

## Ready for Action

### Educator Voice and COVID-19 Safety July 2020



9,800 educators across 122 school districts in Colorado made a clear stand on workplace safety in the era of COVID-19. Across the state, educators want a democratic voice in their workplace safety plans. They are willing to join their colleagues in refusing to return to work until specific conditions are met that ensure the safety and health of students and educators.

**95%** of educators believe they should vote on their district's back to work plans.

**53%** of educators want to start the year 100% remote. Only 8% want to start the year 100% in person.

Fewer than **one-fifth** of educators believe their district will be ready to keep them safe from COVID-19 when school starts.

**78%** of educators said they would join their colleagues in refusing to return to work if four conditions—employee voice, adequate safety precautions, community transparency, and equity—are not met.

From July 13-17, nearly 10,000 educators participated in a short survey that asked about returning to work during the COVID-19 pandemic. The survey was texted to CEA members, shared on social media, and shared directly by educators.