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Dear Supervisor,

I, along with a diverse coalition of K-12 public, private and faith-based school leaders, parents, civic leaders and physicians, ask you to create a pathway to safely reopen schools in LA County.

I ask that you communicate with transparent, data-driven public health metrics that allow the public to understand when and under what conditions our schools can be opened.

I ask that you follow our state's reopening process immediately, beginning with our youngest learners in grades TK-3, who are having the most difficult time with distance education.

I ask that you follow a plan of phased re-openings for grades 4-8 and 9-12, that follow our state's public health and safety milestones and allow all of our children the option to be back in the classroom for in-person instruction.

I ask that you restore the LA County Department of Public Health's K-12 working group that allows education stake-holders to be part of the conversations and forces greater transparency for schools, families and the general public.

After nearly 7 months of isolation, students and their families are feeling the drastic effects of social, emotional, mental and instructional harm. Many working parents are not able to pay for childcare during the school day. Already, three quarters of families in South and East LA are experiencing income loss and food insecurity. And, LA Unified School District has reported a 14% drop in Kindergarten enrollment alone.

I know that not every school will be ready to open. And, I know that not every family will choose to send their children to school at this time. However, the waiver process will allow for education equity across neighborhoods and income levels and will improve learning for thousands of students.

I ask you to please consider this request for the good of our children, our families and our future.

Sincerely,