



Fwd: A letter of thanks for the decision to defer reopening schools

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Dear district leadership,

I am writing to thank you for your difficult but pragmatic and humane decision to defer reopening school until early next year.

While Oregon has remained one of the best states in the country related to controlling the spread of COVID, we still have far more cases than we should if we were to consider reopening. The past few weeks have shown a consistent upward trend, and the past several months have shown us not only is the virus more easily spread than first thought, but that people can experience reinfection.

I have no doubt that you're under an abundance of pressure from parents and other officials to reopen, and I am very grateful that you chose to do what is right rather than what is easy. Many people are either ignorant of or refuse to acknowledge the very serious risk COVID presents for people of all ages, genders, and ethnicities. That makes it all the more important that leadership like you stays the course and keeps us safe, even if that involves some sacrifice with CDL.

Thank you for making a difficult choice and saving lives,

Sincerely,

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