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Distance learning

1 message

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I have a complaint about how the distance learning kids are now being pushed aside because they choose not to come back to in person. Up until now all homework assignments for the week had been released all at once and then the families and students would work on the assignments when time permitted. This worked great and teachers were communicating very quickly to emails and questions. Now homework is assigned daily instead of all at once and we no longer have the opportunity of working on them as time permitted. This is causing a great deal of frustration for the students and us parents. It seems like they are being punished for their choice of safety over in class attendance. I would really like to see this addressed and fixed. There is no reason that it had to change. I do understand that the teachers are busier now that classes are back in session, but students and parents expect responses for emails to not take days. We expect that our teachers would be able to get back to us the same day. When I look on ISD 709's website this is what it states for guidelines:

How often will my student interact with their teacher(s)?

Students are expected to receive daily interaction with their licensed teacher each day.

Contact may take place through email, phone, text Google Meet, Canvas, a shared Google document and/or face-to-face.

How will I know what my student is supposed to do?

Teachers will release content and learning activities by week. This allows students and families to gauge workload, time, and fashion a plan for completion. The plan is to release all new information Thursday mornings for the coming week. Predictability will help provide a comfortable routine.

Unpredictable assigning practices cause undue stress on students and families.

When is student work due?

All student work is due every Wednesday at noon. This deadline allows teachers to grade and discern what students need for the next week.

I will keep an eye out for your response to my complaint. My boys attend Denfeld 9th grade via distance learning.

Thank you,

Dave Stewart



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Old Central High

1 message

Shawna Mullen

Wed, Mar 31, 2021 at 5:12 PM

To: public.comment@isd709.org, schoolboard@isd709.org

Hello,

I am emailing to comment on the future use of Old Central High - hoping that it is not too late, since the hearing has already occurred.

As the building was built as and maintained (up to now) as a public building and is of great historical significance, it is imperative that a stipulation of purchase and development into a new use include that the bell tower, the 1890's classroom museum, and the auditorium are maintained as such, and that they continue to be accessible to the public. I acknowledge that this would require maintenance and management, but I don't think that is too much to ask as the new owners will be stewards of this once-public building and have a responsibility for maintaining its historic integrity. A small fee could be charged to help cover the management costs (\$5 to tour the tower and visit the museum and more for rental of the auditorium, with fee waivers for things like public meetings). I'm grateful that the building will continue to exist, though disappointed it will not be as a public building, and these stipulations are the least that can be done to maintain a level of public access.

Thank you,
Shawna Mullen