

Today, we had a meeting regarding our younger child's return to school. He has been on temporary/emergency suspension since last Friday. They held the meeting at the District Office rather than the school due to safety concerns. We kind of guessed it would not be safe for anyone in our family to go back to school after all those announcements made on Sunday and Monday, but we could not imagine it would come to that. The attendees of the meeting were me and my wife, our attorney, the district's Chief Legal Officer, the district's head of security, an executive director at the district, and Meaghan Graber, who reportedly volunteered to attend the meeting to support our family (which, at this point, we are highly skeptical of at best). All she did was to present a lot of dubious evidence against my younger child, including peer gossips, my younger child's artwork involving lavatorial jokes such as poopy pants, Transformers, Dave and Buster's video game called Rampage (which I used to play on my Commodore 64 when I was at his age), etc. She questioned him about all this artwork with prejudice. Instead of just asking him to explain the pictures and listening to his answers, she attempted to interject by asking questions such as "how do you think this drawing will make your classmates feel?". She did the same when she interrogated his older brother before. She started the interrogation by asking "are you frustrated by anyone at school?". Note that directed questions are effective persuasion tools as well, so please reach out to me if she questioned your child in the same manner when she did her investigation.

Here is the deal offered to us. Our children and my wife are transferred to another school in the district except for Valley Park (whose Chinese Immersion parents are connected with their counterparts at WSE), whereby all of them can have a "fresh start" on Tuesday. There will be no formal accusations, punishment, suspension, due process, etc. The alternative is that we stay at Wolf Springs. In that case, there will be an official suspension, which will stay in my younger child's record. Also, there will be a lengthy process for him to go back to school. In that case, they will have to establish strict rules for my younger child, including not allowing him to bring a backpack, frequent inspections of him throughout the day, assigning a full-time monitor, etc. We have till Monday to make up our minds.