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Name:	Jennifer Clemens
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Comment I am a teacher at Arthur A. Benjamin Health Professions High School and am concerned about the district's lack of support for our CTE program. HPHS is a small learning community with a health care theme. I teach the Sacramento City College courses during zero period as an additional class added to my regular teaching load. Students get college credit for this class since they are enrolled in the college class. However, the district has refused to fund the .2 FTE position in order for me to teach it. It is my understanding that the district funds a full-time (1.0) FTE position to other large high school CTE programs. Our small school is not getting the support we need to offer the program that we promise

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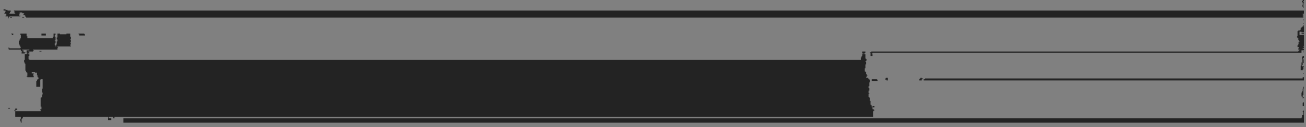

Name: Winter Saldaña

Comment: Hello and good evening, my name is Winter Saldaña. I am a parent of a 4th grader at Ash...

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Name:	Amy Beste-Fong
Comment:	My child is a junior and after years of school avoidance he is now excited about starting college and having this period gives him this chance . We have to catch these kids now so they can feel empowered to continue their education . And it is a good thing .  

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Name: Carlie Ransom

Comment: I am a very active parent to an 11th grade young lady, with interest in medicine. The zero period medical terminology course, is a huge asset to my child's education. Parents and students were guaranteed this additional course; so the fact that nobody seems to have information if the class will move forward, is a bit concerning. This situation prompts me to voice my concerns to the schools superintendent, as well as the schools board .

I do not hold back when it comes to academic needs being met for my child; so if voicing frustration to those of higher power gets results, that's what i'll do. Those who have the capability of using their status as a platform, need to be better advocates for our children. Unacceptable!

Respectfully,

Ms. Ransom

Speaking as Parent/Guardian

Email

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Name: Jasmine Tingle

Comment: I am commenting on behalf of the students and teacher at Health Professions High school who have had a college course for credits removed because the district has yet to approve the funding for the class. You cannot continue to preach about college and career ready and contradict that very statement by not supporting this college course for the students. As I stated in several emails to board members, the support for these students and this class at this school should be nonnegotiable. The district continues to mismanage money and not allocate funds where they are needed, for our students. Please consider immediately funding this class for the students at Health Professions High School.

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Name: Janessa Stewart

Comment Good evening SCUSD board members. I am the parent of a kindergarten student and 8th

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grader here in the district. I would like to comment on the distance learning program and reopening schools plan. While I deeply admire and respect the great lengths our teachers and site staff have gone to to make this distance learning experience as do-able as possible, it is no substitute for live, in-person instruction on campus. My 8th grader has been struggling. He's an extrovert and needs his peers. Being in front of a screen all day by himself, with enough to manage in Google Classroom as some college classes is simply far too much to expect of a child that age. It is also incredibly lonely and depressing. Your 'virtual calming room' is a poor substitute for real time in-the-flesh with ones peers and teachers. I spent the last week sitting along side him for all his classes, and even as someone who has worked remotely myself for 6 years, it was too much for me to process properly without lots of focus and reviewing of materials/ emails/

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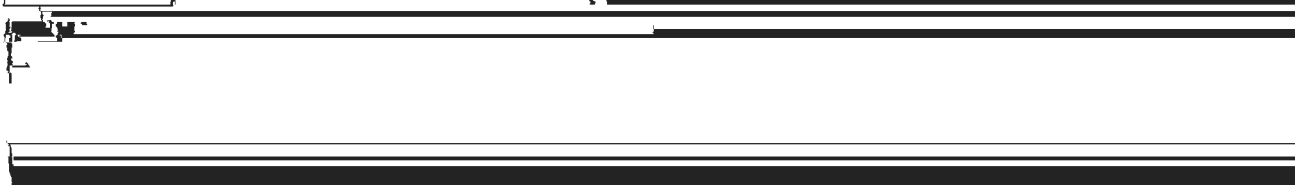
connecting with other people (be it students or teachers), playing on a playground, learning how to sit still and listen at story time, exchanging ideas and working on projects together with your peers... those things cannot be done via distance learning. COVID isn't going away anytime soon (if ever), and I believe we need to learn how to live with it. If daycares, and preschools can be open (and many have been this whole time...) so can our school campuses. Thank you for listening.

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Name Andrea Edwards

Comment: As a parent of a HPHS student, I am asking the board and superintendent to take swift action in reinstating the zero period college course offered at the school. We are in week 5 of instruction, and students have not received any instruction due to budget concerns. How is this class not funded? One reason our family selected this school is



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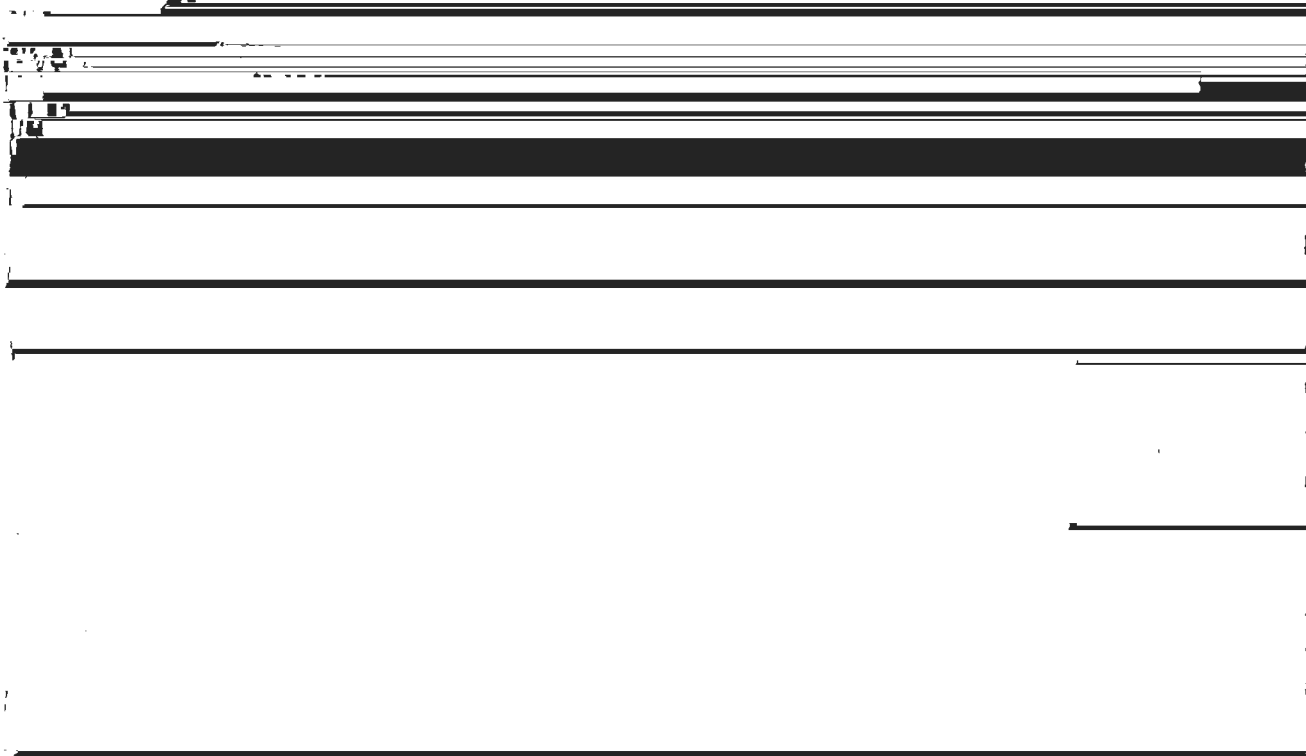
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Name: Becki Bell

Comment I'm both a District employee and parent of a SCUSD student. I'd love to have my daughter back at school, and I'd love to see the students as a whole. That being said, I have no idea how a hybrid schedule would work for the majority of families when it comes to child care. If you don't have a child care center in your district, it's a challenge.



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Name Tara Thronson

Comment: Schools in Sacramento County will be eligible to offer in-person learning in two weeks. Will our leaders agree to a plan that safely allows an in-person option for those with the highest need? For those who distance learning isn't serving their child's needs, or to allow caregivers to return to jobs that can't be done remotely?

When will our decision-makers take steps to develop a collaborative relationship to serve

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Name: Nicole Gustafson

Comment: I have 1st grader Washington elementary this year.
As a parent I'm frustrated.
We are all in this together, we are a team made of parents, board members, teachers/staff
and unions.
We all need to work together to

1) Mending the hurt and mistrust of many years of disagreements between the teachers

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Name Junior Goris

Comment: Good Evening Superintendent Aguilar, President Ryan and esteem members of the

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Name: Daniel Conway

Comment As a parent of 4 students in the district, it's disheartening and disturbing to see how the needs of our children are being impacted by the discord at the district. While Sac City Unified has been a mess for many years, recent weeks have shown how voiceless and disenfranchised students and families are in determining the future of our schools. Furthermore, the lack of agreement around distance-learning, responsibly returning to campus, and how to avoid state takeover are why classroom teachers and principals seem

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