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Comments:

On October 15th, the mayors of California's 13 largest cities signed a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom urging the state to consider reopening schools because they are "extremely concerned about the effects of prolonged distance learning and lack of access to in-person classroom resources on our children." The letter goes on to request "our state leaders to continue to be proactive, collaborative, and creative in finding pathways to providing critical education and services to our children." I encourage all of you to visit Pasadena Soul Cycle to see what getting creative looks like. They have 50 stationary bikes, 8 ft apart, under a tent. If Soul Cycle can return, why can't our kids? Shouldn't we be getting creative like Soul Cycle and allow schools to provide an in-person education in a similar way? Let's not wait to be "invited" to advocate for our kids. As Dr. Peggy Legault recently shared with council, "the harm we are doing to so many by keeping all kids out of school greatly outweighs the possible harm to the very few who might get seriously ill. Please re-evaluate your school closure policy and allow our children to get back to in-person education"

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Comments:

I would like to address the purpose of the school opening letters you received at the last council meeting as it was not meant as an attack on the PPHD to open schools. We understand that you are within certain limitations due to the state, the letters were asking you to advocate for school openings on the state level. Dr. Goh mentioned to the Vice Mayor that she has been advocating for gyms to open on the state level but no one in the Pasadena city government has committed to speaking out for our students. Nothing is more essential than our children's health and education. Each council meeting, Dr. Goh advises on the COVID numbers but leaves out other implications of the disease; learning regressions, anxiety, depression are a small snippet of the impact COVID-19 and should be considered in your number reporting. Numbers are starting to go up in cases because people are willing to put fear aside and live with the risks of COVID. It's time for you to speak out at the state level to open schools before the damage to the children is irreversible.

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Comments:

On October 30th Governor Newsom announced that his 4 school-aged children will be returning to in-person learning and will be in school IN PERSON full time this month. He is quoted as saying, "They're phasing back into school and we are phasing out of our very challenging distance learning that we've been doing, as so many parents are doing up and down the state." I cannot overstate how much that I and MANY other parents in Pasadena want to phase back to in person learning. In fact, 21 of California's 58 counties are offering some form of in-person instruction. I would think this would be possible for Pasadena considering we have our own health department that could be working with schools to get them open. We know Covid cases are going up and still MOST parents would choose to send their kids to school, knowing the risks involved. Again, parents could opt out and choose to keep their kids home. Listen to the pediatricians that have spoken, if not here is Newsom again, "We absolutely believe that the social-emotional learning that occurs in the classroom is the best place for our kids, certainly the best place for their parents as well."

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