

Parent Comments 21'

Regarding Covid, what would you identify as having been implemented or executed well?

Lessons from home

Distance learning and essential care

i thought the distance portion was done well, the teacher offered a variety of zoom meetings and my student really enjoyed connecting with his class and teacher on a regular basis even though they couldnt be at school

hybrid programming, safety measures

General state guideline compliance.

The teachers and administration responded to the situation with creativity, flexibility, and compassion. It was clear that they (the administration in particular) took their responsibility toward the children and to the community very seriously.

Communication with the teacher was on point

Essential childcare was executed well.

Communication and decision models.

A daily class schedule was helpful to stay involved each day

kept students and staff safe

Distance Learning

Na

I thought the most impressive part was the school's ability to create a safe environment within the school. We were the last to shut down and probably could have stayed in session indefinitely if not for community pressure to jump to distance learning. In general, the safety protocols and contingency plans were effective at keeping the disease under control within the school.

Really, pretty much everything from communication to policies seemed perfect or nearly perfect. Obviously it's a complicated situation with lots of variables, making it difficult to navigate; however, I can't think of anything that could have been done better.

One on one interaction with special education teachers

Honestly, everything.

Resources for parents and their children regarding Covid, like how to talk to them about it to help with receiving vaccine.

Communication

Communication from school leadership and the classroom teacher regarding changes

The packets and overall organization, how smoothly the E1 teachers worked together and with the families.

Safety measures

Teachers worked hard to create a safe and normal environment.

Regarding Covid, what would you identify as having gone poorly or should have been implemented more effectively?

Idk

i think the fall was done as well as possible

Distance learning effectiveness

I think all the protocols and protections were overkill, were traumatic for the children, and interfered more than was necessary with their education. At the same time, I realize it was a very difficult and delicate situation for the school, the community, the country, and beyond, in which the best course was not clear and much of the school's response was outside it's control.

To many extra classes each day, would like for one day to be dedicated for those classes

Direct teaching instruction over zoom instead of just worksheets.

I understand high expectations of academic work, but a little understanding of when we didn't send work back in the exact week it was due (sometimes we were asked to hold onto it instead of sending it back completed) would have been nice. If my kids were done with work, I should have been able to send it back.

zooms for those in quarantine when onsite

Na

I think some of the transitions between learning models were hard on the kids, but I don't know that any amount of additional or better planning would have changed that.

Nothing I can think of.

adjusting for mental health concerns during off-site learning.

n/a

What are some things that Bluffview does well in general terms?

The community is amazing. It feels like a family.

Help students with problems

Exploring fun new ideas with my child.

communication! amazing teachers

Teaching values

It encourages children to be self-directed and independent learners, and it provides a kind and supportive environment.

Keeping kids motivated and respectful

Everyone has a common goal to love and educate the students!

Teachers are stellar. Administration is accessible and outstanding. Kids are valued just as they are and supported and encouraged to grow, not just academically, but also as community-minded citizens.

Keeping parents informed and involved.

Provides a peaceful environment to learn

challenges students

Most things. Faculty and staff are extremely friendly. The kids seem to really enjoy their time. I'm confident in their teachers. The administration runs a tight ship and communication is extremely clear and frequent.

Fostering a strong sense of community, respecting the individuality and dignity of each member of the school community, fostering curiosity and love of learning. It is a warm place for kids to grow up.

I would have different answers for these questions depending on what student I am referring to. I put a lot of 3's because I think some things have been addressed exceptionally well and some things not as well although I do believe everyone is trying really hard.

Supports students as a whole human being

Welcoming and fun learning atmosphere for my child.

Building good people

Foster a positive environment

Great community, the kindest staff!!, I love the positive, loving teachers and staff.

Makes my child feel welcome and safe which is essential for learning
Montessori is great, the school is very welcoming

Do you have suggestions about what could be done to make Bluffview better?

Build a high school :)

Idk

Nope. We love Bluffview!

I hope that masks, distancing, and the new sanitizing protocols can soon become a thing of the past, and that the kids can go back to learning in an environment that promotes hands-on learning, collaboration, interactive play, openness, optimism, innocence, and joy.

Ms. Cindy is WONDERFUL, but less sugar in snacks and meals. It's way too much.

I think everyone is doing a great job

Even though social and emotional learning is provided once a week, how can the relationship of the school counselor to students be made more positively? I don't hear much positive feedback, and if there was some more, maybe the students would take social learning more seriously, because our students need this learning, especially since covid.

Not that you're not trying, but improving faculty and staff pay and benefits would go a long way to ensuring quality and preventing turnover.

In light of what the country's been going through in the past few years, I think educators in general ought to be thinking more about educating for practical citizenship...what does it mean to be a citizen; what does it mean to be a democracy; what are the basics of American government institutions; what does it mean to be a good citizen. Not sure how much of this is applicable at the elementary level, but some of the basics could be incorporated more.

One comment that I have heard from students is that non-binary students don't see representation in materials that are taught. Maybe an inclusive bathroom could be considered. Something to think about.

A better vetting process for potential new hires.

You're all doing an incredible job. I can't express my gratitude enough.

Annual fundraising events