

Dear Education Chair and Committee,

My name is Ian Reimer. I am currently an 8th grade student at Wheatridge Middle School in Gardner, KS. I have been advocating for my school to be back in person all year and this is the bill that could help make that happen. I left school on March 12, 2020 for spring break. Our district finally decided to go hybrid February 8, 2021. I stepped foot back into my middle school building 334 days since I left. To date I have only been in person 3 times. The rest of my schooling has been completely online.

Online schooling is not beneficial. Engaging discussions and in depth learning experiences are gone. My 11 year old brother and I deserve a better education. All students deserve a better education. Kids are suffering both academically and mentally. Please be our voice. I urge you to fight for us and put us back to school full time.

Sincerely,

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