

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

May 20, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Rowena Gray
Comment:	<p>Dear Board and Superintendent, My kindergarten child remains learning in the hybrid model with just 2 mornings per week of school. Societies around the world cannot believe that this is the case, as schools are the first things to open in most other places, and when they open they do so in a more complete way. Please update us on what we can expect in the remaining month of the school year, and more importantly in the Fall. We need details now so that we can plan around the district's capabilities and we need school to be full-time and in-person now that rates are extremely low. Now is the time to open schools and take advantage of the good situation that the country is currently in and to make plans for Fall. There are no excuses for not opening now or in Fall (barring an unexpected vaccine-resistant variant) and whatever small obstacles there may be just need creative solutions. For example, if certain classrooms cannot open with 3 foot spacing, if that is mandated, then give the option of attending another school that does have space-- having some form of real school rather than keeping all of them shut for spurious reasons that affect only a few spots is not policy leadership, we need to work harder to get this done.</p>

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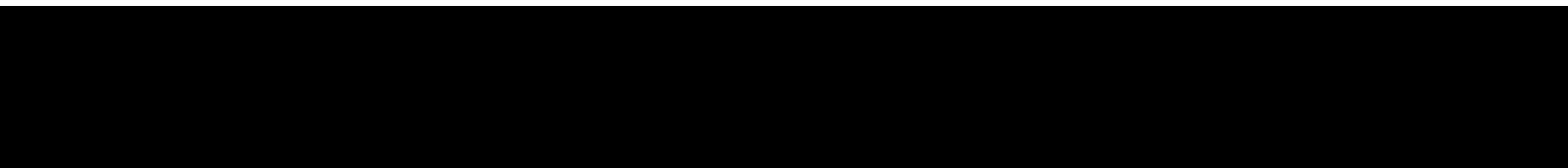
Name:	Alina Cervantes
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Comment:

It was predictable that SCTA would not meet on the 3ft, yet the Board continues to do nothing. How long will you wait before taking action on 3ft spacing to at least allow all students to collapse ~~cols~~ and attend 12 hrs per week? I understand that you have limited power, but where is your public outrage? Enough with the empty speeches and patting yourself on the back on social media. We need advocacy IN action, so what are you DOING to get them back in the classroom?? If the answer is nothing you should resign.

How is it that kids CAN'T go for a full day of school, but they CAN eat lunch outside and stay until 2:00pm as part of the district's after school program?? It's outrageous. We know SCTA is does not put kids first. That is not their job and they have proven that time and time again. That is boring old news, and I'm tired of hearing it's the reason you can't do anything. We know SCTA leadership is awful. So what? Do we continue to let the schoolyard bully beat up our kids because they are just too mean? I'm furious you even allowed an MOU that said 6 feet and keep signing MOUs that allow SCTA to stall forever. Stop being so afraid of strikes. Many teachers who are child advocates are sick of SCTA tactics and want to be back in the classroom. We have their backs and you should too. You are the only people elected to have our kids backs in this, so stop acting like you're afraid SCTA is going to steal your lunch. They already did and are eating it in front of your faces.

We need reopening plans and prep on EVERY Board agenda and detailed plans for Fall NOW. We know SCTA likes to stall until the week before so they can use the panic of teachers and parents as leverage at the bargaining table. ~~But~~ ~~that~~ ~~happen~~ again. After all we've been through, teachers, parents and children deserve ~~Speakin~~ ~~as:~~



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Name: Tara Thronson

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Name:	DeeAnne McCallin
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Comment: Adopt CDC's 3ft distancing policy; completely open schools for Schl Yr 2021/2022 and have the full plan, commitment whatever SCUSD needs to call it signed, sealed & delivered by July 31, 2021. Give yourselves, the students, the faculty, the families, EVERYONE, the month of August off from the noise of MOUs, amendments, reopen plans -everything by way of having it sorted out sooner rather than later. And while at it,

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Name:	Junior Goris
Comment:	<p>Good Evening Superintendent Aguilar, President Pritchett and Esteem Board Members,</p> <p>My name is Junior Goris and I am a parent to a beautiful girl at the MLK K8 school. As many of you know, I am a highly engaged parent at the site and at our district. I am currently taking part on the District's Facilities Master Plan. We were recently asked to give our own definition of what equity looks like.... I found this to be a very important question, so important that I thought I bring into this meeting. I would like to respectfully repeat my answer given to the committee that day now to our board tonight. My definition of equity is this..... MLK needs a fence. NOW! We have asked repeatedly and respectfully and I am beyond frustrated. How can we define equity at the district where at least 20 other sites lack a fence, a fundamental necessity to what a school needs to control access? Why is this not being addressed? My daughter is back 4 days a week and it would be tragic that we overcame COVID but one of our kids at MLK suffer a dog bite because the park adjacent to the site isn't separated by a fence allowing time and time again for dogs to run onto the site playground as children are on recess. We must do better.</p>

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Name:	Chris Walters
Comment:	<p>Dear SCUSD Board Members, Now that the school district will receive COVID relief money that can be used until 2024 at least or 2028 at best, I ask that Dr. Simms and Dr. Mackey be reinstated since their is no longer a "budget issue" as the Superintendent has claimed to both a group of Principals and the African American Advisory Board, and of course to all of you Board members. It's shameful that none of you asked to see the actual budget that the Superintendent claimed was the reason for Dr. Simms release. Had you have asked, you all would have seen what I have which is that he lied and the funding was secured for Dr. Simms. Even more shady is that the Superintendent asked you to release Dr. Mackey who had only been here for 3 months before COVID happened and everyone had to work from home. How can an employee of Dr. Mackey's credentials and experiences, which are far greater than this Superintendent's, be released without cause, when she was not here long enough for him to actually see her work? He has no idea what she has accomplished while working behind a computer screen for the past 15 months. I'll tell you why and how he has fallen asleep at the wheel on this one, its because the CHief Academic Officer got her job through nepotism and used her white fragility to get where she is. She is inexperienced and has only been a Principal in Elk Grove before coming here. Really?? That's who is leading all of our schools to improve outcomes for black and brown kids??!! I don't think so. Her resume is experience and accomplishment light asb She cannot hold a candle to Dr. Simms and Dr. Mackey which is why she wants them gone... They make her look like the inexperienced person that she is... again her white fragility and insecurities. No wonder producing the results for black and brown kids. No matter how pretty the words of the other people get to stay, they are not a threat to Baeta but Dr. Simms and Dr. Mackey are. SCUSD Board Members, its time for you to stop the same old story of this white woman taking credit for herself on the backs of black and brown people. You need</p>

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