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<b>Title:</b>	Investigative Hearing - Safe Return to In-Person Schooling For the purpose of inviting the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System to provide the City Council with an update regarding safety precautions the School System is taking for the return of students to in-person schooling and inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Fire Department, Health Department, and Department of Housing and Community Development to comment on the adequacy of those safety precautions.				
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2/8/2021	0	Education and Human Resources Committee	Recommended Favorably	
2/4/2021	0	Education Workforce and Youth	Recommended Favorably	Pass
1/28/2021	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Fire Department	
1/28/2021	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Dept. of Health	
1/28/2021	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Dept. of Housing and Community Development	
1/28/2021	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Baltimore City Public School System	
1/28/2021	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to Mayor's Office of Children and Family Success	
1/28/2021	0	Baltimore City Council	Refer to City Solicitor	
1/25/2021	0	Baltimore City Council	Introduced	
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1/25/2021	0	Education Workforce and Youth	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	

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### Introductory\*

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## (Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes

### A Resolution Entitled

A Council Resolution concerning

#### **Investigative Hearing - Safe Return to In-Person Schooling**

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

### **Recitals**

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

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

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

**Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore**, That the City Council invites the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System is taking for the return of students to in-person schooling and inviting representatives from the Baltimore City Fire Department, Health Department, and Department of Housing and Community Development to comment on the adequacy of those safety precautions.

**And be it further resolved**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the CEO of the Baltimore City Public School System, the Health Commissioner, the Fire Chief, the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.