Dear OEA Member:

Today, OEA joined together with the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA), the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA), the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA), and the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts (OAESD) to release a set of joint set of guiding principles that K-12 districts should follow when asking staff to return to work.

These joint guidelines, which have the support of the Oregon Department of Education and the Office of Governor Kate Brown, are aimed at addressing the most common concerns we have heard from our K-12 educators.

It is our hope that by bringing together the education stakeholder groups that represent much of our K-12 public education community and agreeing to this set of guiding principles, we can ensure that student needs are being met while protecting the safety of district staff.

I know that this guidance will not answer every question that you have, but I do hope that it can provide you with some additional certainty during a time of widespread uncertainty.

OEA will continue to work with our education partners, elected leaders, and state agencies to advocate for Oregon’s students and educators. We know there is still work to do, and additional problems that will require our attention. We are committed to standing with you all through this crisis. Please continue to work with your local OEA staff as problems arise, and please do not hesitate to continue reaching out to me with your questions and concerns.

Thank you,

John Larson