

# Request for Remote Public Input for House Select Committee on COVID-19 Public Comments Report - LINC

Date Submitted	Category	Name	Comments
04/17/2020 11:20 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs Misty Franklin	Open up NC
04/18/2020 12:16 AM	Education Working Group	Cindy Jones	PLEASE REOPEN NC
04/18/2020 05:39 AM	Education Working Group	Mr Ken Overholt	<p>It is fine for our government to make suggestions on how we American citizens live our lives but they should not be placing us under house arrest or driving businesses to shutdown or forcing us to lose our means of income to buy food, pay rent, etc. by forcing businesses to lay us off. This is America, not a Communist country. Let us make our own choices.</p> <p>Those of us who are at higher risk can choose to stay home if we like while others should be able to choose to live our lives. The economic and life-impacting consequences of the mandates that the one branch of our government has forced upon us are far worse than the consequences of not having these mandates.</p>
04/18/2020 06:01 AM	Education Working Group	Education Budget Gloria Craig	Stop playing around with what education. I truly think the past 30 days has shown everyone how important education is - not only the pressures facing teachers/support staff but need to keep improving technical/coping skills for community to handle sudden shifts. Please compromise for a budget to pay the staff of these schools and to improve buildings/equipment for the students moving forward. They are our future and deserve all available resources so they can be better than us. Please help them grown and show them that being responsible means to do what's best overall for the greater good instead for a selection of the population. Thank you
04/18/2020 07:49 AM	Education Working Group	Ms. Michelle Green	<p>Please do not re-open the schools until next school year. Please do not re-open daycare centers or preschools until next school year. It has been shown that children are asymptomatic, but think about this: if their parents/grandparents caregivers wind up sick or dying of the disease, won't the system be flooded with additional emergency service needs for extra health care services as a result? Food, shelter, unemployment, foster care placement, child abuse, homelessness, etc. Waiting until August will allow all of the community to benefit. Then think about the teachers, school administrators, school secretaries, cafeteria workers, school custodians, etc, who also have families. Imagine a child finding out their teacher died as a result of COVID-19 and they may have infected them. That will have much more lasting trauma than missing a few months of school. Listen, children will learn just fine, they are not missing out. When the time comes, teachers, being the heroes that they are, will step up and make sure they learn. Right now we need our children, parents, teachers, and school personnel to be safe for when that time comes.</p> <p>College students are doing fine. This generation was ready to learn online. It might be more difficult for some, but not for most. I am the parent of two children in college right now and they don't like the new online classes, they are attempting to make it work. I am more concerned about increasing their anxiety and fears of infecting themselves and others than whether or not they get to be on a college campus to learn. But I know that is not the case for everyone, so I also recommend that you give these students a break;</p>

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			automatically give a simple incomplete to any failing students this year if they are not doing well in the online class so they don't suffer as a result. This will give them a chance to raise their gpa later while also not letting their academic record suffer as a result. I think that's fair since the government was not equipped to handle this transition. They took a step to improve their lives and they deserve support and understanding in this unprecedented time, not punishment.
04/18/2020 08:39 AM	Education Working Group	Keep Stay-at-home Order Tenée Miller	I am an educator in NC. Please keep and extend the stay-at-home order until it is safe to return to work/activities. Please follow science and protect citizens!
04/18/2020 09:07 AM	Education Working Group	Dr. Eugenia Baker	Please close our schools for the remainder of this school year. Please only slowly reopen NC following federal guidelines.
04/18/2020 09:30 AM	Education Working Group	Open up our state again! Tracie Dawson	NC has been "closed" long enough! The original goal was to slow the spread so that hospitals would not be overwhelmed. Our hospitals sit nearly empty; doctors' offices are only treating urgent needs. And medical workers are just waiting to be utilized. Meanwhile, children are suffering from a lack of education, social interaction, physical activity, and in the worst cases, abusive and depressed parents who are overwhelmed. ENOUGH! We did what you asked, now it's time to get back to living. We are more afraid of what this lockdown is doing to society than of this virus! People are losing entire businesses and a way of life. You have taken too much and we allowed it for a short time. We are ready to get back to our churches, jobs, schools, and way of life. We will not stop the virus entirely and it is foolish to even try under these intense restrictions you have put in place! People can only do this for so long before these steps create new public health issues such as domestic violence, substance abuse, depression, suicide, child abuse, homelessness, and poverty. We don't expect the government to "save" us nor should you even try!! We wanted to be smart and slow the spread and educate people about the risks of transmissibility and that has been accomplished. WE KNOW! Now, we need our life back and demand our freedom back!
04/18/2020 11:37 AM	Education Working Group	Mr. Geoffrey Berry	It is my belief that we should remain in quarantine with access to food and essential businesses until we have numerical evidence of cases declining in NC for at least two weeks, then add up to 2-4 weeks of safety net. I am a teacher, and I dearly miss my students and our classroom. This has been tough for all of us, but we now have a robust distance learning in place. I would love to be back in the classroom now, but not for the sake of ease of lifestyle. To try and go back before we have evidence of a true decline in COVID-19 feels like a mistake for all of society. I hope the state of NC can give small business and self-employed citizens relief as well. Corporate businesses can survive, but our community businesses may not. Thank you for your consideration.
04/18/2020 12:21 PM	Education Working Group	Mrs. Diana Boseman	Please continue to keep us under stay-at-home orders. The economy is important, but life is more important.
04/18/2020 01:47 PM	Education Working Group	Ms Mara Corter	I'll be staying home until medical professionals and public health officials deem it safe to return to work. Not politicians worried about their re-election chances.