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Via Email

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Dear Governor Newsom, Dr. Duardo and Dr. Ferrer:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes commends your efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of the public, including our youths and school families, in responding to this unprecedented public health crisis.

As we navigate the Roadmap to Recovery, the City remains in close contact with our partners in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. We are writing today to state our concurrence with the myriad concerns raised by Dr. Alex Cherniss and other superintendents throughout Los Angeles County regarding state and county school reopening plans.

We recognize the immense challenges that come with bringing students and teachers back to school in a manner that is safe and will reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. However, it must be acknowledged that many of these measures are likely to be unattainable, and that our schools lack the funding and resources needed to implement them.

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These guidelines will have a profound impact on the lives of students, families and teachers in our City, and we cannot afford to overlook the practical considerations of their on-the-ground implementation.

We urge you to revisit these reopening guidelines and to address head-on the concerns raised by our school administrators, parents and educators.

Sincerely,



**John Cruikshank**  
Mayor

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