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# COMPTROLLER MYCHAJLIW STATEMENT ON GETTING ALL SCHOOLS BACK OPEN

(Buffalo) – “Schools need to be fully open. Kids must be returned to the classroom. Now. NYS moved the COVID restriction goalposts yet again for schools. Children ordered to be three feet apart only in areas with low transmission rates. This is not about the health and safety of our kids or communities. These arbitrary restrictions, not based on science or logic, is about power and control.

COVID is such a smart disease that it won't infect people in bars at 10:59 PM, but one minute later it's lethal. COVID won't spread to children at three feet apart in schools, but they're highly susceptible if kids come close to someone that's two feet, eleven inches away.

Students have suffered enough. Forced lockdowns of children for over a year induced far more damage than COVID. So called county leaders are spineless. They don't have the heart to stand up to NYS and fight for children to get them all back in school.”

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