



Congresswoman Hinson's Reopen Schools Act

Congresswoman Hinson's legislation would condition state COVID relief grants for education on schools reopening so that students can get back in the classroom safely.

- In December, Congress sent states \$54 billion dollars for K-12 schools to reopen safely. Rep. Hinson's bill would ensure this money is used for its intended purpose, so that students can get back in the classroom safely and soon.
- In-person learning can be done safely with the right precautions and safety measures. That is why Congress specifically appropriated this funding to ensure schools can reopen while keeping students and teachers safe.
- The science says students should return to the classroom.
 - The CDC has confirmed that K-12 schools are not a high transmission environment. Young kids have an extremely low infection rate, a low transmission rate, and a low rate of serious illness from COVID-19.
- Unfortunately, only one-third of K-12 schools across the country currently have an in-person learning option available for students. As a result, kids' mental health is deteriorating.
 - Students should be socializing with their peers and in a classroom environment. Child depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges are surging.
- While Iowa has led the way on this issue, recently mandating that schools offer an in-person option, both parents and children across this nation continue to suffer due to the challenges of this long-term lockdown.
 - Virtual learning is not a viable option for every student – children and their parents in rural areas face unique barriers to online learning.
- It's unfortunate that Democrats wouldn't even consider this legislation – doing the right thing for students should not be a partisan issue.
- This is a disservice to students and families across the country who are suffering because of this pandemic lockdown. Congress should be working in a bipartisan way to provide targeted help.