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To Whom It May Concern:

In order to reopen schools safely, it would have been necessary to start preparations back in March, with personal protective gear, dividers, creating provisions to maintain social distancing, etc, not to mention getting the wider pandemic under control through social distancing, contact tracing, testing, etc. None of these things have been done, so reopening schools in person would be creating ongoing superspreader events which would inevitably sacrifice the lives of many teachers, children and their families, which would be utterly unconscionable.

Other countries have managed to stabilize the epidemic and resume in person classes. We ought to be imitating them instead of blundering ahead with childish fantasies of our exceptionalism. The virus doesn't care, and will just carry on with its deadly business.

Until such time as we come to our senses and start treating this pandemic with the seriousness it deserves, all schooling should take place virtually.

Sincerely,

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