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**Subject:** A Public Comment on Rebecca Feiden's Recommendation to Issue COVID-19 In-Person Learning Guidance  
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Hello,

This email is in regards to the State Public Charter School Authority Board meeting tomorrow that will be discussing the potential choice to limit Nevada public charter school's autonomy to create and have approved plans for reopening schools safely. I am a teacher at Doral Academy of Northern Nevada and this will be my second year working at this exceptional school. It is my deeply rooted belief that by implementing this proposed plan to limit the reopening of schools based on the recommendation of Rebecca Feiden, who is based out of Clark County (Las Vegas), the board will be actively imposing an unfair and unequal sanction that will be detrimental to both the social and emotional and academic well-being of my school's student population. I say this as a teacher who is not completely comfortable returning to school, or going to the grocery store, or seeing my out-of-state family in person. Our administration at DANN have collectively put in an exceptional amount of work crafting a reopening plan that puts student and staff health and well-being first. These students deserve the chance to reenter society in a place that has taken their safety into account, and DANN is that place. Additionally, if the board accepts the proposed plan to limit my school's ability to reopen, they will be putting our students at an unfair disadvantage in that their peers in the Washoe County School District will not be operating under the same regulations. Ultimately, it would be unethical to hold public charter schools in the state of Nevada to a different standard than their public school district counterparts.

It is my hope that the board hears the voices of the teachers who reach out in opposition of Rebecca Feiden's plan.

Best,

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