

Dear members of the committee,

I am a parent of two high school children who are part of the West Linn Wilsonville School District.

Although our district has done the best they can with the CDL format, it is not enough. It is time to get our kids back to in person learning. It's time to get them back to their activities that they thrive under. Their mental health is drastically declining by the isolation the state has put them in over this pandemic. In the beginning, it was the right decision to shut the schools down while we figured out what we were dealing with. Here we are over 10 months later with a lot of knowledge, science and data. Sending our kids back to school has shown to be safe, especially with all the protocols Oregon is requiring in place to return. There is no reason that we should delay the children's return to in person any longer.

Please do not allow the teachers and specifically their union to sway you any other way. Millions of Americans have been working throughout this entire pandemic with less protections than the state is requiring the districts to provide the teachers.

It is time for us all to protect and support our kids with in person learning and activities. They are our future!

Sincerely,

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