

Stimulus:

Government officials will convene again shortly to determine whether or not the nationwide school closure will remain in effect after February 12th. You have a strong opinion on this issue, either for or against, and believe that you have a valuable perspective that you would like to share with your state's governor prior to the meeting. Write a text in which you describe the effects of the school closure, explain your point of view, and argue why you think the governor should support your position.

Handwrite 450-600 words.

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Dear Governor,

I am writing to express my opinion on the suitable government decision on the nationwide school closure. The growing number of coronavirus cases is certainly concerning, however, a prolonged school closure in response to the virus will give rise to more issues. exacerbate the problems of ^{the} decline in students' ~~health~~ mental health, ^{the} decline in effectiveness of teaching and ^{the} increase in misconduct in ^{on} ~~assessment~~ school assessments. Thus, I urge the ~~government~~ ^{Governor} to consider reopening the schools.

Clear Position

Great overview of points

Since the school closure started, the mental health of students has become a serious issue due to the lack of human contact. Four out of five of my classmates have expressed feelings of loneliness and anxiety, while before the school closure, this was not prevalent. Teaching, the ~~most~~ essential function of schools, has decreased in effectiveness due to the closure, too. Study ^{ies} shows that the average pace of teaching has ~~it~~ slowed down 30% as classes moved

A possibility is to make it compulsory to wear ~~medical masks~~ and for students and school faculty to wear medical masks and for schools to keep all windows open for ventilation.

online, because teachers and students are unable to ~~communicate~~ interact ~~smoothly~~ in virtual classrooms as smoothly as in real ones. Detailed personal instructions and hands-on demonstrations have also become challenging due to technological constraints. ~~School assessments are increasingly~~ The school closure has also provided some students with the conditions for misconduct on assessments. I have heard of cases where students use notes or extend the duration of examinations during the school closure, which is both unfair for others and a waste of opportunity for them to receive proper feedback.

In view of the aforementioned problems, I strongly believe that the government should decide to reopen the schools.

These side-effects of school closure have already outweighed the benefit of controlling infections and started to defeat the purposes of schools — providing students with a fair and effective learning environment where they can ~~be~~ grow intellectually and mentally through social interactions.

~~In an These can only be solved~~ The government can only solve these problems by re-opening the schools, ~~whereas the potential increase in coronavirus infections can be~~ while the health ministry ~~can~~ does not ~~necessarily~~ necessarily need a longer school closure to ~~contain~~ limit the infections. Stricter regulations ^{like these on school sanitation} ~~on school safety~~ will suffice without sacrificing the interests of students.

Great Structures here

The Governor should support my position because it is truly takes into account the interests of the students

and the public, ~~and the alterna~~ ~~#~~ [provides a ~~practical~~ practical alternative to the otherwise seemingly never-ending school closure.] Moreover, this position is ~~back~~ supported by study shows that proper protections as mentioned in the last paragraph can reduce ~~infection~~ the probability of infection by 90%. Therefore, my position, ~~If the government~~ ~~The~~ government should ~~not~~ support this position because A recent poll has shown that about 70% of the population in NRW ~~is in favor of this position~~ ^{holds a position similar to mine}, which is an even strange reason why the ~~government~~ ^{Governor} should support it.

I greatly appreciate your time reading my letter and ✓
I hope ~~my arguments~~ are the government can open the schools soon.

Sincerely,

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Crit A: Language

Excellent use of sophisticated, stock phrases that frame your arguments skillfully + give your text a clear sense of authority. Complex structures + next to no mistakes. Excellent.

Crit B: Message

Thorough, thoughtful. Great use of a thesis in par. 1 to provide clear direction

and lay out your argument, which
was also clearly + logically presented

Criterion C:

You've done a great job capturing
the key elements of the text type -
seriousness, precise language, salutations,
direct address, et.

Excellent - strong 7 $\frac{30}{30}$