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COUNCILMEMBER CATE RELEASES ON-CAMPUS, OFF-CAMPUS SOLUTIONS FOR FAMILIES ***Quality Education and Safety for All Remains Paramount in Pro-Kids, Pro-Family Choice Proposal***

San Diego, CA: The global COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically affected the way we all work, conduct business, parent, and learn. Unfortunately, the most impacted of our population are students, who, as a result of public health orders, were required to quarantine, stay away from their friends, quit sports and clubs, and distance learn for the remainder of the year with the hope of returning to class and normalcy after summer break.

Sadly, on July 13th, the San Diego Unified School District announced that it would not open schools for in-person learning for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Upon receiving this news, families across San Diego began frantically scrambling to enroll their children in private and parochial schools. However, on July 17th, Governor Newsom issued an order preventing all schools in counties on the Monitoring List, including San Diego County, from conducting in-person learning without a waiver, again sending parents and teachers into a panic to figure out how to provide quality education and safety to children for the foreseeable future.

In response to the concerns being voiced by parents and teachers, Councilmember Cate is proposing a host of solutions both for in-person and distance learning to ensure students receive the quality education they are entitled to, parents are able to go to work and provide for their families knowing their children are being supervised, and teachers have flexibility in the way they serve their students.

“District 6 residents are served by two school districts, seven high schools, eight middle schools, and 24 elementary schools. As a father myself, I understand the struggle families are going through right now with ensuring their children are receiving a quality education. As legislators, we must ensure we provide as many options as possible, therefore, allowing parents to make the best decision for their family, and their children,” stated Chris Cate, San Diego City Councilmember.

Chris Cate serves as Chair of the City of San Diego’s Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations Committee and has sent his proposal to the San Diego Unified School District. Tonight, the Board will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. to discuss [several items](#), where Councilmember Chris Cate will be submitting his non-agenda public comment to voice his concerns and present his proposal.

View Councilmember Cate’s full proposal here: <https://bit.ly/2X2udD5>

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