

Jenkins, a parent from Farragut, said she had a child in kindergarten at Farragut Primary School and another in seventh grade at Farragut Middle School.

"I urge you to keep schools open and in-person." Jenkins said. "I know that a lot of these decisions are being driven by the (Knox County) Board of Health. and I hope the board (of education) is pushing back against them, and pushing back to see why they're making the decisions they're making.

"I've watched the numbers and the numbers don't justify (the schools) being closed." Jenkins also noted that her son in the seventh

grade is friends with a high school freshman at Farragut, who chose to utilize the virtual model. "One of my son's friends is a ninth grader and he

chose virtual," Jenkins said. "He is very lonely and he has three virtual classes a week and that's it. "He's feeling pressure because he feels like the

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## Board of Health splits on bar curfew vote

## vote on BOH

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