

**JOHNSON TOWN HALL MEETING**  
**Feedback from Johnson Parent Meeting with Tamara Otero**  
**5/20/20**

**Arabic-Speaking Group:**

There were two opinions in the group. One was that the school should have a more structured approach to the curriculum, and the other was that the school should have a more flexible approach to the curriculum.

Many parents felt a hybrid model was a good idea because, “The children are sleeping too much.” They are concerned about the loss of learning.

Other parents struggled picturing the hybrid model because they weren’t sure how they would get everyone where they needed to be if someone got sick. They also wondered how powerful the teaching and learning would be from 6 feet away. They also worried about kids wearing masks all day and learning not to touch each other.

Parents would want daily wellness checks of the students if they were to return at all.

The hybrid model conversation brought out the struggle between wanting safety and wanting in-person learning.

### **Spanish-Speaking Group:**

This group wondered about transportation to and from school in a hybrid model.

Socialization with other children was mentioned as very important and necessary for children.

Parents want to be informed about everything and ahead of time.

Parents wondered if EDP would still charge income-based fees.

Parents would want high-risk students to be able to stay home.

### **Arabic Speaking Group:**

My group has two opinions.

The 1st one was supporting Distance Learning until there is a safe environment (vaccine)

1. It is not enough for their kinds. They suggested having more Online Resources (Not only games) as well as printed materials (Booklets and handouts) that go in parallel with eLearning Playlist.

Students/parents could submit them to school/teachers weekly or every 2 weeks.

2. Zoom for 1 hour / day is not enough. Kids would need 2-3 hours as compared with the long school day (about 6 hours).

3. Start with 1 hour zoom then a follow up with students to feel the power of the teacher that they should do their work. Because now, they feel like doing this eLearning Playlist is not mandatory.

The 2nd one was supporting the idea of getting back to school again. 1. And this with maintaining social distance, having schools to be cleaned more often, and having them use hand sanitizers many times a day.

2. Also, older kids (Middle schoolers are not like elementary ones). Students are missing their friends and teachers. Sitting in front of the computer for 2 hours /day is boring.

3. And the 1 hour does not cover enough learning for upgrades as compared to lower grades.