

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 21-0012R  
(Resolution)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Stokes, McCray, Middleton, Burnett, Bullock, Ramos, Torrence,  
Conway, Glover, Cohen

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Workforce, and Youth Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore City Public School System,  
Fire Department, Health Department, Department of Housing and Community Development,  
Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success

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A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Investigative Hearing – Safe Return to In-Person Schooling**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System to provide the  
4 City Council with an update regarding safety precautions the School System is taking for the  
5 return of students to in-person schooling and inviting representatives from the Baltimore City  
6 Fire Department, Health Department, and Department of Housing and Community  
7 Development to comment on the adequacy of those safety precautions.

8 **Recitals**

9 **WHEREAS**, Due to the pandemic, the majority of Baltimore City schoolchildren have been  
10 participating in virtual schooling since last spring;

11 **WHEREAS**, The Baltimore City Public School System (“BCPSS”) will gradually introduce  
12 more students back to traditional in-person classes beginning with the start of the second  
13 semester, specifically students in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade as well as 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
14 students, although families will have the option to remain in virtual learning; and

15 **WHEREAS**, The City Council and the public need to know what safety precautions BCPSS is  
16 taking in reopening schools to some students, such as whether all teachers will be vaccinated  
17 before students are allowed back, how classrooms will be organized for social distancing,  
18 information regarding ventilation systems in the schools, and whether the systems can adequately  
19 protect building visitors, etc.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City  
21 Council invites the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System is taking for the return of  
22 students to in-person schooling and inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Fire  
23 Department, Health Department, and Department of Housing and Community Development to  
24 comment on the adequacy of those safety precautions.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1       **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the  
2       CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System, the Health Commissioner, the Fire Chief, the  
3       Acting Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the  
4       Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.