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Re: Vaccination priority for teachers, school administrators and staff

Dear Governor Newsom,

As Executive Director of California IT in Education (CITE), I write to urge your Administration to prioritize the vaccination of K-12 and early education teachers, administrators and staff in order to get our state's public schools and early learning and care centers fully reopened.

As California prepares for a phased-in vaccination schedule with frontline healthcare workers and congregate care residents and employees in the initial phase, **the state should next prioritize K-12 and early education teachers, administrators, and classified employees.** This is consistent with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

School closures have had a negative impact on our children, particularly those from lower income families. As you have stated, reopening schools is also a crucial first-step in an economic recovery. One way to expedite school reopening is to ensure the health and safety of the education workforce. Prioritizing educators and school staff is a vital step towards that goal.

CITE and its members stand ready to work with your Administration to ensure a successful, equitable rollout of the COVID-19 vaccination.

If I can provide any additional information, please have your staff contact me.

Sincerely,



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cc: *Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins*
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