

# ASCA Member Discussion Forum Summary

## 2021 Annual Conference

### Covid Learning Loss

#### ASCA Member Perspectives

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- I feel with students going in and out of school has been mentally challenging for some of them.
- I have found prioritization to be challenging this year. My children are in K and 1...the overall higher anxiety level and disruption seems to make it very hard to organize everything.
- This is extending to learning. I can't credit our school staff enough, they are wonderful...but this year has absolutely resulted in a gap in learning for my youngest. We are treading water, at best.
- I have to give a hand to the teacher /school board who have worked hard throughout this pandemic. I actually had my kids do online learning for the first half of the year than they went back in class in the second semester. The schools and online learning are in sync perfectly.
- I agree. I have a K and a Gr 2. I've had real struggles with my K son getting him to adjust to in and out of class.
- Our teachers try hard. And ours did an amazing job of supplying the materials and bridging the gap. Unfortunately, it was too difficult on us parents to commit the time and I do feel some learning was lost.
- This makes me happy to hear. Our kids have been online all year and we're hoping to get them back in for the last bit of Q4. Yay!
- Even online my kids enjoyed seeing their friends on the screen. Once their school work was done they were able to do what they wanted. They loved it.
- My daughter (Middle School) did in-person learning for the first quarter and now has transitioned to online learning as her anxiety was just growing b/c of the COVID numbers. The transition has been very smooth!
- Also gives the kids extra time for their work. Our teacher allowed until the end of the week. The google classroom is an awesome platform for the kids
- Our elementary kids have been online since Sept, it was a tough call and they missed out on school site interactions but it was the better choice for our family.
- All across the province, Boards, Principals, Teachers, Admins worked to provide the best learning opportunities for all their students. Still, there is genuine concern that there are, or will be, some significant learning gaps that will need direct attention to address.
- Online has been a great experience for our kids too. Really, what the schools, teachers and everyone involved have been able to do this year has been incredible.
- With high school students this has been very mixed. Our son is in grade 11 and there has been noticeable loss of skills in math & language arts. The school & staff have worked hard but missing 4 months in the spring & 2 months online with terrible rural internet connections.
- There is such a disconnect between urban and rural situations. We have many kids who don't have a decent connection to work off of, a computer or the drive to be online. This has made online learning a disaster for many of us!
- I have paid hundreds of dollars in data charges over the past year, because when our internet is out, I have no choice but to tether a mobile device. I teach for the University, and my attendance in online classroom was not optional...the rural/urban divide is stark.
- I feel all students have been impacted, most negatively, but some positively as well. Online learning can be a great option for self-directed and focused learners who have good time management skills, but for those who lack these skills, it can certainly be a challenge.
- When you have children who are very social beings the online learning just does not work for them. They are demotivated and some teachers are WAY more interactive and willing to change their teaching styles than others.
- I feel we need to address the Social Emotional Trauma many children have experienced before we can deal with learning loss.
- I just heard from a parent (sm. rural school) in another division where the grade 5-6 group had to get tested. The kids came into the testing center crying and 'freaking out' (her words) that they were going to get covid and die. What a sad comment on our 'panic' overall.
- If student success is measured by achieving individual goals, how can student success of every child be encouraged, acknowledge and celebrated school wide. - love to hear ideas of what has been working in your junior high school.