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Members of the Little Rock Education Association, the teacher's union representing educators in the Little Rock School District, will decide tonight (Monday) whether or not to continue teaching remotely. Teresa Knapp Gordon, president of the organization, says the decision by dozens of teachers to refuse to provide onsite instruction (today) Monday, came after weeks of documented violations of the district's "Ready for Learning Plan."

NEWS20 0:18 "...are not safe."

Arkansas's Secretary of Education Johnny Key, referred to the union's actions as a disruption for district's students and families. Some, but not all, participating union teachers sent letters to parents informing them that only virtual lessons would be provided today. (Monday)

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Concerns over the actions taken by the Little Rock School District to protect students and teachers from the coronavirus are prompting some educators to decide whether or not to refuse to teach in-person classes. The union representing teachers in the district voted last week to provide virtual lessons only today (Monday). President of the Little Rock Education Association, Teresa Knapp Gordon, says teachers understand they could be fired for this.

NEWS21 0:21 "...that we value."

Gordon says the district is not meeting the safety goals it set in its "Ready for Learning Plan" for reopening schools. In a letter to parents today (Monday) Superintendent Michael Poore said schools will remain open for in-person instruction. The union plans to vote tonight (Monday) on whether or not to report back to classrooms.