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Concerns about In-Person Learning in El Dorado County

1 message

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Dear Superintendent Carruth, Principal Palm, Superintendent Manansala, Kevin Brown, David DelRio, Lori Veerkamp, Jessica Rodgers, Timothy Cary, John Hidahl, Sheva Frentzen, Brian Veerkamp, Lori Parlin and Sue Novasel,

We are the very concerned parents of a son who is entering his senior year at Oak Ridge High School. Yesterday, Folsom Cordova Unified announced that they will be starting the school year with distance learning. It is our understanding that El Dorado Union is expected to announce a decision regarding plans for this fall sometime next week.

We are appealing to you to please do the right thing and remain virtual for at least the start of the first semester of the 2020-21 academic year. Everyone is anxious for schools to reopen as soon as possible, but the simple fact is that it is not safe at the moment. It would be reckless, irresponsible, and potentially deadly. And even for those who question the seriousness of the virus, why not err on the side of caution anyway? There is little downside to a few more months of distance learning. Conversely, the worst-case scenario to opening prematurely is the sickness, and possible death of not just students, but their families, friends, teachers, and other school personnel. The risk does not remotely justify the reward. Nor would it from a potential legal perspective.

Under the most optimal of circumstances, rigorously enforcing COVID safety protocols such as mask-wearing and social distancing is challenging. Expecting thousands of teenage students to comply with it reliably and consistently is completely unrealistic and infeasible.

We are also hearing chatter about going to some form of a hybrid schedule. We sincerely hope that is not something under consideration. The virus does not pick and choose when it stays away.

Our son also happens to be immune-compromised, so he carries an even greater risk. And even were he not, we would still not be remotely comfortable reintroducing him to that environment. The distance learning option was well intentioned but ultimately not practical for him as there is no virtual equivalent for his French 4 and leadership classes, which is why we did not ultimately opt in for it.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

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Hello Supervisors:

The Attorney General of Louisiana has issued his official opinion on Louisiana's mask mandate.

"Although the mask mandate and the 50-person limit may be good recommendations for personal safety, they may not be enforced with financial or criminal penalties," Landry wrote. "Both businesses acting under color of law ask mask police and actual police acting as mask police could face liability if individual civil rights are violated due to the Proclamation."

<https://www.wwltv.com/mobile/article/news/health/coronavirus/ag-jeff-landry-mask-mandate-unconstitutional/289-ee6292eb-364b-404e-8b93-a5cf1a19f46b>

I remind you that you have a duty and moral obligation to uphold the Constitution.

Sincerely,

Tracy Doyle



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EDUHSD Should Have Virtual Learning

1 message

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Wed, Jul 15, 2020 at 9:53 PM

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I am a science teacher at El Dorado High School. We should not go back to in person teaching.

I could give a lot of reasons. I could state that COVID-19 cases are rising the fastest amongst children (see: The Oregonian, July 1, 2020; The Charlotte Post, July 5, 2020). I could state that this illness is not just killing adults, but infants, children, and teenagers (see: Miami Herald; Baby Boy Dies of COVID). I could state that not only are children at risk, but teachers are as well, which we saw when 30 teachers died in New York City (see: ABC 7 New York, May 11, 2020). Or I could get into statistics and state that with a low infection rate of 2%, 1,140,000 children will get sick. With a death rate of 0.5%, nearly 6,000 children will die. That is not even touching the number of teachers, staff, and family members that will die.

But all of those reasons are just numbers and science, things that don't seem to be making a difference anymore in this conversation. I have heard the reasoning that going back is "worth the risk." My question is, worth the risk for whom? I am 33 and healthy, if I get this virus, there is a good chance I will be okay. But some of my favorite coworkers will not. Some coworkers I care about have newborns at home, or are pregnant, or have parents with cancer. My sister has an autoimmune disease, if she gets this, she will most likely die. How many students, or parents of students, or coworkers are like my sister and will have a steep uphill battle to just survive, let alone get 100% better. Because remember, not everyone that gets "better" actually returns to their original health (see: Marathon Runner Now Unable To Stand; COVID-19 Can Last for Several Months). Going back is not worth risking the lives of all of these individuals.

I am not living in fear, I am living with love and consideration. Going back is NOT worth the risk.

Please support the decision to have virtual learning until it is safe to go back. Thank you.

Megan Sparrow-Fischer

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