

September 2, 2020

To the Sacramento City USD Board of Directors,

Attached is an updated letter of support for **Item 11.1. Proposed School Site Renaming Process for Sutter Middle School, Kit Carson International Academy, and Peter Burnett Elementary School.**

The last time we provided this letter of support, we only had 4 hours to do so. This time, we had a day and a half to reach out to the red and brown communities, and those agencies serving the most marginalized among us. As you can see, there is no doubt you have support of many to move ahead in a positive manner and serve as a model to other districts who may be considering or grappling with similar issues.

We thank you for your swift action and look forward to the changes needed for our Native children to feel a part of the SCUSD community.

We are thankful to Emily Mizokami for helping to begin this process.

I can act as the lead for this letter but have attached emails to each name, tribe and organization.

Thank you again,

Cindy La Marr

UPDATED LETTER IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING SCHOOL NAMES IN THE SCUSD

To: Jessie Ryan, SCUSD Board President
Christina Prichett, 1st Vice President
Michael Minnick, 2nd Vice President
Lisa Murawski, Member, Area 1
Leticia Garcia, Member, Area 2
Mai Vang, Member, Area 5
Darrell Woo, Member, Area 6

Cc: Jorge Aguilar, SCUSD Superintendent

We, the undersigned request a review of schools in the Sacramento City USD named inappropriately after individuals who have caused irreparable harm to Indigenous populations, most egregiously John Sutter and Peter Burnett.

We understand times change and people become more aware of the background and history of names. A thorough review of these schools will help bring about a better education for all students and recommend a committee be formed to help with this task.

It is important as board members to ensure racial equality is foremost on your agenda and thank you for your attention to this matter, especially during this time when an effort to address racial disparity within our communities and public schools is so important.

Respectfully,

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From: Emily Mizokami <e...>
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Subject: Comment Agenda item 11.1 renaming of schools

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Thank you board members and facilities staff for your swift response to the community's clear desire to review the names of some of our wonderful schools. Despite budget concerns and a worldwide pandemic, you are taking action to put a stop to systemic racism and the honoring of abhorrent men of the past who mistreated and abused people of color. Keep up the good work and stay on track so we can see new names for Sutter, Kit Carson and Peter Burnett in 2021!

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Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2020 12:00 PM
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Subject: Public Comment: **Agenda Item 11.1**

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Hello,

I support the renaming of Sutter Middle School in addition to other schools in our district. The name displayed and utilized by our schools needs to represent our community values and this change represents steps in the right direction.

Thank you,
Hallie Burrows
Community Member

From: June Robbins
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2020 11:47 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Comment on **Agenda Item 11.1**

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I support the renaming of Sutter Middle School, Kit Carson, and Peter Burnet Elementary School. As a former student of Sutter Middle School, I applaud the steps the district is taking towards dismantling systemic racism in Sacramento by changing the names of these schools.

Thank you,
June Robbins