

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

April 22, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Brett Barley
Comment:	<p>Boardmembers,</p> <p>We are excited to share our Montessori Minute update with you this week. First, thank you again for the five year extension of our charter last month. Our community was ecstatic!</p> <p>Second, we continue to have students on campus participating in our Hybrid Model. K-6th grade students continue to come to school two days a week as they have since March 15th. On Monday, we are excited to be able to welcome back our Middle School students for five days a week with minimum days on Wednesdays.</p> <p>It has been an indescribable year but we are excited to end the year strong and then pivot to developing and implementing our summer programing.</p> <p>Thank you you for your continued support and partnership.</p> <p>Brett Barley Superintendent California Montessori Project</p>

Speaking as: Community Member

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Name:	Amanda Connolly
Comment:	Recently, I heard a rumour that SCUSD is interested in merging with San Juan School District. Ironically, San Juan is starting 4 days/week on campus next week while we have to beg and scrape and pay through the nose for just 2 days. I'm warning my friends and acquaintances in that district to oppose any such plans or proposals by San Juan's board or labor parties. This district is fiscally sick and dysfunctional. If the covid money isn't enough to dig us out of the pit (it isn't), stealing from our neighbors won't fix it either. Don't embrace coveting and greed, it will destroy our district.

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Name:	Arlene Wright
Comment:	<p>Board Members, do you not hear the cries of your community? Do you not LISTEN when we say we are DONE with the mistreatment of our BIPOC leaders? We are DONE with Aguilar running this district into the GROUND and saying one thing in public or behind closed doors but executing his own agenda across this district. We CANNOT allow him to release two women of color who are HIGHLY QUALIFIED and MORE qualified than he is! Dr. Simms and Dr. Mackey must stay and he must go! You were told lies about the true reasons of the release. . . oh wait, were you even given a reason?! There are no budget issues and neither one of them have records of poor performance. In comparison, they are more qualified than Aguilar and Baeta put together! Dr. Mackey should have been the Chief Academic Officer and can definitely run this district as Superintendent. Dr. Simms has committed her career to service the Latino community since she has been here. Aguilar is a liar and deceitful. Baeta is deceitful. Ask Elk Grove why they let her go and will never take her back. You need to investigate and find out the truth! Your job is to protect students! Make sure you do it by protecting the leaders that will protect them! Rescind your vote to release them and release Aguilar and Baeta NOW!</p>

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Name:	Javier Ducos
Comment:	<p>Dear Board Members, I am writing this comment to ask that you rescind your vote to release Dr. Simms and Dr. Mackey. As a parent in this community, I know that these two Assistant Superintendents are the best that we have to support parents and children. I know Dr. Simms and I have gotten to know Dr. Mackey. They are what and who we need in this district. I was upset that I heard that they were being released considering that the other Assistant Superintendents do not even connect with our community of Black and Brown parents. Last week I heard the Chief Academic Officer, Baeta, receive compliments for a "summer school plan" and told she was a "amazing" by member Villa. Really?? When it is amazing to do your job? When is it amazing to comply with the state that ordered that school districts have more learning for our kids since they lost so much in distance learning? It was disgusting to hear Member Villa and Member Prichett give accolades for something that is SUPPOSED to happen. But I guess that is how White people support each other. Where is Baeta's plan to address the chronic failure of English Learners over at Hiram Johnson? Rich Vasquez always puts you all on blast for your FAILURE to do what is right by our kids but he is ignored at every Board Meeting. SHAME ON YOU BOARD!! But you sanction the ouster of two women of color, who are here for our kids??!! You won't get rid of the worst superintendent since Banda? Aguilar needs to GO since he is behind all of this. Ms. Baeta might seem nice but I've seen fakeness before and she is it! Her summer school "plan" is nothing. We dont have teachers and she doesn't not have the brains to provide the detailed information schools need to have summer school that will really benefit kids. Why didn't Ms. Manpreet present the plan since she came up with the idea for the enrichment? Is she too Brown too? This pattern of not celebrating our Black and Brown administrators is blatant. If you continue to hide your heads in the sand on Dr. Simms and Dr. Mackey's situation you are just as guilty!! Dr. Simms and Dr. Mackey have excellent qualifications, have worked with our families, and have nothing negative against them. Aguilar gets rich on our backs, and his Chief Academic Officer Baeta is the worst and has no clue how to support ALL students. They are attacking our Black and Brown leaders and getting rid of people they fear and who speak out against their ignorance and lack of support for our kids and our schools. Get them out of here NOW! Reinstate Dr. Simms and Dr. Mackey. Rescind your vote. You can if you really want to. If you don't you are letting the community know who you are and WE will continue to rise up and fight against this regime.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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A Group of Concerned Parents
Of Sacramento City Unified School District
(We are combining our public comment time)

April 22, 2021

RE: General public comment (for Item 7.0)

Board President Pritchett, Members of the Board, and Superintendent Aguilar,

We parents, who have been appointed by board members in each trustee area, take seriously our charge to advise you on current educational services and those actions the board can take to implement the district's stated goals.

In recognition of an educational system that is, in the superintendent's words, "inequitable by design," the district's stated goal is to "vigilantly work to confront and interrupt inequities that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow, and reach their greatness."

The on-going pandemic has resulted in the district being allocated more than \$300 million in federal and state COVID-19 relief funding. Much early COVID-19 relief funding has already been spent to ensure that our schools are safe for returning staff and students. We are aware of many on-going needs for resources from all stakeholders of the district. However, we are concerned that this district has a history of not making students the priority when responding to demands of stakeholders.

In the spirit of confronting and disrupting inequities, the undersigned ask the board to challenge the status quo processes and assert its power to spend the remaining one-time money wisely, including by redressing learning loss during the academic year and expanding summer programs, in order to benefit the students of our district.

We implore the board to focus available federal and state money on underserved and under-performing students: Students with Disabilities, English Learners, African American students, Foster Youth, Homeless Youth, and other student groups with gaps in outcomes, in ways that can significantly narrow those gaps and position all SCUSD students for

success. Specifically, we urge you to review the upcoming recommendations from established stakeholder groups for the triennial Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) update as well as the revised Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Plan, and thereby make spending decisions based on actions with proven returns on investment for kids.

The current moment provides an opportunity to “put your money where your mouth is,” as the saying goes. Take bolder action to focus on students, and begin to level the playing field for ALL students in SCUSD.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our request.

Respectfully,

Alison Alexander, parent of two SCUSD students, LCAP PAC member, PTO Board Member at Golden Empire Elementary, SSC Chairperson at Golden Empire Elementary, Board Member for the Rosemont Community Association

Gwynnae Byrd, parent of 2 SCUSD children, PTSA board member, former SSC member, LCAP member

Alison French-Tubo, parent of two SCUSD students, current LCAP PAC member, attend two SSC meetings, former PTSO board member

Scott Graves, parent of one SCUSD student, current LCAP PAC member, current member of SCUSD State Seal of Civic Engagement workgroup, former School Site Council member

Catherine Horiuchi, parent of three SCUSD students, current LCAP PAC member

Maria Mar (Rodriguez), parent of two SCUSD graduates, out-going LCAP PAC member. Prior PTA President (Matsuyama Elementary School), PTA Board Member (Sam Brannan Middle School), Treasurer-Auditor-Chairperson (Sacramento Council of PTAs), and Treasurer (JFK High School Marching Band and Color Guard).

Angie Sutherland, parent of two SCUSD students (current and former). Organizer with Coalition for Students with Disabilities. Current LCAP PAC and CAC parent member. President, Northern CA Learning Disabilities Association. Prior School Site Council member at Hubert Bancroft, Thomas Jefferson, and Hiram Johnson West Campus. Prior elected DAC representative, and Sacramento Council PTA VP.

Rich Vasquez, parent of two SCUSD students, current LCAP PAC member, current President of Hiram Johnson PTSA and School Site Council, attend Hiram Johnson ELAC and District ELAC, prior Tahoe Elementary PTA Treasurer/Board Member and School Site Council/ELAC Board Member

Reneé Webster-Hawkins, parent of two SCUSD students, current LCAP PAC member, current CAC member, current member of two School Site Councils and PTSAs, member of Coalition for Students with Disabilities, and co-founder of Greater Sacramento Area Dyslexia Support Network.