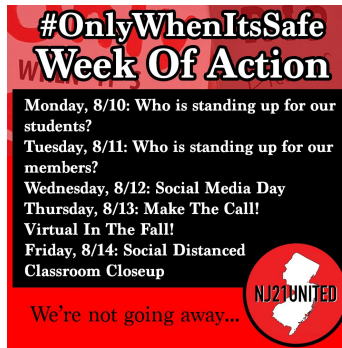


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Educators, school staff members, students, parents, and community members around the state have been expressing their concerns about schools actually being safe for face-to-face learning in September. After a statewide discussion, consensus was built around some key points.

- 1) Instead of starting in-person learning this September, all schools should be focused on a [phased-in approach](#) that allows educators, school staff members, parents, and students focus on making sure proper sanitation protocols and training are in place, including “Right to Know” trainings, professional development for trauma informed learning, and robust remote learning. Relationships need to be established between families and staff to support our students for the 2020/2021 school year even before buildings are opened.
- 2) School buildings should not reopen for in-person instruction until we have reached a benchmark of 14 days with no new cases.
- 3) All local associations must be equally represented on school reopening committees.
- 4) All school staff and students are provided with necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- 5) New Jersey must apply for an additional ESSA waiver for standardized testing for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 6) The state continues to uphold a moratorium on new charter schools and extends that moratorium to include the expansion of existing charter schools.

We only have one chance to get it right. One life lost will be one too many.



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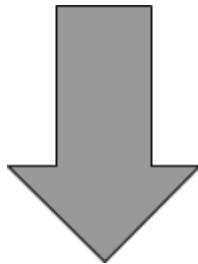
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Sign up to join our Action planning calls - Monday and Tuesday

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/nj21united-onlywhenitssafe-classroom-close-up-planning>

All Week:



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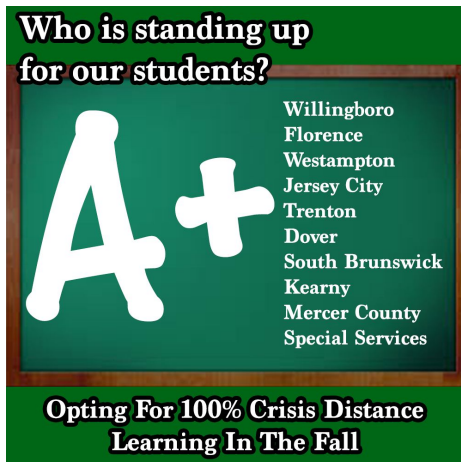
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Monday August 10th



Who is standing up for our students?
*Districts that intend to have a remote start to
the school year*

Send Positive Notes

Copy and paste the following thank you email message to each of the [following districts](#): Willingboro, Florence, Westampton, Jersey City, Trenton, Dover, South Brunswick, Kearny, & Mercer County Special Services. You can send them all at once by typing all of the email addresses into the BCC: field.

[Share the video posted](#) on the fan page with all of the district names.

Thank You Email Message

To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to take this opportunity to reach out and personally thank you for electing to go 100% remote for the beginning of this school year. Since there is still so much we don't know about this virus, I feel that you have made the right decision to prioritize the health and wellbeing of our district and community by keeping the school buildings closed. I'm sure you agree that it is imperative we wait until our medical experts have the scientific data to support a safe return, so that we don't jeopardize the lives of our students and staff. I sincerely appreciate the efforts that you and your staff are making to ensure that crisis-distance-learning is an example of best practices and reflects the lessons we learned in the Spring. It is evident that you have the best interests of our children and staff in mind and to that end, are working to support the social and emotional needs of all. Thank you again for making the right decision as we all fight to control the spread of this disease. Sincerely,

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Tuesday August 11th



Who is standing up for our members?

AND

Who is NOT standing up for our members?

County Education Associations that HAVE made a public statement against opening school buildings in September

Atlantic	Bergen	Burlington
Camden	Cumberland	Essex
Gloucester	Mercer	Morris
Passaic	Salem	Somerset
Ocean	Sussex	

*If you are a member of one of these counties, send them a quick thank-you email using the following message.

Thank you email message

To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to take this opportunity to reach out and personally thank you for standing up for our members and advocating for us to go 100% remote this school year. Since there is still so much we don't know about this virus, it is vital that we prioritize the health and wellbeing of our county and its communities by keeping the school buildings closed. I'm sure you agree that it is imperative we wait until our medical experts have the scientific data to support a safe return, so that we don't jeopardize anyone's lives. It is evident that you have our best interests in mind and so I want to express my sincere appreciation of your support as we work together to fight against the re-opening of our school buildings.

Sincerely,



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County Education Associations that HAVE NOT made a public statement against opening school buildings in September.

Hudson Andrea Pastore apastore@njea.org andrpast@yahoo.com	Hunterdon Sue Vala svala@njea.org	Middlesex Lois Yukna lyunka@njea.org	Monmouth Denise King dking@mceanj.com
		Union Lisa Palin ldpalin@gmail.com	Warren Valerie Reynolds reynoldsvnj07832@gmail.com

County office contact information: <https://www.njea.org/county-presidents-offices/>

Are you a member in one of these counties? Call your county office or contact the county president.
Ask when they will be releasing a statement.

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Blanket Social Media
Action for Wednesday, 8/12

Get on social media and get those hashtags trending:
#OnlyWhenItsSafe
#ProtectOurFamilies
#RefuseToReturn
#ClassroomCloseup



Wednesday August 12th
Blanket Social Media to Increase Pressure

'Power Hours'

9-10 AM

12-1 PM

7-8 PM

Use this [Facebook Frame](#) for your profile AND use these [Example Tweets](#) on Twitter

Targets:

New Jersey @NJGov

Governor Murphy @PhilMurphyNJ

Lt Governor Sheila Oliver @LtGovOliver

NJ Department of Health @njdeptofhealth

NJ Department of Education @NewJerseyDOE

NJ Department of Community Affairs @NJDCA

NJ Department of Children and Families @NJDCF

Tammy Murphy @FirstLadyNJ

#ClassroomCloseup #OnlyWhenItsSafe

Expose the reality of what a COVID classroom looks like!



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Thursday August 13th

*Let's Make the Call,
Virtual for All in the Fall!*

1. Call Governor Murphy's Office - 609-292-6000

"Hello, my name is _____ and I live/work in _____. I would like to express my concerns to this office about Governor Murphy's announcement regarding remote learning. Specifically, Governor Murphy's updated plan requires districts to prove that their school environments are unsafe before allowing them to opt for a remote reopening. We must keep all school buildings closed to continue to fight back against Covid-19. Data and information about the virus is still being collected and there is too much that we do not know. We should not be putting our students, our staff, or any of their family members in potentially life-threatening situations. We need to reopen 100% remotely while maintaining everyone's safety. Thank you."

2. Email your Obituary to Governor Murphy using the following template (add personal details if you would like) and let him know that you would like your obituary shared during one of his press conferences, should you succumb to COVID-19 as a result of schools reopening for in-person learning in the fall.

"[Name], [years] of age passed away after a battle with the COVID-19 virus. [Name] was born on [birthdate] in [place of birth]. [He/she/they] is survived by [spouse, parents, children]. [Name] was a [school position] at the [district name] for [number] of years."

3. Call NJEA Office (609)599-4561 or send an email with same message

Marie Blistan mblistan@njea.org Sean Spiller sspiller@njea.org Steve Beatty sbeatty@njea.org

"My name is ___(name)_____, and I work in ___(district)____. I would like to leave a message for ___(Marie, Sean, Steve)____. I appreciate that NJEA officers have advocated for safe schools, including a call for a remote start to the 2020/2021 school year, but I still have concerns. Now that Governor Murphy has announced that the state will allow a virtual start for districts that are unable to meet a minimum standard of safety and health, how are we making sure that districts that plan to open buildings are truthfully meeting the minimum standards and how are we going to stop districts from bringing students and staff into buildings that are not? Thank you!"



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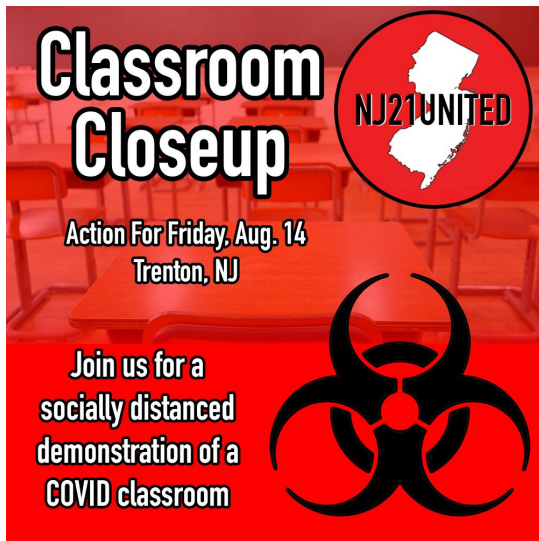
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Friday August 14th

*Car Caravan &
Classroom Close-up*

*Share the sign up link with your colleagues so we can get a tentative count and share more information

<https://bit.ly/NJ21CarCaravan>



Our Week of Action culminates with a Car Caravan and Classroom Close-up in Trenton! The ultimate decision to continue remote learning lies with Governor Murphy and the Department of Education, and they need to hear our voices! To make sure they do, we will decorate our cars with #OnlyWhenItsSafe signage, car markers, flags, and anything else you can think of.

When: Friday, August 14, 2020 at 11:00 am

Where to meet: Meet in the parking lot outside the Department of Education at 11:00 am on August 14th.

**You may have heard of NJEA's Classroom Close Up;
But what is NJ21's Classroom CloseUp?**

We will show the media and the public the realities of a COVID-19 classroom and how this virus could potentially affect our staff and students. When participants sign up for the car caravan (using the above link), additional details about the Classroom Close-Up will be shared via email.



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