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Name:	Melissa Arceneaux
Comment:	Kids are suffering and need to be in class like NORMAL.

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Name:	Amanda Connolly
Comment:	Thank you for this resolution. When the SCTA and any other necessary labor partners sign their agreements to come to work, I'll think of it as a commitment. Until then, I'll keep looking for alternatives for my students.

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Name:	Jessie Gouck
Comment:	<p>I am writing to express appreciation and relief that some students have been able to return to the classroom. This year has presented challenges that have stretched us all in many ways, and we all have to continue to rise to meet the changing conditions and move towards better and more sustainable systems that support our kids and our community.</p> <p>I am also writing to encourage the SCUSD Board and Staff to continue working towards and to commit to a five-day a week, in-person option at the start of the 21-22 school year. We must acknowledge and recognize that most children will not have had the option of COVID-19 vaccination (and by extension we will not have reached optimum herd immunity) by the new school year, so we must be diligent in our planning for the best learning options for our students. I suggest the district consider the option of a virtual academy, or something similar, for students and families that opt into a distance learning model. For the sake of the learning environment for all students, I encourage the district to move away from a concurrent teaching model.</p> <p>As we continue to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, we must follow the science around the safety of in-person learning, and make that an option for as many students as possible. We must also be respectful of families that have many reasons for continuing distance learning. The district should be planning for these options now, and should continue to update SCUSD students and families regularly through transparent communications as to the progress of planning. I think it is reasonable to ask families to commit to in-person or DL for a school year. We all are asked to make choices, and currently no choices come without risk. The SCUSD should do the work to develop a reasonable system for families, communicate the options clearly and early, and give us the chance to make an informed decision. Thank you.</p>

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Name:	Karen Rice
Comment:	<p>I am writing today as a parent of two elementary students in the district. Parents and students have patiently waited. We waited for over a year to finally see our students return to school, and while the current return is something, a meager six hours a week is clearly not enough. However, many are still willing to wait patiently for this district and its labor partners to start using the science that tells us we can safely return to a more fulltime basis. Many parents and students have remained patient because they have operated under the assumption that our children will be returning to school on a fulltime basis in the fall. We must believe this. We must demand it. Over the last few months in particular, it has become clear that not all parties are fully invested in what is best for our students. The science is now being ignored, and our children are being used as pawns. As a result, of course not all families have remained patient. Many families who have the means have already given up, fed up with the inability of this district to do what is best for students. These families have left to go to schools and districts where their children are better served. Many more families would also leave except they do not have the means to do so, furthering the gap between the haves and have nots. These families who find themselves stuck, waiting to know what kind of education their children will receive need answers. They need hope. They need a commitment, and they need it now. Otherwise with the growing uncertainty will come the growing exodus. And more families will leave, depriving our schools of good families, depriving our children of good friends, and leaving many of our teachers with pink slips because their schools no longer have the enrollment to justify keeping them on staff. Please take this opportunity now to commit to doing what is right and promising SCUSD families a return to fulltime in person instruction by the first day of instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.</p>

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