Sacramento City Unified School District

Board of Education Meeting

August 8, 2024

Written Public Comments

Name:	Jeana Barbero
School:	Theodore Judah
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	My name is Jeana Barbero. My wife and I have three sons, and our home school is Theodore Judah. I am here to discuss our experience with the con capping process, which has consisted of disappointment, heart ache, and frustration for myself and our family. Half way through this year we transferred our 3rd grader to the district to access my son's IEP services. We were informed that Judah did not have space for him and he was con capped to Caleb Greenwood for the remainder of the year. With the assistance of his incredible teacher and IEP team, my son was making progress academically and coming home excited about the materials he was learning and finally able to access cognitively. He was making friends and connections with other kids and staff members at Caleb. When inquiring about resuming his education at Caleb Greenwood for the following year, we were told he would have to return to his school of residence per district policy. In an attempt to do right by our son, and to advocate for the fairness and consistency of our son's education, we applied for an intra district transfer permit. When the online system didn't allow us to submit a permit request, we were informed by Principal Trent that she would not be offering any permits for the 24-25 year due to the SCTA contact negotiations that would decrease 4th grade class sizes, putting that grade at or close to capacity. After this happened, my wife and I reached out to the PTSO, our school board member, the Constituent services, the superintendent assistants, as well as the superintendent. There was not one solution or suggestion provided to us. We only heard many times, that "this is how the con capping system works." I am here to tell you that the policies you uphold do not take children's lives into account. After we told our son he would have to change schools AGAIN, he teared up and asked "why can't they just put one more chair and one more desk in the class? Why can't they make a little room?" We had no answer for that. After being informed that he would have to return to his homeschool, we enrolled him into Judah. We recently received a letter that stated "For the next year 24-25' your child can return to Theodore Judah Elementary School. Every effort will be made to accommodate your child at the home school if space is available. " Again, we are being informed our child can be cast aside at the whims of this district.

	We also have twin first graders who we have attempted to enroll into our home school of Theodore Judah. Neither child has a spot confirmed. We have been told to wait and see what the numbers look like in August… This is a failure to the children and families the district claims to serve and we are devastated that we can't help our children with the current district, policies, and solutions available. We started this advocacy journey, concerned with my oldest son's mental health and access to equal and fair education, but I am now here inquiring about a solution to just get my kids into the same school. We are at risk of having our children enrolled in two, possibly three schools with unnecessary changes and disruptions to their education, social life, self-esteem, and mental health. Enrollment numbers are not my children's fault, yet it seems like they are the ones that are being impacted by district policies that seem to focus on adults rather than students. I'm here to ask for solutions and changes in policy to meet the needs of students. If there are more children in an area than the school currently has space, that is the district's job to meet those needs and find solutions. It is not my child's burden to be pushed back and forth to schools where there is space. I spoke at the last school board meeting and have not heard a response.

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Name:	Erinn Leone
School:	Luther Burbank
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	Accountability and Restorative Justice Policy Proposal

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Name:	Lara K Hoekstra
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	Presentation of a proposal for accountability and restorative practices.

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Written Public Comments

Name:	Ranii Vingan
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	Proposal for accountability and restorative justice

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Written Public Comments

Name:	Justine Massey
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	Cede time to Erinn Leone to discuss the Accountability and Restorative Justice Policy Proposal

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Written Public Comments

Name:	Carah Robinson
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	Cede time to Erinn Leone to discuss the Accountability and Restorative Justice Policy Proposal

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Written Public Comments

Name:	Sarah Wampler
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	I would like to cede my time to Erinn Leone. We would like to discuss how to ensure that SCUSD plans to address racism and repair harm caused by teachers and staff in the district.

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Written Public Comments

Name:	Shalin Huell
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	Cede time to Erinn Leone to discuss the Accountability and Restorative Justice Policy Proposal

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August 8, 2024

Written Public Comments

Name:	Claudia Ramirez
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	Dear Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) Board of Education, I hope this message finds you well. I just called and left a voicemail. My name is Claudia Ramirez and I manage the international exchange programs at Global Ties Sacramento, a division of World Trade Center Northern California. We partner with the U.S. Department of State to implement the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), a premier international exchange program that connects people from around the world with counterparts in the United States to share best practices and build important international relationships. These professional meetings reflect the participants' professional interests and support the foreign policy goals of the United States. I am reaching out because I am working on an upcoming international exchange visit and would like to request a meeting with the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on behalf of an upcoming group. From August 23rd to 27th, Global Ties Sacramento is hosting a group of 6 international professionals from Kyrgyzstan. These visitors have been invited and vetted by the U.S. Department of State to participate in this high-level professional exchange called "Human and Civil Rights for Marginalized Communities - A Single Country Project for the Kyrgyz Republic." Their program will examine local U.S. efforts to understand best practices to prevent and address human rights violations against members of marginalized communities. During their visit to Sacramento, we would like to connect the group with the Sacramento City Unified School District to discuss efforts to adopt and implement equity-focused policies and practices across the district, which serves a majority of historically underserved students of color, and the board's proactive initiatives to confront racism, improve equity, and make schools more inclusive and supportive for all students. These meetings are meant to be brief and informal opportunities to facilitate dialogue and the exchange of key ideas between the visitors and their American professional counterparts. All meetings are off the record unless prior consent is given by both parties to publicize the meeting's content. The visiting group includes a President (Association of Legal Clinics), a Director, a Deputy Chief of Party, and other emerging professionals. They speak Kyrgyz, Russian, and a little English (varies per participant) and will be accompanied by one State Department

	International Visitor Liaison and two Interpreters for a total of 9 in the group. Currently their schedule is open for a 60- to 90-minute meeting during the following times*: • Friday, August 23rd: 9am – 10:30am; 11:00am – 12:30pm; 2:30pm – 4:00pm • Monday, August 26th: 9am – 10:30am; 11:00am – 12:30pm; 2:30pm – 4:00pm • Tuesday, August 27th: 9am – 10:30am; 11:00am – 12:30pm; 2:30pm – 4:00pm *Please note this availability may change quickly as other meetings are confirmed. If representatives are available to meet with the group, please let me know the preferred date(s) and time(s) that are most convenient. Of course, I am available for a phone call to discuss these details further. Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions, please let me know. Sincerely, Claudia Ramirez International Program Coordinator Global Ties Sacramento [redacted] ***Bios Attached**

Human and Civil Rights for Marginalized Communities

A Project for Kyrgyz Republic

These visitors are invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. Their program is arranged by World Learning.

Global Ties Sacramento Program Contacts:

Ms. Claudia Ramirez, [redacted]

Accompanied by:

Ms. Mila BONNICHSEN, Interpreter
Marina KARPOVA-ERDAHL, International Visitor Liaison
Mr. Yuri MENIS, Interpreter

August 17 – September 7, 2024

PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES

The Department of State has outlined the following specific objectives for the project:

- Understand best practices to prevent and address human rights violations against members of marginalized communities;
- Explore building local capacity to document abuses and advocate for rule of law to protect the rights of victims;
- Discuss advocacy strategies to reform discriminatory laws and policies and to develop improved legislative protections;
- Plan public education campaigns to promote tolerance, inclusiveness, and awareness of minority communities and their contribution to society; and
- Examine interfaith dialogue and cooperation efforts in communities at risk for sectarian violence.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Kyrgyz Republic	**Mr. Artur BAKIROV** President, Association of Legal Clinics of Kyrgyzstan
	Ms. Viktoriia BIRIUKOVA Public Relations Manager, Equality – Union of People with Disabilities
	Mr. Dastan IBRAGIMOV Program Coordinator, Advocacy and Education, Labrys
	Ms. Nazira RAIMZHANOVA Deputy Chief of Party, Ukuk Bulagy Project, East West Management Institute
	Ms. Erkingul UBYSHEVA Director, Smart Zharan Association
	Mr. Zhailoobek ZHAKSHYLYKOV Board Chair, Cross-Border Youth Network
Accompanied by:	**Ms. Mila BONNICHSEN** Interpreter
	Marina KARPOVA-ERDAHL International Visitor Liaison
	Mr. Yuri MENIS Interpreter

BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Name:	**Mr. Artur BAKIROV**
City:	Bishkek
Present Position:	President, Association of Legal Clinics of Kyrgyzstan
Email Address:	[redacted]
Languages:	Kyrgyz (primary), Russian
U.S. Travel:	No previous U.S. travel
Professional Background:	Mr. Artur Bakirov is the Founder and President of the Association of Legal Clinics (ALC), an organization that partners with law schools to identify and mentor law students in providing legal advice to vulnerable populations who lack access to justice. ALC promotes the training of socially-oriented lawyers, the reform and modernization of legal education in universities, and the expansion of access to quality legal assistance. Mr. Bakirov strives to improve the training of young, socially-oriented lawyers and to ensure the rights and freedoms of vulnerable groups.

Name:	**Ms. Viktoriia BIRIUKOVA**
City:	Bishkek
Present Position:	Public Relations Manager, Equality – Union of People with Disabilities
Email Address:	[redacted]
Languages:	Russian (primary), Kyrgyz, Ukrainian
U.S. Travel:	No previous U.S. travel
Professional Background:	Ms. Viktoriia Biriukova is Public Relations Manager at the NGO "Equality – Union of People with Disabilities." She is a dedicated human rights advocate who lobbies for the rights of women with disabilities. She conducts motivational workshops and trainings on disability awareness and sexual and reproductive rights for women with disabilities, and coordinates projects such as the "Network of Women with Disabilities of Central Asia." Ms. Biriukova is a member of the New Generation of Human Rights Defenders Network in Kyrgyzstan and the "For Equality" coalition, which advocates for anti-discrimination laws. She has earned accolades in international literary competitions and has published six scientific papers. Ms. Biriukova seeks to enhance her advocacy skills and find a broader platform to champion the rights of marginalized communities more effectively.

Name:	**Mr. Dastan IBRAGIMOV**
City:	Bishkek
Present Position:	Program Coordinator, Advocacy and Education, Labrys
Email Address:	[redacted]
Languages:	Kyrgyz (primary), English, German, Russian
U.S. Travel:	No previous U.S. travel
Professional Background:	Mr. Dastan Ibragimov is the Advocacy and Education Program Coordinator at Labrys, an organization committed to improving the lives of the LGBTQI+ community. Mr. Ibragimov coordinates the organization's communication and advocacy efforts, including those aimed at the Kyrgyz government. Following a law passed in April 2024 that categorized NGOs that receive funding from abroad as "foreign representatives," Labrys redirected its work to focus on the protection and safety of its community members.

Name:	**Ms. Nazira RAIMZHANOVA**
City:	Bishkek
Present Position:	Deputy Chief of Party, Ukuk Bulagy Project, East West Management Institute
Concurrent Position:	Attorney,
Email Address:	[redacted]
Languages:	Kyrgyz (primary), English, Russian, Uzbek
U.S. Travel:	No previous U.S. travel
Professional Background:	Ms. Nazira Raimzhanova, an attorney by training, serves as the Deputy Chief of Party of the Ukuk Bulagy Project at the East West Management Institute. Ukuk Bulagy, which means "source of rights" in Kyrgyz, addresses gender gaps and discriminative barriers for vulnerable groups. Using a people-centered justice approach, it aims to strengthen the rule of law and combat corruption. Ms. Raimzhanova connects with people in rural and marginalized communities to help find solutions to their legal challenges. This includes bringing together justice providers, community leaders, local government officials, and judges, to educate them on common justice issues, including providing a platform for them to create innovative solutions. She has been especially active in accessing women in conservative communities in southern regions of the Kyrgyz Republic, creating avenues for survivors of domestic violence to share their stories, and advocating for transformative shifts in societal perceptions of women's roles.

Name:	**Ms. Erkingul UBYSHEVA**
City:	Bishkek
Present Position:	Director, Smart Zharan Association
Email Address:	[redacted]
Languages:	Kyrgyz (primary), English, Russian
U.S. Travel:	District of Columbia, Massachusetts
Professional Background:	Ms. Erkingul Ubysheva serves as the director of Smart Zharan Association, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting civic engagement and protecting civil society in the Kyrgyz Republic. She has extensive experience advancing human rights, supporting marginalized communities, and defending the right to freedom of association through local activism. Through her work at Smart Zharan Association, Ms. Ubysheva created "Human Rights Hogwarts," an educational project that promotes human rights values and is helping to develop the next generation of human rights defenders in the Kyrgyz Republic. Additionally, she served on a working group under the Ministry of Justice, where she initiated a public portal for discussing draft legislation. Ms. Ubysheva focuses on ensuring the protection of human rights and promoting civil society interests through strategic planning, policy analysis, advocacy, and operational management.

Name:	**Mr. Zhailoobek ZHAKSHYLYKOV**
City:	Razzakov
Present Position:	Board Chair, Cross-Border Youth Network
Email Address:	[redacted]
Languages:	Kyrgyz (primary), Russian
U.S. Travel:	No previous U.S. travel
Professional Background:	Mr. Zhailoobek Zhakshylykov serves as Board Chair for the Cross-Border Youth Network, a civil society organization and local partner of USAID's Active Communities Project. From 2022 to 2024, he supported the Active Communities Project by focusing on capacity building for local stakeholders, and enhancing the regulatory environment for solid waste management and civic engagement in three municipalities. Additionally, Mr. Zhakshylykov implemented interventions to promote social behavior change in the region, to ensure the inclusion of vulnerable groups, including ethnic minorities. Currently, he coordinates organizational operations, fosters communication, and promotes representation of diverse stakeholders within the Cross-Border Youth Network, where he is dedicated to advancing civil society and community development initiatives.