

As you review the re-opening of Oregon schools, please remember that our children are our future, not our guinea pigs.
Our children deserve our love, support, and protection.

Yesterday, Estacada schools opened and had extensive news coverage. In the coverage, several violations of the Ready Schools, Safe Learners guidelines are visible. This was on day one, with cameras rolling. For example, students are shown in a hallway with about one tile square, 12 inches, between them. Six feet is the minimum required. How much worse will violations around the state be without cameras rolling? [Back to school: Estacada SD students in kindergarten, first grade return to in-person learning | | kptv.com](#)



[Click here to view this video from kptv.com.](#)

Oregon's elected officials, such as Tootie Smith have seem to encourage noncompliance with Covid safety protocols. Unfortunately, Covid safety has become political and our children should not be the pawns in this game. [Pamplin Media Group - Tootie Smith receives backlash, support for COVID comments](#)

Covid-19 is a new disease and we do not know the long term implications. What seems insignificant now may cause serious health impacts later in life. We just don't know. [Doctors concerned about long-term effects of COVID-19 on children \(fox26houston.com\)](#)



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Many children are absolutely THRIVING in CDL. Schedules are more flexible, there's no pressure to wear the "right" clothes, and there aren't school bullies to face. Class time isn't disrupted to deal with behavioral issues. Classrooms aren't evacuated to get students out of the way of another student's violent episode. We must not forget all of the troubles that existed in our schools last Spring and imagine they have disappeared with Covid. These issues will be even harder to address now.

[Oregon teachers resigning due to classroom outbursts, disrupted learning | kgw.com](https://www.kgw.com)



Teachers say they're leaving a profession they love because of an increase in classroom disruptions.

I urge you. Let's complete the 20/21 school year in the SAFEST way possible for all involved. Let's make these remaining months of CDL excellent and look forward to a return to normalcy soon.

Respectfully,
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