

## Write the Story that Matters to You

In one month or less, we expect a number of schools operating in-person will experience severe outbreaks and will have to implement quarantine procedures or close. Nearly every school will either be forced to go virtual-only or will be pressured by members of government and community members to continue in-person education, putting students and teachers at direct risk. Periodic quarantines and school shut-downs and re-openings will create child-care issues for most parents, putting additional stress on businesses and their employees.

The purpose of education is to facilitate learning amongst students and teachers and invest in humanity's ability to grow in the future. This investment must be supported by education policy that is premised on the concept that everyone is simultaneously a teacher and a student in each interaction (whether in school or outside of school) - that each individual wants to learn and has innate and indispensable information that they must contribute to the world. Because educational policy, on any level, is not built on this core concept, students' educational environment is inflexible and their ability to learn up to their capacity is limited. This is why, five months after schools have closed in the US, our country still doesn't have an effective, coordinated plan to safely reopen schools.

**We ask you now to provide your readers with on-the-ground examples of the human experience of reopening schools, the questions that are being asked by students, and their administrators, teachers, and parents. Please include an unbiased analysis of any relevant plans from any available source with the goal of facilitating education and safely reopening schools.**

Our evaluation is that individual school districts need additional information and funding to implement programs to provide for the unique needs of their students. In service of this goal, we have put together a plan to [Keep Teachers Teaching](#) - and we invite you to [register](#) to attend our upcoming webinar, scheduled on August 12 at 11 AM PDT in which we will discuss our approach. Attached is a presentation summarizing our plan for your review that will be referenced in our webinar.

This is us asking you to write what you want to write.