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Dear Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton,

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to protecting Ohioans during the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the next few weeks, as you continue to develop and release guidance regarding essential steps needed to prevent additional spikes in COVID-19 cases, we implore you to promptly address the concerns of school districts.

Like many public and private entities across Ohio, our public school districts are faced with great uncertainty as they plan to re-open in the fall. Schools bear a unique responsibility of educating our children throughout the year and are crucial to the future of our state. So far, school districts across the state have made incredible adjustments to their operations in order to continue to educate students and provide resources, including counseling and meals. However, as districts prepare for the upcoming school year beginning Fall 2020, there are many questions about what the essential steps and guidance will be for them to operate in the Fall.

Therefore, we urge you to promptly develop and issue the necessary guidance and requirements for K-12 schools pertaining to issues such as but not limited to:

- Physical closeness
- Temperature testing to students, teachers, and parents
- Safely busing students to and from school; Sanitation protocols
- Rules about sports

School districts will require this type of information, and the sooner it is provided, the sooner they can start to prepare for full demands of educating our children in the upcoming school year.

We strongly believe that our children are one of the most precious resources in our world and extremely important to the future prosperity of our state. While we continue to express our gratitude for your leadership up to this point, we urge you to respond to our concerns and provide certainty for our children and the communities which our school districts serve.

Sincerely,



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