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Dear Board of Education and Staff,

Please use the Supplemental Funds as they are supposed to be used, to level the playing field for disenfranchised students. In the news today, I saw that the "vulnerable students" will be prioritized to return to school as some of the first cohorts to return. This means that some of our most vulnerable students, and which are, those with the highest risk for COVID will be the first experimental students to return to school if things go how the state would like to see it happen.

There has not been enough training for all parents, students and staff for the district and we are not prepared to return. Until all the parents, students, teachers and all others who work in the district understand the importance of simple things like wearing masks, and following simple protocols like washing hands and why these are important - it will not be safe to return.

The district LCAP Supplemental Funds can and should be used to help these first cohort of students to return safely. A series of orientations is vital and necessary before students are allowed to return to school. These orientations should be bilingual and offered more than once, with the ability to Q&A a live nurse in all languages presented. A simple 15 minute video is not enough for everyone to understand why following good COVID protocol is important.

It can save lives. Please, I beg you, listen. DO NOT force us to send our children to school when the district is not ready. EVERYONE coming into contact with our children MUST be on the same page. Do not send our children out to be guinea pigs, this is a very dangerous disease. Make sure there are several orientations and that they are mandatory to attend. Many parents and others do not even believe this virus is real. There is still much work to be done, and consider the stress on the families. Have compassion please.

Sincerely,
Lupita Torres