

*To my Barton Hills Family:
I hope this finds you healthy and safe. I miss you. I miss us.*

I wanted you to hear this directly from me. If AISD forces us to go back in person, I will quit. I've already expressed this to Ms. Achtermann.

But I want you to know that I will not be quitting on the kids. Or on you. Or on the system. I'll be leaving to fight for you. I believe that policymakers are using all of us: teachers, school employees, students, and families, as pawns in a game of School Choice. I also believe that racism, or at the very least classism, is a large part of this game.

I will go to work fighting for policies that protect and support ALL children, families, and Americans. I can no longer stomach what is happening in this country. I've been shocked and appalled so often, but what's happening around schools reopening has ripped my heart wide open.

So, if it comes to this - if common sense and human decency do not prevail and schools are forced to reopen - I will not be there with you in person but I WILL BE WITH YOU.

You know me. You know what I stand for. I have only one ask - when you hear my voice, please help to magnify it.

I urge you to fight. To speak up. To vote.

*I love you...as much as I love Neil Diamond.
Ms. Perry*