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Hello,

Thank you for your thoughtful and extensive consideration navigating this pandemic for the safety of our teachers and children. After many months of distance learning and hybrid schedules, it really is taking a toll on the children. I have a son with severe special needs who cannot learn without one-on-one instruction. My 1st grader needs the social elements of being in the classroom just as much as the academics. His behavior has declined and he tells me every week how much he wishes he could go to school every day. My 4th grader is missing out on challenging academics as two days a week and two half hour zooms aren't enough to advance her knowledge.

It is time to reconsider, to put in other safeguards and to brainstorm how we can get these children back into full learning. I understand physical health is a priority but when the trade off is a child's mental health, I fear this is detrimental in the long run.

I pray your meeting is productive and you're able to find a solution that prioritizes children's mental health and education.

Thank you for your leadership in these unusual times. I realize these are tough decisions with huge impact.

Sincerely,
Megan Gibson

Sent from my iPhone