour. Cleaning every hour seems pointless anyway, there is so many chemicals and why clean the area if they are maintaining social distancing? The only person who should be at Tyler's desk, is Tyler.

Kids thrive on the environment they are in and we should keep them happy and sort of blind to what's going in the world. Any way we can go back to "normal" in the schools is going to be beneficial!

Personally, in my home, we rely on 2 incomes and both my husband and I are "essential employees". Once school closed and transitioned to distance learning, I had

to cut back my hours to focus on Tyler and give him the attention he deserves. Luckily I am able to work from home for the time being but that will not last forever. Kids need to get back to school & parents need to get back to work. The world around us does not stop and bills still need to be paid. Our kids need to be taught by someone with a degree and patience and they need social interaction with their peers.

If school resumes with so many restrictions and rules my family will make the financial sacrifice and start homeschooling.

Thank you for your time,
Amy