

## Kathleen Tysse

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### 1) Knowing what we do today about the COVID-19 pandemic, should Falls Church City schools have returned to in-person learning sooner?

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I am grateful FCCPS was the first system in the region to open to in-person learning 4-5 days per week. It seems unfair to judge the schools' decisions during the peak of a global pandemic, while the available science and infinite factors were constantly changing, with the benefits of hindsight. Was there a way to open safely before we did? Yes. Was it obvious and easy with no significant risks? No. I believe the school leadership was faced with excruciatingly difficult and complex decisions and I trust their decisions were made in good faith, with the entire community's interest at heart.

### 2) Do you support the mandate that all students wear masks at school for the Fall semester?

YES.

### 3) Should transgender students be allowed to use the bathroom or lockers rooms of the gender with which they identify?

YES.

### 4) Should the Board increase educational opportunities, including career and technical, for non-IB diploma high school students?

YES. All of our students should graduate prepared for their next step, regardless of their diploma path. If the data shows there is a stronger need for career and technical training, we should find a way to provide even more of those opportunities.

### 5) Do you support school faculty entering into collective bargaining agreements with the City?

YES.

### 6) Should there be school resource officers in Falls Church City schools?

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I believe there should be dedicated personnel in charge of the security of our campuses but I do not believe they need to be armed or involved in the discipline of students. They should be highly trained and regularly evaluated. I believe the vast majority of safety needs within the school community can be best addressed by skilled professionals such as social workers, guidance counselors, and administrators.

### 7) Should Falls Church City curriculum include information on systemic racism in the United States?

YES.

### 8) Should all FCCPS teachers and administrators take annual diversity, equity, and inclusion training?

**YES.** All professional development provided to teachers and administrators, including any on this important topic, should be of very high quality and a meaningful use of their time.

**9) Should Falls Church City school curriculum include climate change, resiliency, and environmental justice?**

**YES.**

**10) Once the COVID-19 vaccine has full FDA approval, should it be mandated for all eligible students in order to attend school in-person?**

**YES.** If the proper health authorities eventually recommend a vaccine mandate, I would support it in our schools - assuming it fairly addressed individuals who cannot safely get the vaccine.