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To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for being open and willing to listen to the public.

Assessing risk can often be a challenge. We all assess risk on a daily basis. However, living does require accepting a reasonable amount of risk.

Utilizing past practices and extrapolating data, we know the following:

- Children are at low risk of complications from COVID and they are not super spreaders.
- COVID complications are comparable to the flu in children.
- Vaccines are available for the staff should they choose to take it.
- Those that have had COVID have immunological responses similar to the vaccine.

Knowing what we know and that we do have a vaccine that adults can choose to use (personal accountability and risk mitigation), I personally believe that the schools need to remain open because the COVID risk does not outweigh the benefit of attending school in-person for children. Being at a risk level on par or lower than the flu, I do not see the necessity of vaccinating children for something the teachers and parents can choose to be vaccinated for or check for antibodies to confirm at least a level of immunity.

I am also pretty risk averse and if the schools are worried about legal risk, an acknowledgement that parents could sign should be sufficient even though we never did that for any year prior.

Please do not confuse this for being "anti-vaccines". Given the data, this one doesn't make sense for many people at this time. Plus, if the vaccine is effective and if the data is accurate on COVID stats, a person can mitigate their personal risk.

Thank you again for your time.

Regards,

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