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The 15-18 age group is being impacted the hardest during these times. We need to open the city and schools immediately. As a public high school chemistry teacher for 16 years, the past 2 months have been the scariest. There are reports that indicate that students are being abused by family members, raped by step-parents and/or uncles while others are just hungry. It is hard for students to reach

05/18/2020 Item 16 A out. Schools are the only safe place that some of my students have. That place is now gone, with no hope of when they can return.

The impact of my students' attempted suicides, suicides, and rape is very detrimental. How am I, as a teacher, going to face my classroom, knowing I could have saved them but it was safer for me to shelter at home. I ask of the City Council to please open the schools, so we can finish the school year!

I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting. Yes

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