

## Parent Action Kit to Communicate with the Illinois General Assembly

**Directions:** Copy and paste the message below in the form of an email to your senator and representative. To find the email address to your senator [click here](#). To find the email address to your representative [click here](#). It is recommended that you do not change the message below. It is important that a consistent and clear message is sent to the Illinois General Assembly that communities throughout the state of Illinois are requesting local control of the protocols regarding COVID-19 safety measures.

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### Email Communication to Illinois General Assembly

Dear **Insert Senator or Representative Name Here:**

This past year has been a challenging time for communities throughout the entire state of Illinois. Thank you for your leadership during the pandemic in terms of the guidance and resources used to support the work our schools do at a local level. There is no doubt that you personally have taken on several challenges in your role, and like local school leaders, many of these challenges had no clear winning outcomes. We hope to continue to have your support during this upcoming school year to ensure the safety of our students and communities while providing a high-quality educational experience.

The purpose of this letter is to request local control in the implementation of COVID-19 safety measures and protocols utilized within each school district. We believe that local boards of education and superintendents are best positioned and capable of planning reasonable and safe approaches to educate the students of our communities. The past 16 months have provided our local leaders with ample experience and knowledge to lead locally with your support.

We write to you to ask for your support in local district implementation. The guidance provided must not be a one-size-fits-all solution. Illinois is a large, diverse state filled with diverse school districts that educate students with unique needs and different barriers to learning. A plan that may be sensible and effective in one school district may not be sensible and effective in other districts. With your support, we can make the upcoming school year a memorable one that will help get education back-on-track by recovering learning loss, providing social-emotional support, and keeping our communities safe.

Please consider allowing local control of school districts in terms of COVID-19 safety measures.

Sincerely,

**Insert Your Name Here.**