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Back to School

By Brayden Bermers

There have been a lot of discussions lately about whether or not kids should return to school in the fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In my opinion we should go back to school in the fall. My main reasons for going back are kids generally learn better at school, it's better for our overall health to be around friends and other people. Finally, kids don't seem to be getting COVID-19 as severely as adults.

Cutten Elementary School students are very lucky in that they are all able to check out a Chromebook to help with their schoolwork if needed. Most other schools in this area don't have that luxury. In many cases if a family doesn't have a computer or tablet, their child won't be able to access their work online or meet with their classes or teachers. I also feel that kids learn a lot more in class with teachers available to help and teach them. If a child has both parents working, they aren't going to have much academic support when doing their schoolwork. Kids with lower academic skills might need more help than what can be provided at home. For example, Cutten School has extra help such as T.I.P, Learning Lab, Reading Intervention and Math Intervention when at school.

Another reason why kids should return to school in the fall is because social interaction and a normal schedule is good

for our brains and overall health. When we are at school, we are following a normal schedule and interacting with our friends while learning. Since we have been social distancing, it is very obvious how important it is for kids to get to hang out with other kids. I know on days where I actually see a friend, even from a distance, it puts me in a much better mood. When kids are at school it is easier for them to just focus on their schoolwork.

Last but not least, according to NewsELA's article, 'Officials say coronavirus targets elderly and ill, children mostly unaffected', kids don't seem to be getting COVID 19 as often or severely as the rest of the population. It has also been reported that it seems kids aren't spreading COVID-19 to each other as easily as adults do. In a very recent study on USA Today titled, 'The CDC says coronavirus does not spread easily on surfaces or objects,' it is suggested that it is very unlikely to get COVID-19 from a contaminated surface. All of these examples would mean that kids wouldn't be infecting other kids at school very often and there would be no danger of going back to school.

For all of these reasons why kids should return to school in the fall, I hope I have convinced you that they should. Personally, I know I want to go back to school so I can see my friends, have more academic success, and not have to worry about getting COVID-19 or giving it to someone else. All in all, I hope we go back to school in the fall.