



OpenSchoolsCA Calls School Reopening Law a Sham ***Says Only Executive Action Will Reopen Schools***

OAKLAND, CA – March 5, 2021 – In just one week, millions of children across California will mark a grim milestone, the one year anniversary of being shut out of their classrooms. California now [ranks 50th](#) amongst states in percentage of kids back in classrooms and yet there is no urgency from the one person who can open all schools today - Governor Newsom. OpenSchoolsCA issued the following statement upon the governor signing SB 86 into law:

“The bill signed today is yet another failed attempt to return a majority of California’s 6 million public school students to their classrooms.

Absent a mandate, the financial incentives [will not be enough](#) for many districts, especially large, urban ones, to open. By the April 1 deadline, thousands of classrooms across California will remain closed. Millions of students across California will likely remain in distance learning for this entire school year while districts across the country are moving from hybrid instruction to five full days as part of President Biden’s 100-day pledge to fully reopen schools.

Governor Newsom has the power and authority to follow the lead of Governors across the country who have prioritized kids and mandated a return to the classroom for all students in all grades, as recommended by the CDC. With the availability of vaccines for teachers, falling COVID rates, and the overwhelming evidence of the negative effects of distance learning and isolation, the choice is simple.”

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OpenSchoolsCA

OpenSchoolsCA is a group of parents from across California who are committed to public education and believe their children should have access to safe, in-person education.

OpenSchoolsCA believes in following the science—and the consensus by public health experts and medical and mental health professionals—which all tell us schools can be safely reopened with measures in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Learn more at

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