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Dr. Robert R. Redfield M.D.
Director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
1600 Clifton Road, NE,
Atlanta, GA 30333

Dear Dr. Redfield:

As you develop recommendations for prioritizing essential workers for vaccinations, **I urge you to include teachers and school personnel in Phase 1B.**

If it was ever up for debate before, this pandemic has made it clear once and for all that our classroom teachers are essential. Although teachers have gone above and beyond to teach their students during distance learning, school closures have been one of the most consequential and painful aspects of this pandemic. Kids are falling behind, and parents are struggling to juggle their own jobs and supervise their children's education.

Teachers want to get back to their classrooms, and some already are. But many of them are in high risk groups that are most vulnerable to this virus and others live with family members who are at high risk. We need to reopen our schools, and that means vaccinating our teachers as soon as possible.

We need teachers back in their classrooms. They are essential to our kids, our families, and our economy. Our nation's vaccine distribution plan should reflect that fact. I urge you to include teachers and school personnel in Phase 1B of our vaccination effort.

Sincerely,

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