

Please send our kids back to school! I have an 8th grader & a 12th grader. My daughter is losing her ENTIRE Senior Year! She has been on an IEP all her life and has worked so hard to graduate! And now she's in front of a screen ALL DAY because of a virus that RARELY even affects young people. My 8th-grade boy is withering! He & I constantly argue about school and grades. This is so hard on kids and so hard on families. These kids NEED to be in school. This is ENOUGH!

My son has a brand new building that he hasn't set foot in. He absolutely hates online school and tells me he's learning NOTHING. It's breaking my heart. How is this OK for a virus with over a 99 percent survival rate?? Let the students stay home who want to stay home. Same with the teachers. But they truly are ESSENTIAL WORKERS. Please do not let the Teachers Union continue this farce. Let the vulnerable STAY HOME. But NOT the young and healthy! NOT the ones that are desperate for personal instruction. Which is how they learn best. This is imperative. It has gone on FAR TOO LONG.

What kids are feeling is that the adult decision-makers DO NOT CARE. That they don't care about their isolation & loneliness. That they only care about fearful teachers and the powerful union. WHO is speaking for the children?

Do you guys have your own kids?? Do you see what's happening day in & day out? I'm sure the test scores will show if you don't see it in your own lives. You're going to lose an ENTIRE generation of kids to obesity, depression and possibly even suicide. They are already THOROUGHLY ADDICTED to cell phones, social media and video gaming. I see it in my son and I see it in his friends. And how are the younger kids learning the very basics in these crucial years?? With parents too busy to "hold their hands" while they try to follow along on a screen?

This is extremely serious and I'm praying that you make the RIGHT decision to send them back THIS YEAR.

Thank you,
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