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Dear Premier Moe:

I write to you today to insist that you urgently reconvene the Legislative Assembly for an emergency sitting to debate your government's return-to-school plan. It is incredibly important that we get this right, for the wellbeing of children and the community as a whole, as well as for the success of our economic reopening.

Your government had months to develop a return-to-school plan that would have ensured safety in our schools and provided the resources required to reduce class size. Instead, you committed no additional dollars to education in your post-COVID budget, then released a non-plan that provided no direction to parents, teachers, and families. The shortcomings of your plan have not gone unnoticed by Saskatchewan families and educators. We now see the school year delayed and school divisions scrambling to put the pieces together before classes resume. We are still without clear guidance on outbreaks and phases, clear direction on mask use or any action on addressing the need for improvements in ventilation.

The current plan is inadequate to keep students, teachers and staff safe this fall. If you truly believe that your government's management of the return-to-school plan has been appropriate, I trust you will have no reservations about reconvening the legislature to defend your government's record on the floor of the Legislative Assembly.

This reopening of the legislature to debate the safe return to school would also allow the assembly to pass much-needed legislation on suicide prevention. It would further allow for a fiscal update that includes the financial projections your government chose to omit from this year's budget.

I look forward to receiving your positive response and to engaging in serious debate on the urgent issue of reopening Saskatchewan schools safely.

Sincerely,

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