

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Rebecca Gross
Comment:	<p>Hi there. Me again.</p> <p>Two weeks ago, after MANY meetings during which board members and Superintendent Aguilar told us they valued the parent participation preschool (and implied they just didn't value it enough to fund it), parents and teachers were told that we had 2 weeks to reach full enrollment with drastically increased fees and little information about what school will look like in the fall.</p> <p>It is my sense that this was a tactic to put all of the responsibility on parents for an administrative failure, so that when WE failed to reach full enrollment the board could cut the program guilt free.</p> <p>For those not involved in the meetings, the task was to get 250+ families to pay to reserve a spot that was:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Not guaranteed unless we got enough families to enroll and2. In a program that could be drastically altered by Covid restrictions... and none of the Covid restriction details would be available until much later. <p>I am not sure where the enrollment numbers currently stand. And frankly, it doesn't matter.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider your stance that you don't value this program enough to fund it. Sports will be drastically reduced this fall. Assemblies will be cancelled. Field trips - gone. That sure sounds like plenty of money to fund the preschool program. It is not too late to rebuild the bridge between the active and involved parents of Parent Participation Preschool and SCUSD. Please show us that you value us, our students and the work we will pour into district schools over the next 13+ years. I would much rather use that time and energy to support the district than to keep fighting it.</p>

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Name:	Laura Santos
Comment:	I have been involved with the Parent Participation Preschool Program for over 40 years. This program is more important than ever given the need for quality preschool education. Please do everything possible to continue this program. Thank you.

Speaking as: Grandparent

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Name:	Brooke Pigno
Comment:	<p>I wanted to write again to show my full support for the district's Parent Participation Preschool, and my desire to see it continue. We, like many families, do not qualify for free preschool, yet we don't make enough money to pay for a large majority of private preschool programs. I called and priced many, and we can afford one of the nine, IF we get help from family. HOWEVER, because it's so late in the year, there are zero spots open and we would be on a waitlist at best. I know this is a difficult time with all of the considerations for covid 19, but the sudden discontinuation of this program would be absolutely devastating to our family and many others. It is literally our only option. We have already agreed to DOUBLE the fee, which is something that will stretch our budget beyond what we can reasonably handle, but we are willing to try because this program means so much to us. We will continue to fight for our program no matter what.</p>

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Name:	Amanda Hague
Comment:	Discontinuing the parent participation preschool program would be an utter failure to families of SCUSD for decades to come. We NEED as much parent involvement and investment in the bettering of this district as possible. Do the right thing and keep it going.

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Name:	Julienne Mack
Comment:	I am writing to speak on behalf of the parent participation preschool, specifically the Edward Kelley site. We as parents and the teachers have jumped through every hoop you have asked of us. Even after I gave a deposit you still wanted more emails. We are supporting the program, you are putting up roadblocks and not supporting your teachers or your students. I understand the challenging times we are all facing, please don't make it more challenging. We are ready and excited for next year. Please let us move on knowing our students will have a place to receive and education next year. Please support the continuation of the parent participation preschool program. Thank you.

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