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State Board of Education:

Thank you fo your hard work and fortitude through this pandemic.

I write to express that while I understand the desire and pressures to have children return to school, I do not think that we can in good conscience send our children to be near one another with even the smallest—small is not zero—chance of their infection and spread to home. I do not think the school system and state should place child and parent in the middle of political and economic decisions when there is ANY increased risk. The virus needs to be controlled first. The children should not be a part of plans for economic revitalization, they should be protected to the full measure, not to acceptable measures, of safety.

Though Connecticut has done well, we have not eradicated the virus nor are we immune, and no child should bear lifelong symptoms or the death of a relative for their education.

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