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Testimony supporting LC 21

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Co-Chair Courtney, Co-Chair Kotek, and members of the Joint Interim Committee on the Third Special Session,

As school district leaders, our most important responsibility is to ensure all our students are safe and ready to learn. That is why we have relied on our healthcare experts throughout this pandemic whose guidance is aimed at keeping our students, and the adults who support their learning, healthy.

LC 21 supports school districts which have operated in compliance with these COVID-19 emergency rules. It ensures that adherence to these precautions means that every dollar invested in our schools be focused on providing a quality education for all students.

Let us be clear, our goal is to bring students and teachers back into classrooms as soon as it is safe to do so. LC 21 allows us to focus on that mission.

We urge your support of LC 21.

Sincerely,

Guadalupe Guerrero  
Superintendent