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Sent: 7/13/2020 9:00:24 PM
To: Nancy Garrett <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: A Teacher's Input

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THANK YOU.

Thank you for your support. Your comment about child care vs. education during tonight's board meeting spoke wonders. Us teachers appreciate that more than you know.

Your request for a facebook live for upcoming kindergartners was great. Teachers would love a facebook live as well. We have questions. We have so many questions. We keep hearing about the PD we have been "offered." We are not prepared, we are anxious and worried and would love to have our questions answered, not just the parents questions.

Again, thank you so much, I know you are not "my board member" but I feel as though you hear us and are listening. That is a good feeling right now.

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From: Nancy Garrett <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Kelley Joyner <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: A Teacher's Input

Hey, Kelley: thank you for writing and providing a real-world perspective. It's so helpful.

Nancy

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From: Kelley Joyner <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Sunday, July 12, 2020 2:29 PM

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Mr. Golden and Board Members,

I appreciate all of the hours and resources you have used to create a plan for this unimaginable situation. I trust Mr. Golden and his team of professionals are doing everything they can to get our students back in school safely. While I cannot fathom what getting 38,000+ students back in our classrooms will look like and am glad we have a strong team to do that, *I can imagine what it will look like inside my 1st grade classroom.*

- It will be a classroom with not enough space to SAFELY social distance 20+ six year olds.
- It will be a classroom with 20+ students that are still in the process of even learning how to control their energetic bodies.
- It will be a classroom where 20+ students are still learning proper hygiene and how to protect not only themselves but others from their germs.
- It will be a classroom where 20+ students are learning how to keep our hands and feet to ourselves.
- It will be a classroom where 20+ students learn best through HANDS ON activities.
- It will be a classroom where 20+ students need help tying their shoes, buttoning their buttons, band-aiding their scrapes, sharpening their pencils, opening their glue, opening their water bottle, correctly holding a pencil, consoling them through new, big emotions, running around with friends...

Every moment of a day in a 1st grade classroom is hands on, interactive, and in close contact with one another. I am desperate to get back in the classroom, but I truly CAN NOT imagine going back without smaller classroom sizes AS WELL as masks (*thank you for mandating this and I truly hope this does not get changed for the wellbeing of not only our students but our teachers and staff*). I'm asking you to please consider the idea of smaller classes, or half days with half of a class. I obviously don't work for the money, I work because this is my passion and being with my students in my classroom is my favorite place to be. But risking my health as well as my family's should not have to be part of the equation.

Thank you again for all of the hard work you all are doing, but please remember the teachers. We miss our kids. We miss our classrooms. We miss teaching. We WILL do anything for our students. We WILL put them first. We WILL spend countless hours figuring out how best to help them. We WILL give up our weekends to grade papers and prepare for our lessons. We WILL protect them from harm. Please don't ask us to risk our lives for something that we could have written better rules for.

We are all in this together. We have the knowledge, resources, and passion to safely navigate this pandemic. Let's find a way that safely gets our students in school while also protecting our teachers and staff.

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