

Kayla Cseh - Planning for Return to School – 9 July 2020

Good evening.

First and foremost I wanted to say thank you for giving parents, like myself an opportunity to speak on this important matter; the outcome of the decisions that will be made from the school boards and the provincial government will directly impact our lives either negatively or positively and it's important for us all to have a voice.

I am a full time single mother of a 10 year old daughter who currently attends a school in the OCDSB and I am a casual EA with the OCDB. I was in the position of being able to assist my daughter with home schooling these passed months because I was not working and collecting the CERB.

However, if my daughter will only be attending school two days a week, I will be unable to assist her. I am being put in the position of choosing a career over my daughters education because I need to provide for her basic needs. My daughter has struggled with Anxiety and ADHD impacting her education negatively since she started JK, and it's only been within the last year, through many hours of therapy, hard work from teachers and my 100% support through COVID-19, has she come out on top with her grades and education. However, when the CERB runs out, the resources dry up, and us parents have to get back to work, who is going to ensure my child isn't going to fall in the cracks? Whose going to ensure that all of that hard work and perseverance and tears aren't going to be wasted because I have to provide for my child and may not be able to give 100% support. The only options we're being given are private schools, which are only available to the wealthy, homeschooling which will only work for at home moms/dads with dual incomes, or working and neglecting our children's education. There must be a fourth option. Please help us safe guard our children's' futures both fiscally and educationally.

Thank you.