

Good morning,

I am writing as a voice for my three school aged children, but also for all the Oregon children who deserve to be in school. These kids have been asked to endure over 9 months of CDL learning and are being robbed of hands on learning, socialization, traditions, sports, leadership opportunities, etc. They watch their cousins and friends in other states that have been back successfully for months that have significantly higher COVID-19 cases and deaths and don't understand. I have no answers for them. Why aren't we learning from these schools who are being successful? Why is education not being valued by Oregon leaders?

As the vaccine rollout begins this week, the teachers and students must return. It terrifies me what the unions will come up with next to not allow teachers back into classrooms. I worry for Oregon's education system. We already rank low in the US for education and as one of the last states still yet to reopen, our kids again are being left behind.

Please allow the mandates to change prohibiting sports and contact sports. Our children's social and emotional well-being depend on their extra curricular activities. Our children are not super spreaders. This is a scientific fact! They do not deserve any of this based on select adults' fears. Our children MUST be first.

Regards,

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