

October 7, 2021-

To: Members of the Tennessee Legislature, Members of the Williamson County Board of Commissioners

RE: Day 3 of Children in Isolation + Not Being Educated in Williamson County Schools

As I am sure you know by now, my name is Kristin McKinney and I am the mom of two girls that attend Williamson County Schools. I am again writing to seek your urgent help! **My children have now spent THREE DAYS in In School Suspension (ISS) without any instruction, socialization, or contact with other students.**

Today, my children came home “excited” to tell me that they were *allowed* to take 2, 15-minute walks. That was the highlight of their day in middle school- that is what they were excited about- TWO. FIFTEEN. MINUTE. WALKS.

Hear the words of my 11 year old, shared with permission from her journal:

“In the room we were seated 6 feet apart, not allowed to talk and only had 4 breaks to stand up in the entire day, middle of 2nd period, lunch, 1 hour after lunch and middle of 6th period. To sum it all up we basically just sat in a room full of silence for 7 hours straight. It sucks.

Then the principal came and told us some stuff and gave us a little speech that went like this: ‘What takes your classes 50 minutes takes you 10 to 15 minutes to do because you don’t have instruction time so I understand how much extra time you have and we can try to fix that.’ So ya. It was really strange.”

Again, not only are my children being SEGREGATED and ISOLATED from the rest of the student body, they are NOT RECEIVING INSTRUCTION. My children have been academically successful throughout their schooling. Now, with lack of instruction, their academic achievement is at risk. Again, in the words of my 11 year old:

“In last period today, my history teacher, Miss [REDACTED] sent me an email at 2:25pm or something like that- I don’t remember the exact time - it said to do a test that we were supposed to start at 2:15 which I did not see until 10 minutes before dismissal. I could not finish my test in time before the bell rang.

Also, my math teacher, Miss [REDACTED], in her class I had a missing assignment that she did not tell me about, which is now overdue and will have points off.”

Who will step up, take leadership, acknowledge the cruelty of this, and intervene? How can this be ALLOWED? Is this what Williamson County – and Tennessee- have come to?

As a parent, my job is to protect my children and keep them safe. The evidence overwhelmingly shows that wearing masks is HARMFUL and I will not intentionally put my child at risk. If there is any question about this, **I ask again that you please study, beginning on page 50, [this sworn affidavit](#) from Stephen Petty, an industrial hygienist whose expertise is in the use of PPE, as he warns against the harmful effects of prolonged mask wearing.**

Again, I ask – HELP. Please.

For Freedom –



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