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Today, Governor Chris Sununu unveiled his plans to open schools in the fall. **Chair of the House Education Committee Mel Myler (D-Hopkinton)** released the following statement:

“Today Governor Sununu failed the students and hard-working staff at New Hampshire schools. Let me be clear—flexibility is not a plan. New Hampshire has always prided itself on local control at the school level but during a pandemic, as the governor demonstrated when he closed schools in March, the state must lead. Instead of mandating masks, he made them optional. He did this not just in schools but on school buses as well. He mandated distancing of 3ft to 6ft in our schools without a clear plan for schools to get the funding and teachers required to institute such a plan. Moreover, teachers and administration will be left to scramble for protective equipment, pitting educators against each other as they try to protect themselves and their students.

Finally, when asked about substitutes the governor acknowledged we will need more without a plan to hire them, in a state that was already struggling to hire substitutes pre-COVID. In the coming weeks the House and Senate Education committee will be meeting to discuss the “plan” the governor has put forward. Our teachers and students deserve more than what they saw today.”

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