

#### 100 DAYS INTO BIDEN TERM CALIFORNIA PARENTS ISSUE AN SOS

# Millions of Kids Across California Remain Locked Out of Their Classrooms With No Hope of a Return

(OAKLAND, CA – April 30, 2021) OpenSchoolsCA issued the following statement to mark the first 100 days of President Biden's administration:

"As President Biden celebrates a list of accomplishments in his first 100 days, his promise that a 'majority of schools can be open' has not materialized for students across California due to a lack of leadership by state and local leaders. The federal and state government have allocated funds to school districts, teachers have been prioritized for and received vaccinations and yet a majority of California's 6 million public school students are still learning remotely.

California now has the <u>lowest Covid rates</u> of the entire country, and yet also has the <u>highest percentage</u> of kids still in distance learning. Additionally, a just released PPIC poll showed that more than 80% of Californians believe K-12 students are falling behind this year. It is clear that Governor Newsom and the legislature find it perfectly acceptable to have California children fall behind kids in other states and have California rank dead last for returning kids to classrooms.

We are sending President Biden, Dr. Jill Biden and Secretary Cardona an urgent SOS with less than a month left in school for some California students. We need help and we need it now. Please urge California's state and local leaders to get our children back into the classroom like schoolchildren in every other state across the nation."

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#### **OpenSchoolsCA**

OpenSchoolsCA is a group of parents from across California who are committed to public education and believe their children should have access to safe, in-person education. OpenSchoolsCA believes in following the science—and the consensus by public health experts and medical and mental health professionals—which all tell us schools can be safely reopened with measures in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Learn more at <a href="https://www.openSchoolsCA.com">www.openSchoolsCA.com</a>

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