

Hello, My name is Brennan Stelting and I am a Junior at Olathe South High school. I am reading the real words of Olathe Students about virtual learning.

I want things to be like they were. Online is stressful and frustrating for me. Everything is rushed and I never get a chance to ask questions.

In my opinion, this sucks. There are so many problems and no one to ask. Laptops crash and teachers can't help solve a problem. I can't learn a lesson because I'm a virtual person so I need to feel like I'm comfortable and meet people, but due to all this I feel lonely and shy. I'm a very outgoing person and this has changed me and it's not a good change. So please open the schools back up and we can have a normal life again. If we have to wear a mask then I'm okay with that.

I want to go back to school in person. I am struggling being at home trying to learn and I have bad grades now and I've never had bad grades. I love school and now hate it!

I have always been a straight A student, and all my teachers would consider me a focused student and hard worker. However, virtual school has caused my grades to drop, my work ethic to go down, and my stress levels to go up. I'm doing my best, but the longer virtual school continues, the harder it is to stay motivated.

Virtual learning has been stressing me so much. I am on the Olathe West Freshman volleyball team and when we go to play our games, half of us can't even focus on the game because of how stressed we are with online school.

I am a very shy person, and I am working on that but this virtual learning is not helping me. I am more stressed and afraid to ask or answer questions over zoom than I am in person which is really hurting my learning.

I want to be at school with my teachers and my classmates. I have never really liked school but now I truly hate it. It's so hard to get help if I am having a hard time on an assignment. It is so hard for me to stay focused throughout the day. My parents are worried about my mental well being. I'm terrified that I am becoming depressed. I am mad and sad all the time. I am yelling at my whole family a lot. I don't have any energy to do anything. PLEASE let us go back to school!

Make sure you actually think about what the kids need. There are kids unsafe home environments and sometimes their only escape is school and some kids need the food at school or they just can't eat in general. Kids need school. I have no motivation for school at home.

I'm more scared of my mental health than the virus. A good way to help that is to go back to in-person. If people are nervous they can stay home.

Virtual learning makes me stressed to the max. Most of us cry every night about online school. It makes us feel exhausted and empty.

Please check the real numbers so we can go back to school. I am more likely to die of loneliness than corona.

I've never cried over school before but online learning has stressed me more than I thought I ever could. Subjects are extremely challenging and hard to focus on, i simply learn better in person

At the end of a virtual learning day, I feel more mentally and physically exhausted than when I am in person. Being in my room all day in front of a screen isn't good for my health, or anyone else's.

I want to go back to school! I learn best in a structured classroom with a teacher in front of me and a classroom of peers. Please, please help me to grow, learn and have a successful education!! I'm begging the School Board to consider what's in the best interest for us students and our learning. Lastly, teachers are beyond stressed out struggling with the technology which is really taking away from my ability to learn and to be successful during my final Senior year of high school.

Too many internet and electronic problems to really be a solid system. The teachers are doing fantastically but there's just so much that constantly goes wrong.