
Repeal of COVID-19 Sick Leave Law

The Executive Budget proposes to repeal the COVID-19 Sick Leave Law.

This law was enacted at the height of the pandemic to address a hopefully once in a lifetime catastrophe. Since that time, vaccines have become widely available and mandatory quarantine and isolation orders have ceased.

Sick leave and other leave issues should be left to the collective bargaining table. When school district collective bargaining units bring a demand to school leadership at the bargaining table, a good faith negotiation takes place. That is the appropriate venue to continue any discussion about COVID-19 sick leave.

The pandemic has subsided to a manageable virus with several medical interventions. School employers should no longer be subject to this expensive and unnecessary mandate.

The Council urges the Legislature to concur with the Executive and repeal this sick leave mandate.