

Our state agencies are representing the public from a health perspective. The Union is "representing" the teachers. Who is representing THE MOST IMPORTANT group in the public education system...the kids and families? Right now, it's the powerless parents. Based on nationwide and worldwide evidence of safely opening schools, we should be opening schools very soon...yet all families who want this are feeling absolutely powerless.

The data and recommendations from health officials worldwide (the CDC, WHO, pediatricians, the governor, etc.) is now just staggering - schools can open safely. What in the world are we doing here?? We have to TRY - please!

Oregon's low case counts are something to be proud of. Having the vast majority of schools shuttered is something to be deeply ashamed of. The repercussions of not even TRYING are going to be felt for years. We still have half a school year left, and we can salvage what we have.

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