We as a state should be encouraging schools to open in person. The CDC says it is safe. We have studies showing it is safe. We have a bipartisan consensus supporting reopening to in-person instruction. We have the case studies of districts that have been open during the 2020-21 school year showing it can be done safely.

The science is clear; the best place for our kids is in the classroom. If you care about science, if you care about closing achievement gaps and if you care about equity, then you will get our kids back to school in person.

We request on behalf of the students and families of this state that you use what funds you have at your discretion to award funds to districts that are teaching our students in person. Schools should be rewarded for doing the right thing for their students and families.

Sincerely,

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