

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

May 20, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Kimberly Buchholz
Comment:	<p>It is so disheartening to realize that the SCTA essentially gave up on the students this school year. My children are in 1st and 3rd grade and have been utterly failed by the leaders in our District. The District has been trying for weeks to negotiate the MOU to reflect current public health guidelines. In adopting a 6-foot distancing requirement, the MOU was outdated from the outset. The SCTA has made no good faith effort to renegotiate the MOU to reflect the current 3-foot spacing recommendation. The reasoning I've been told is essentially, "it was so hard to negotiate the initial MOU, we couldn't possibly return to the table."</p> <p>You know what is hard? Seeing my children lose interest in school. Knowing that the education gap between the haves and have-nots has widened. Knowing that there are many children who have simply fallen through the cracks. Knowing that cases of depression, anxiety, anhedonia, and suicide among children have been increasing this past year.</p> <p>Leadership must rise to the challenge and do the jobs they signed up to do. I implore the District to force the full-time reopening of ALL campuses IMMEDIATELY. Public health guidelines no longer support the current structure. At what point will leadership follow the science?</p> <p>As Superintendent Aguilar and Vice President Murawski have stated, every minute counts. It is safe to reopen according to public health officials at every level. Stop attempting to negotiate with the current SCTA leadership. Their obstructionist tactics and hostility have been exposed. The nearly 50,000 students in this District have been failed by the grown-ups, and they deserve better.</p>

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Name:	Amanda Panton
Comment:	<p>Thank you for taking the time to read this comment. I'm fed up, I'm angry and I'm incredibly frustrated. There is, at this point, no reason why our kids should not be in school full time. Our kids are not pawns in this game. Please stand up to the SCTA and demand that they adhere to the 3 foot, CDC approved guidelines. Why are we waiting for the SCTA to do the right thing? Move on without their approval, as we have done in the past. It will speak volumes as to who they are really "putting first."</p> <p>I also would like to see a re-opening plan on every agenda between now and the time we return to school in September, with a plan in place before school starts. This should be a priority at every meeting. If we are not back to school with full time, in person learning it will have nothing to do with COVID and everything to do with the inabilities of the people making decisions. We should be embarrassed that we are now the lone school district that has not been able to do what is best for our students.</p> <p>I love our school. My kids love their school. We support our teachers and appreciate everything that they have done to make this year run as smoothly as it has. However, if we are not in school 5 days a week for the next school year we will be leaving the district. I know that we are not the only ones with a plan B. Enough is enough. Please get our kids back to school.</p>

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Name:	Christina Terry
Comment:	I am the aunt of a 4th and 8th grader in the district and I am very concerned about the districts current state of reopening and future plans for the 2021-2022 academic year. I would like to request the district add re-opening plans and prep to every board meeting moving forward and address this this matter with urgency. Please provide the public with detailed plans regarding Fall plans and what is currently being considered. Thank you.

Speaking as: Aunt of 4th and 8th grader in the district

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