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No Excuses for the Governor on School Reopenings

President Biden's CDC director says schools are safe to open without vaccinating teachers

SALEM, Ore. – Several weeks ago, Governor Kate Brown promised Oregonians that schools would reopen by February 15. She even jumped vulnerable seniors in the vaccine line to make it happen. Since making that decision, she has taken no responsibility to deliver on that promise. Oregon families and students are suffering from school closures, but now she has no reason to ignore their pleas for help.

This week, President Biden's CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, [announced](#) that the "vaccination of teachers is not a prerequisite to the safe reopening of schools."

"The science is coming into focus. Schools can safely reopen without teachers getting vaccinated," said Senate Republican Leader, Fred Girod (R-Lyons). "The Governor needs to deliver on her promise to reopen schools. This will help us begin a truly equitable distribution of vaccines by inoculating our seniors who are most vulnerable to this virus. She has 10 days to deliver on her promise to kids and families. It is not enough for her to talk about schools reopening and then sit back to watch school districts handle it. They need the state's support. It's time for her to bring the teacher's unions to the table and deliver on that promise. She is the Superintendent of Oregon Schools – she should act like it."

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