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## i hate that the school/covid situation is framed as 'reopen schools.' schools ARE open. schools ARE meeting, daily. teachers are working their asses off to make online teaching work. schools. are. open.

the question is when can schools meet in person and start face to face learning.

when you frame it as 'face to face learning' or 'in person learning' it exposes what the REAL problem is. face to face/in person shit is NOT OK RIGHT NOW.

and with that we get the entire avalanche of real problems. some kids are NOT adjusting to online learning well. some kids need resources that online learning can't give. all human beings need to be around other human beings.

AND--it's not safe to be around other human beings in enclosed rooms right now. AND there's variants running rampant throughout our communities and those variants THRIVE in out of control rampant conditions. AND we're on our way to losing 500,000 people to this crap.

when you sit with the REAL problems on the table, you have to look at far different solutions than you do when you put 'schools aren't open' on the table. well, open them back up again, is NOT an answer. sorry, it's not.

the real problem on the table is *can we bring people into rooms for face to face learning in a safe way that protects against both infection AND new variants forming*.

and i don't think you can begin to answer that question without talking about a massive influx of money such that at LEAST 1. PPE is available, 2. vaccines are available 3. class size is limited 4. ventilation systems are fixed, ESP in aging schools. at LEAST.

This is NOT OK. this is NOT a plan.

https://t.co/qWD4q8czek

> My district: teachers should now double mask.
> Also, we\u2019ve lifted all social distancing requirements for kids, are restarting clubs & sports, and we\u2019d like you to supervise unmasked indoor lunch hour.
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> — towntaker (@towntaker) January 29, 2021

what is the safest way to transition from online learning to in person learning while in the middle of unchecked pandemic?

This is not ok. It's not. if you are pushing to get face to face learning back, then you BETTER be demanding PPE, smaller class size, fixing vents, and hiring more trained janitors too. (something that doesn't get talked about enough).

https://t.co/Vwke2CX6ik

> And in many states, schools are open in person. Texas has made it nearly impossible for public schools to move fully online by cutting funding to remote learning days. My mom is a teacher and got COVID recently, likely from school where her students aren't required to mask.
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> — Tha\xeds \U0001f1e7\U0001f1f7 \U0001f496\U0001f49c\U0001f499 (@thais_cdm) January 29, 2021

and you better *REQUIRE MASKING FOR EVERYBODY*.