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STUDENTS NOT A SIGNIFICANT CORONAVIRUS THREAT TO TEACHERS

A top UK epidemiologist quoted in *The Times of London* stated that there has been no recorded case of a teacher catching the coronavirus from a pupil anywhere in the world.

A report by the *Committee to Unleash Prosperity* states that Professor Woolhouse, an infectious disease epidemiologist at Edinburgh University, told the Times that “One thing we have learnt is that children are certainly, in the 5 to 15 brackets from school to early years, minimally involved in the epidemiology of this virus. They are probably less susceptible and vanishingly unlikely to end up in hospital or to die from it. There is increasing evidence that they rarely transmit....”

“Government school teachers are, for the most part, grossly overpaid and, furthermore, work only 9 months a year for their ‘annual’ salary,” said Jim Tobin, economist and president of Taxpayer Education Foundation (TEF). “Parents want the schools open, but the teachers and their powerful unions want the schools to remain closed, and, of course, still want to get paid for not showing up for work.”

“It’s time to open the schools so students can get the education their parents paid taxes for, and so the parents can get back to work,” said Tobin.

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