

Hello, I'm Harold coming to you from Cincinnati, Ohio.

I'm the father of Malia. Malia is eleven years old and I want to talk to you guys about returning to school.

You know, for me, some of the things that I think is going to be critical over the summer is to really continue to help Malia understand what personal safety and safety is all about.

Continuing to wash your hands, continue to practice social distancing.

I know that a lot of our, you know, restrictions here in Ohio will be lifted come June 2nd.

But I think, you know, personal safety, personal hygiene is something that's going to be critical going forward.

And as we transition back into school, I'm sure that, you know, things are going to be heightened in this area.

And so, you know, one of the decisions that my wife and I are contemplating now is when available, whether or not to get Malia vaccinated.

And so that's something we'll continue to contemplate.

And once you know things open up and potentially eleven year olds can be vaccinated, we'll make that decision.

The other thing too for me is to to really let Malia just explore her creative side over the summer.

You know, I understand from a mental health perspective, best has kind of been cooped up for the last year.

She has a lot of energy. She's a young lady that has a LOT of energy.

And so, you know, for me, I want her to get out. I want her to play,

I want her to have fun, and I want her to reconnect with who she is.

She hasn't been able to express herself that way.

You know, over the last year or so, that's going to be critically

and equally important to me because what I don't want is for her

to never get to unwrap all of that star school

and we lose focus on the education piece.

And so, you know, I want her to stay connected with her friends

over the summer. You know, I want to invite them over.

If her parents, if her friend's parents are safe, I want to be able to take her over there.

If you know what the permission of her friend's parents,

I want her to have those interactions again.

I want her to really just get back in tune into who she is

because I think that's important to her own growth and development.

You know, I admire my child who has been a tough year and she's been resilient,

straight-A student, you know, really

has adapted to this new norm of virtual learning.

The fourth quarter, they went back to in-person learning,

and she's adapted very, very well.

And I'm, you know, again, I admire her, and I want her to know that.

And I'll continue to tell her that

because I want her to know that daddy is proud of how she's been able to adjust.

And again, just stay resilient during these really challenging times.

But we have to move ahead. We have to forge ahead.

And so what that's going to be is, you know,

channel channeling all that energy, first and foremost, getting that energy out

and then, you know, finding that balance, getting back to that regular routine of,

you know, being able to go back in school in person for four quarters

and continue just to, you know, be and become who is who she's meant to be.

So that's what's important to me and my wife, Mahogany,

as we continue just to grow a future leader here in our community in Malia.

We're so thank you for the opportunity to express this with you all.

Hopefully, this information was helpful to you as you continue to contemplate

what's important as we think about return on the school for your child or children.

But thank you.