

the gap *WIDENS*

The pandemic has worsened problems in our school system that have long persisted.



FONKWO SISTERS share learning spaces and frustrations.

FIRST GENERATION graduates navigate their next step.

FAMILY STRUGGLES force students to work during a pandemic.

MAJ. RICHARD RUIZ notices a stark contrast in how students of color are disciplined.

FEARS OF PUBLIC TRANSIT keep students grounded at home.

ONLINE ENGLISH LEARNERS struggle to keep up and stay engaged.

MENTAL HEALTH HAS declined, especially among those with learning difficulties.

EVERY STUDENT HAS A CHROMEBOOK, but that's often not enough to keep up.

THE STRESS OF AP CLASSES are testing the resolve of even the most dedicated students.

With Branham still closed, it's been made clearer every day that school was more than just a place for learning. At its imperfect best, it aimed to give students the same access to its resources. The necessary evil of distance learning has widened that gap, and has made it almost impossible for some students to keep up.