

Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my concern that our children may not be getting back to in person school any time soon. Our kids are hurting. They are frustrated, tired and not learning. I understand why the schools originally closed. The virus was new and we did not know much about it, we were scared, but there is no reason they should still be closed. The science shows it is safe to open. We have heard from Dr. Fauci, the CDC, the WHO, UNICEF, and so many healthcare professionals that schools can open safely and have in so many other parts of the country and world. The schools should have been the last to close and the first to open. Science is behind schools reopening and we need the policy to follow. To ignore all of the evidence is to further harm our children and families with no rational justification.

I have two nine year old, third grade children. We live in a double income home and are lucky that I was able to work from home while my children do virtual learning. My kids are not getting the education they deserve and are entitled to. I do more teaching with them than they get through their school. I work more with them on a daily basis then their teacher does. Before the pandemic my kids loved school and were happy, well-adjusted children. It has been almost TEN MONTHS since they left school and since then they don't sleep good, they fight more, they get frustrated much easier and are not taking in any of the information being taught. They need to be back in school. I understand we are luckier than alot with good internet service and a parent that can be with them full time, and if we are having such a hard time I can only imagine what others, who are not so fortunate, are going through right now.

Schools do not need remodeled, the money is there for PPE and testing supplies and all schools should already have a plan in place for reopening. This should not rest of teachers getting vaccinated, but if it does we should have a commitment that once vaccinated the schools will open up ASAP. Schools around the country and world have opened without teachers being vaccinated and we should too!

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND OPEN OUR SCHOOLS!

Thank you for your time.

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