

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

August 8, 2024

Written Public Comments

Name:	Christina Titus
School:	Growth Public School
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	GPS has been an amazing place for my children to go to school. They have been so great with my kids and making sure they assist with their needs. I want my children to continue to go to this school through 8th grade and hope you renew the charter.

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Name:	Elizabeth Huerta
School:	Growth Public School
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	<p>Growth Public Schools has become an irreplaceable cornerstone of my children's lives. The teacher's and staff at GPS are building an incredible community that centers personal growth and social-emotional learning as the framework of each school day. GPS is special because it provides a school for any and every child to succeed... and also fosters empathy, community, inclusion, and service.</p>

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Name:	Lisa DiPinto
School:	Growth Public School
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	<p>As we look to the future, we are excited to share our vision for growth and improvement. This hearing allows us to outline our plans and gather feedback from our community. We are thankful for the support of our students, families, and community members. This public hearing is a chance to express our appreciation and reinforce our commitment to serving our community.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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Name:	Socorro Vigil
School:	Growth Public School
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	<p>I am a grandmother to a student attending Growth Public Schools. Please keep this school open. My grandson is excelling in his class and looks forward to going to school every day of the week. The students are welcomed on to campus every morning by staff which brings a huge smile to my grandson! Thanks to all staff for creating a supportive environment for all students to succeed. It takes a special group of people to run a school like this one... please allow them to continue to work their magic!</p> <p>Please keep GPS open... the staff gives students a daily opportunity to learn about diversity, cooperation, inclusion and friendship.</p>

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Name:	Patrick Vigil II
School:	Growth Public School
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Comment:	GPS is great for the community. It has given my son a great education so far. Every year he excels past his grade level.

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Name:	Carmen Vigil
School:	Growth Public School
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	<p>I believe that Growth Public School is a vital part to the community and my nephew's life. This school has given him, his creativity, and social life a safe place to thrive. The school staff and teachers are nurturing, caring, and supportive. Their curriculum is project based for an amazing scaffolding of skill sets throughout grades. The community they serve is full of talented students that come from various cultural backgrounds, many of them not having English as a first language. Please consider keeping the charter open.</p>

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Name:	Devin
School:	Growth Public School
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Comment:	<p>We came to GPS under strong recommendation from another parent whose child completed 5 very happy years there. We commute 25 minutes each day to attend. Our son truly enjoys his school and we wish to continue his education at GPS for years to come. This will be his third year attending, and he's excited for the new school year!</p>

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Name:	Patrick Vigil Sr.
School:	Growth Public School
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Comment:	<p>I support the ongoing effort that GPS affords our students. I wholeheartedly support renewing their charter within the district, it is a unique school experience. The staff is very attentive to the students needs and provides a very healthy environment for their individual growth.</p> <p>I strongly urge the district to continue to provide the community with this creative opportunity.</p>

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Name:	Amber Larson
School:	Growth Public School
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Comment:	<p>My family is deeply connected to GPS. I found GPS in early 2020 when I was deciding where to enroll my daughter for Kinder. The emphasis on Project Based Learning, diversity, and Social Emotional Learning was what really stood out to me. GPS's approach to distance learning during the pandemic reinforced my positive opinion for the school. Also, during the pandemic, our family moved to Placerville. When it came time to go back to in-person learning, I couldn't find a local school that felt right, given the particular needs of my family- multiracial, with different kiddos needing extra academic and emotional supports. GPS still felt right. By 2022 I had transferred my oldest to GPS, and I committed to commuting my kids in from Placerville because of the community and supports we found there. This fall, all 5 of my children will be enrolled at GPS. My Black son has had a Black classroom teacher every year since he enrolled (including 2 Black men- if you know the statistics for teacher demographics, this is remarkable!). The social emotional support has helped all of my children identify their emotions, learn how to advocate for themselves and set personal boundaries. The extra events at the school (cultural celebrations, the Art Faire, student showcases) have been incredible opportunities to experience pieces of other cultures, and to showcase the talents and diversity of the community. I view the GPS community as our "chosen" community, almost like extended family. I honestly can't adequately explain the positive impact GPS has had on our family, and I am so grateful for the people and community that have blessed our lives through Growth Public School!</p>

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Name:	Megan
School:	Growth Public School
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	<p>We happened upon GPS while attending a community event, and after a prospective parent orientation night, I knew that this school would be the best option for my son. My son is inquisitive, kind, and friendly. He likes to know how and why things work, and he likes to explore in hands on ways to answer his questions. At GPS, not only is he allowed to do this, but he is encouraged to do it. From growing an herb garden at home during COVID Kindergarten, to having live butterflies in 2nd grade, to the amazing art program and music class, GPS has exceeded my expectations. The staff greet children by name each and every morning as they walk into school, and the communication to parents through apps and easily accessible administration makes this school stand out from all of the others. My son has blossomed at GPS and he is constantly encouraged to grow both academically and emotionally. We look forward to continuing his education at GPS.</p>

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Name:	Alejandro Renteria
School:	Growth Public School
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	<p>Please continue providing the funds necessary to maintain Growth Public School open, this is a great school and my daughter loves going to this school because of all the programs they have. I would also like to request additional funding for a playground for the kids, this will be very beneficial for all the kids to be able to have a playground and have fun during their recess time. Thank you I hope you keep in mind all tue kids the love this school and continue providing funds to keep the school open.</p>

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Name:	Sema eissa
School:	Growth Public School
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Comment:	We would love to renew our charter , best school in the area

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Name:	Claudia Sanchez
School:	Growth Public School
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>My name is Claudia Sanchez and I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the charter renewal of Growth Public School and its invaluable role in our community. As a parent of four students, I have had the opportunity to witness the remarkable contributions that Growth Public School has made towards fostering an environment of academic excellence and nurturing the holistic development of my children.</p> <p>Growth Public School has consistently demonstrated a commitment to not only providing high-quality education but also in instilling their HEROIC values of Hard Work, Empathy, Relationships, Optimism, Integrity, and Community among its students. It is admirable how the school manages to create a balanced curriculum that caters to both academic and extracurricular interests, ensuring that students receive a well-rounded education.</p> <p>Furthermore, the dedication of the school's staff and teachers towards each student's learning journey is truly admirable. They go above and beyond to create a supportive and inclusive environment that encourages students to excel in their pursuits and overcome challenges.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED], if you need further information, I am eager to contribute to the school's future endeavors and look forward to seeing Growth Public School achieve even greater heights.</p>

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Name:	Zacaria Williams
School:	Growth Public School
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Comment:	<p>Growth Public Schools is like no other. The teachers, the students, the staff, and, the environment in general is beautifully diverse and organic. The moment you walk into this school, you feel welcomed. There is such a joyous energy that is SO infectious. I love this school and the people in it.</p>

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Name:	Kaitlin Ngo
School:	Growth Public School
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Comment:	As a community member, I fully support Growth Public School. It has provided a safe and welcoming environment for children and families. They have wonderful programs and staff that care.

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Name:	Gladys
School:	Growth Public School
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Comment:	I advocate for Growth to remain a school for all up coming years. As a member of this community I see the excellence and dedication not only from the staff, but as well from the students, and parents. This community needs Growth Public Schools.