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We are now approaching the new school year with rising infection rates that make in-person schooling an impossibly risky proposition, and children, who were already deprived of the final two and a half months of learning in the last school year, are facing yet more ineffective and disheartening online schooling in the Fall. Some of our County's most at-risk students may never fully recover from this learning setback and will suffer diminished economic, social, and health outcomes for the rest of their lives.

The state's protocols and health metrics for safely re-opening schools are clear. Schools can deal with the protocols, but only the County has the tools to get the health metrics down to the level that will safely allow in-person schooling. What is the County's strategic plan — with necessary emergency health orders, enforcement, communication, and with progress targets and a timeline — for reducing new infections to a level that will get and keep Contra Costa off of the state watch list, so that children can resume in person education?