

We received the below from a producer of [WBEZ's Curious City](#). We think parents, students, or educators could respond!

We're asking parents from Chicago and the region to share how preparation for this upcoming school year looks and feels different in the face of a new learning routine prompted by the pandemic. Things like...

- What feels different about transitioning into this school year?
- Are there any new anxieties that your family is experiencing this year that they didn't last year?
- What worries are you hearing from the students in your life?
- Have they shared any excitement about remote learning?
- What are you most concerned about for this year?
- What do you feel the biggest challenge is going to be this year?

Although we've heard from some parents and guardians who have logistical questions about the new routines in Chicago schools, we haven't heard from many people about what is weighing on the hearts and minds of families, students and school staff.

People who would like to share their thoughts and experiences can send us a voice memo at curiouscity@wbez.org, or simply leave us a voicemail at 888-789-7752—and they may be featured in an upcoming episode of our show.

And one last note of details individuals should include in their voicemail / voice memo:

- their full name (if they're comfortable with this--if not, just a first name is fine!)
- for parents: how many kids they have and what grade(s) they're in
- the Chicago neighborhood or suburb they live in
- the school their kids attend (if comfortable providing)
- and voice memos should be kept around one minute or less!