

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I hope that you are starting to see and understand the devastating effects schools closures are having on Oregon children. When Governor Brown caved to the teacher's unions and created metrics they were impossible to meet, she opened Pandora's box. Fearful teachers thought they could teach remotely all year and not have to return to school. Now, cases are dropping, science tells us schools are safe, and teachers are receiving the vaccine. Yet teachers are still refusing to care about their students and return to in person education. The only way this will happen is if the legislator removes funding from schools or mandates them to open. The fact that no one pressured the governor to do anything in regards to school closures is startling. It's not too late to rectify this. In March it will have been a year since the majority of Oregon students will have seen inside a classroom. And for what?! It was to slow the spread and flatten the curve, then it was to not spread Covid to family members or teachers. And now, that we know those things are not happening, the reasons for schools not opening remain unclear, except that teachers' unions are so fearful, they do not care about children suffering and refuse to open. Please, end the suffering and mandate schools open.

Sincerely,

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