

**SCUSD Community Advisory Committee  
2/16/2021 General Meeting**

Attendance taken by asking members (and potential members) to enter their names into the chat.

- Jonathan Warren, Julie Warren, Colleen Toler, Sadie Hedegard, Kenya Martinez, Kristen Jordan, Rose McAuliffe, Benita (Shaw) Ayala, Dennis Mah, Lisa Arnold-Fernandez, Renee Webster-Hawkins, Emily Miyaoka, Danny Rolleri, Victoria Torres

**Item 2.1 Public Comment**

- Renee Webster-Hawkins. Earlier vaccination to adults with disabilities and their caregivers. Early wave of doses (appointments) available at Safeway and Albertsons. Clinics start next Friday. Copy of IEP is sufficient proof of disability.
- Renee Webster-Hawkins. Would like to know plan for in-person SpEd assessments and evaluations.
- Taylor Kayatta: My son was denied his triennial assessment. This is unacceptable. The District needs to explain why in-person assessments (or assessments at all) are not possible. If contractual negotiations are the hold up, the District needs to contract with third parties and provide this federally guaranteed right.
- Kenya Martinez: SCUSD was recently called out for its failure to deliver assessments.
- Kenya Martinez: SCUSD has been called out for suspensions and expulsions, particularly of black students. On February 25, 2021 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. DRC, Equal Justice Society, National Center for Youth Law, and Western Center on Law and Poverty are co-hosting an information session regarding Sacramento City Unified School District's obligation to conduct special education assessments of students during COVID-19. This information session will include a discussion about the January 19, 2021 CDE decision, including the corrective actions CDE ordered against SCUSD, and advocacy tips for families. This information session is open to the public. Register online here.
- Rose McAuliffe: Still asking for numbers from the district on number of students who are not getting assessments. Third parties can provide these. Funds (including one-time windfalls and CARES funding) should cover this if the cause is Covid related.
- Lisa Arnold-Fernandez: Reminder of the opportunity to get vaccine as a caregiver for SpEd students.

**Item 3 Presentation from Resources for Independent Living**

- See more information at: <https://ril-sacramento.org/>

**Item 4 District Update**

- New SELPA Director: Mr. Geo Linares
- Parents asked questions about getting better data about how far behind the District is on providing assessments, what the District's plan is for addressing the assessment backlog, and getting information on collective bargaining that is preventing these assessments from occurring
- Revised Special Education department organizational structure in development