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I am incredibly troubled by the fact our public schools are still not open for in person classes. Most seem content to stay online for the rest of the 2020 calendar year if not the full school year. Elementary students are clearly impacted the most and are simply not learning anything in spite of their best efforts. Education is a basic right. We need to do better.

I know many parents who either need to go to work physically away from home or are working from home and can't help their young ones function. Many community group have tried to fill the gap with onsite group options but the kids are not engaging and it is not reasonable to expect elementary students to self direct their education.

Moreover, how is it really ok to have groups of kids at community centers and daycares while deeming it not safe to be in classrooms? The kids need to be in school.

Everyday we allow online school as a substitute for real education, we are further disadvantaging our kids compared to those in other states and countries. I have a few friends who have abandoned California so their kids will have a vibrant school year elsewhere. The education gap inflicted on our kids will be on display for all to see once we start doing standardized testing again. Let's get back to real education please.

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