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Subject: Re: Return to school plan questiins

Correct, we consulted with the Health Department and our local EMA. We also spoke with officials at Williamson Medical Center. Our goal was to ensure those organizations were prepared for a return to students in the buildings. The governor and commissioners have been communicating for weeks that there will be an increase in positive cases when students return. With that fact, we wanted to make sure our county was ready.

The numbers issue will always have skeptics depending on which side of the issue we are on. I have faith the numbers that are provided are accurate enough for our use. Those metric simply lead us towards conversations as I described above. They are not the sole deciding factor.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can answer for you!

Fletch

From: Nancy Garrett <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Jason Golden <[REDACTED]>; Michael Fletcher <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Return to school plan questiins

Jason and Mike: I'm seeing two questions surface regarding the back to school plan announced yesterday. I think the Board needs additional knowledge to answer these questions accurately.

First, how was the decision made? In consultation with local health officials (Fletch, you gave the names of the these to me in an email yesterday, but I need to go back and look), AND reviewing the metric?

Second, there is a school of thought that yesterday's numbers were falsified so that they would trigger a return to school. Can you provide background on how these numbers are generated? I don't think they were falsified, and would be very concerned to support the plan if I found that they were—I need accurate information to address this rumor.

Thanks,
Nancy

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