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I have worked with the CEC many times and every person that I have dealt with at the CEC has gone above and beyond their "normal duty" to help me to achieve the best for my students. I know that CEC will continue to do the best that they can for the students of California. What I am not certain of is whether CEC has the flexibility to help our students in a timely manner given the restraints that they are under.

So this week, the message from President Biden included "CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky told reporters, "Vaccinations of teachers is not a prerequisite for safely reopening schools" as long as an array of safety measures, including masking and **proper ventilation**, are in place." This week, Governor Newsom's position was more explicit on Wednesday (February 3). Governor Newsom hadn't revised the Safe Schools for All plan to add vaccinations to the other prerequisites, which include masks, social distancing and **proper ventilation**. Proper ventilation for our school district will not happen at any of our schools until we have guaranteed funding. It is inferred in both of these statements this week that President Biden and Governor Newsom don't want our children going back to schools where the ventilation will do more harm than good for our children. When do you expect that, assuming all of the HVAC engineering, testing and submission for State construction approval has been completed, we can get approval for funding to achieve proper ventilation? Should we wait until our school district has proper ventilation before we bring our students back?

Thank you for your time.
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