

Senate Committee of Education;

I am writing with regards to my children and all children in Oregon. Please work to re-open all Oregon K-12 schools and have our children back in school by March 1, 2021. I have four school aged children; one in middle school and three in elementary school. Two of my children in elementary school are currently on an IEP plan and my youngest in school has special needs and we do rely on the school district for special instruction and therapies. Since the pandemic hit, talks of reopening school back to the classroom seem to be pushed back month, after month, after month. Certainly by this point, all Oregonians, children and adults, have learned and observed how to slow the spread of Covid-19 by wearing masks, social distancing, and proper hygiene. Enough is enough! Now is the time to give our children the proper, in person, in classroom education with their teachers that they deserve. Please work with Governor Kate Brown to get our kids from behind the screen and into a classroom. Please give back to our kids what they need emotionally, physically, and mentally to thrive as children into successful adults. Their happiness and future depend on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Carmack