

Good afternoon,

I am writing on behalf of our children. These kids are being asked to continue to protect adults when we should be the ones protecting them. We know they are not super spreaders. Enough is enough. Get them back into the classrooms. They watch as other states are successfully doing this while they still sit at home. We've had almost a year to figure this out but instead we are just told it is "impossible" to bring back middle school and HS kids. Anything is possible, we just need to stop hiding behind excuses and pointing fingers at one another while our kids sit silently suffering.

The mandates also need to change prohibiting sports and contact sports. Our children's social and emotional well-being depend on these activities. Again, children in other states and club sports in OR are playing with no issues. Why can't they play? It is up to the parents to decide if they want their children playing and possibly be exposed. OUR decision.

We are already being stripped of so much here in Oregon. Give children back the education and socialization they deserve.

Regards,

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