

Agenda Item:
7.1 Adoption of Conditions of Readiness for the Re-Opening of School

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

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Name:	Amanda Connolly
Comment:	<p>Good evening, The other day my daughter referred to teachers as frontline workers who need our support. I told her that I disagreed, I then explained to her that her grandmother who was a nurse for most of her career and is now, a hospital administrator is a frontline worker. She is essential like teachers are. But unlike teachers She doesn't get to zoom into her job. She doesn't get to claim "high risk" status as why she must stay home even though she is at higher risk of covid due to her age. She has an essential job. If she doesn't do it, her paycheck stops, unlike SCUSD teachers. My mother who comes face to face with the community to do her job is a frontline worker. Right now, teachers are essential but if they're not in a classroom with kids, they are NOT frontline. My 2 regular attending girls, are no longer excited about school or even simply ambivalent, they now hate it. SCUSD better get a plan to be ready to open as soon as the county clears us for opening or get a waiver now because with every passing week I'm more and more convinced that home school (as much as my kids didn't enjoy it last time) would still be better than this misery you call "distance learning." Parents, it's time to start reminding the powers that be about our rights and the social contract that's been broken by the professionals always arguing about contracts. We pay the taxes, we send our children and they provide a school to send the children to. They've broken that contract so we need to stop doing our part until SCUSD and SCTA fix it. If money is all they listen to, we must take it away.</p>

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Comments by David Fisher, President of the Sacramento City Teachers Association (SCTA), to the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) Board of Education, School Reopening, Agenda Item 7.0

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Good evening. I'm David Fisher, president of the Sacramento City Teachers Association.

Yesterday, I joined with the presidents from 10 other CTA locals in Sacramento County in a letter to David Gordon, the Superintendent of the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) and Peter Beilenson the Director of the Sacramento County Department of Health.

In our letter, we set forth the conditions for schools to reopen safely in Sacramento County: on-site, regular and systematic testing, contact tracing and screening; comprehensive safety standards verified by independent third-party experts; and equity across the district; transparency across districts regarding the number of cases, outbreaks and quarantines.

We believe that both Mr. Gordon and Dr. Beilenson have failed miserably in their responsibilities by allowing both Folsom Cordova and St. HOPE to reopen to in-person instruction after Sacramento County reverted back to the purple tier.

Families, students, and staff remain frustrated by the lack of information and transparency coming from SCUSD leaders.

Rather than being limited by the failed leadership of Gordon and Beilenson, SCUSD has the opportunity to be a leader in our region by meeting the health and safety needs of our students, staff, and families.