



March 3, 2021

The Honorable Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas  
Post Office Box 12428  
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Dear Governor Abbott:

The Plano Independent School District Board of Trustees and Superintendent are writing to urge you to prioritize access to a coronavirus vaccine for the 363,000 Texas public school teachers by including teachers in the most immediate eligibility group. We believe teachers are front-line workers, as they serve the 5.5 million students in K – 12 public schools, and Texas teachers need your help.

As noted on the Texas Education Agency website, “teachers are the most important in-school factor affecting student outcomes.” We agree, and our goal is to have all students back in school with their teachers in a face-to-face setting. To achieve that goal safely for all involved, we need our teachers to have the opportunity to receive a vaccine.

Currently, the following 28 states and the District of Columbia offer vaccinations for K – 12 teachers:

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|------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| Alabama    | Hawaii   | Michigan     | Oregon        |
| Alaska     | Idaho    | Minnesota    | Pennsylvania  |
| Arizona    | Illinois | Nebraska     | Tennessee     |
| Arkansas   | Iowa     | Nevada       | Utah          |
| California | Kansas   | New York     | Virginia      |
| Colorado   | Kentucky | North Dakota | West Virginia |
| Delaware   | Maryland | Ohio         | Wyoming       |

As Texas now has a process in place to widely distribute a coronavirus vaccine, we respectfully request that you include teachers in the most immediate eligibility group. This will ensure that

all teachers are safe from infection to return to the classroom as soon as possible, which allows school districts across the state to get all students back to the classroom.

Sincerely,



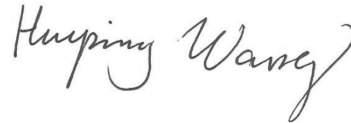
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