



## OpenSchoolsCA Calls Governor Newsom & Democrats Plan a “Failure”

### **Parents Demand Immediate Action**

OAKLAND, CA – March 1, 2021 – Just two weeks shy of the one year anniversary of nearly 6 million public school students being shut out of their classrooms, Governor Newsom and the legislature announced a deal to purportedly reopen schools – one that OpenSchoolsCA called a “failure.”

“The Governor and the legislature have once again neglected to provide a solution which opens all schools and all grades in California for in-person instruction,” said Scott Davison, a parent of one child in Carlsbad Unified School District and advocate with OpenSchoolsCA .

“This isn’t a breakthrough, it’s a failure. Make no mistake, there will still be closed schools and kids left behind a month from now and months afterwards until the Governor, legislature or the courts force them open,” said Pat Reilly, a parent of two students in Berkeley Unified School District and advocate with OpenSchoolsCA .

“Governor Newsom has said time and time again that his priority is to get kids back into the classroom immediately and that our COVID response strategy must follow the science — yet this so-called ‘deal’ does just the opposite,” said Ross Novie, parent of two children in the Los Angeles Unified School District and advocate with OpenSchoolsCA. “Again, we demand the governor take immediate executive action to reopen our schools for ALL children.”

OpenSchoolsCA further pointed out that science says it’s safe to reopen schools even at high levels of community spread as long as mitigation measures are in place, but under this plan, only TK-2 would open in many counties in the next month, if even by then. The group also said that most middle and high school students are effectively shut out completely even once counties enter the red tier, a level where CDC guidance says all K-12 should be back in classrooms.

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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 [www.OpenSchoolsCA.com](http://www.OpenSchoolsCA.com)*

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