

Sacramento City Unified School District  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**May 20, 2021 Public Comments**

Name:	Alma Lopez
Comment:	<p>Good afternoon Superintendent and Board Members,</p> <p>My name is Alma Lopez, Director, and Organizer of Brown Issues, a youth advocacy organization based out of Sacramento that reaches over 257K people. Throughout the pandemic, community has actively asked the district to equitably serve students of color, who have been disproportionately impacted by covid-19.</p> <p>The release of Dr. Mackey and Dr. Arellano-Simms of their positions as Instructional Area Superintendents serving Title I schools is wrong and unacceptable. These are the only two IAS that are bilingual women of color doing critical work to better represent our students. Yet, there was no discussion of why they were being released and no conversation of what could have been done to retain them. We expect more from you.</p> <p>We demand the reinstatement of the IAS released and full transparency regarding the hiring and retention of administrators of color. We demand the implementation of anti-racist training for all staff before the start of the school year 2021-2022 and an independent audit of the practices used to promote and provide promotional opportunities for administrators.</p> <p>Furthermore, a bilingual teacher from California Middle School has also been removed from her position during the pandemic, with no reason whatsoever, and administrators were placed at C.K. McClatchy High School with no student voice and community input. Again, this practice hurts our students and goes against the mission of the district.</p> <p>We will not tolerate the release of administrators and teachers of color committed to serving our students and families who are vocal about their needs.</p> <p>Lack of funding cannot be an excuse. We expect the district to invest American Rescue Plan dollars in these demands.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>

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