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Name:	Ben Gravitz
Comment:	<p>The chicanery displayed by Mr. Aguilar and the board's failure to reign it in is astounding. Does he not have more PERB rulings against him for unfair labor practices than any other superintendent in the state? Is he not the only superintendent in the state to compel a strike by failing to implement a contract that he signed himself?</p> <p>Does he not annually claim a budget deficit and then have the facts prove him wrong? Did he not just waste 6 million dollars on shoddy air purifiers against the advice of his labor partners and the nation's top air quality scientists? Did he not fail to attend every bargaining session with SCTA?</p> <p>Instead of thanking the hard working teachers of this district for their unprecedented efforts during the pandemic (while he provided no leadership), he wants to reduce the take home pay of teachers while sitting on hundreds of millions of dollars in covid relief funds and enjoying his fat raise. It is because of this constant hostility and ineptitude directed towards his own staff and students that my wife and I have decided to resign after a combined 61 years in this district. It is long past time for this school board to do its duty and show Mr. Aguilar the door.</p>

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Name:	Juan Ramirez
Comment:	<p>Board Members, your community keeps telling you that this Superintendent does not support the majority of the students in the district that are Black and Latino. Every plan that he has his team present always looks good for presentation but in real life, never happens the way he says it will. Never. He continues to lie and you continue to support him. Why? We deserve better from all of you to fire him and find a Superintendent that does not control you and lie to the community. We deserve a Superintendent who is really for our minority students and students with special needs and language learners. He has been called out by the judges in the PERB hearings as a LIAR!! Can't you all read and see that?? He is also releasing two women of color, Dr. Mackey and Dr. Simms and all they have done is their JOB and spoken out against him and the CAO who continue to lie about what they are doing for our kids? How can a man who never taught in classroom or was a Principal or who never even passed the Bar exam capable of helping our kids and teachers? How can a CAO with no experience with MTSS, or special education or English Learner support or improving education for majority minority kids, sit here and tell us what our kids need to learn?? The answer to both is that they can't. You all need to open your eyes and your ears and use your brains so that you can see that this Superintendent and the CAO are NOT what our kids need in SCUSD. You all need to get rid of them and keep the people who really care. Reinstate Dr. Mackey and Dr. Simms NOW! No excuses! You have the money. they have the experience, education and community support behind them. Do the right thing!!</p>

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Name:	Angela Davis
Comment:	<p>Dear Board Members, On tonight's agenda I see that you will vote to approve the spending of the additional COVID money that the district will receive. Did you know that the \$330 million is not even the whole sum that this district will receive and more money will be distributed to all school districts in California? More shocking is that while some of you asked the Superintendent last week what his plans were to continue equity for our kids, he had no answer and no plan. None of you were shocked by the absence of a response. I am disgusted that this Board is ok with equity when one time monies are being used for it, but don't say a word about equity for a long-term plan. More disgusting is that I saw new jobs being created but people are being released and laid off. You have two women of color who allegedly were released due to funding. Well. . . the funding is there. Reinstate them for at least one more year. If you don't then it is clear you are all part of the larger racist agenda of the district which is to continue the cancel culture of Black and Brown people who speak out and support Black and Brown students in this district. Jorge Aguilar has a pattern of my way or the highway mentality just like Christine Baeta. That's why Elk Grove was glad to see her go and Fresno threw a party when Aguilar left. Why does this district always take other people's "trash"? You all are on the Board to support all students ESPECIALLY Black and Brown students since we are the majority and the ones that you always mistreat and miseducate. We need Black and Brown leaders who will uplift our kids and support them, not release them because the Superintendent said so. Reinstate Dr. Mackey and Dr. Simms immediately. Use that COVID money to do it like you are using it to keep the MTSS Director who is not qualified for her job. She has never been a teacher, never been a Principal and on the state website, has no certification. How is that possible? So, if you are going to pay for people who are not qualified or certified, then you can absolutely make sure that both women who are Drs. have their jobs back for next year.</p>

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Name:	Clarence Johnson
Comment:	<p>School Board Members, I have been parent and an active community member in Oak Park for the last 40 years. This feels like the worst time to be Black in Sacramento. You all should be ashamed of how you treat Black people in this district. The way you all talk to Ms. Phillips is like you talking to somebody that is beneath you and that's not right. You need to show her the utmost respect because she LIVES in Oak Park and represents our people. You all jump when the White parents say how high but when Black parents say something, you all act like you deaf! When Mr. Gladney and Mr. Vasquez KEEP trying to tell you all with the problems is, you all either cut them off or give them that fake White smile and say thank you knowing good and well you not going to do nothing for our kids. Let me tell you something, I see Dr. Mackey at our school in Oak Park with Mrs. Johnson. I saw HER giving out computers to our kids when they needed them. I know that she tried to tell the other bosses at the district how to help our kids and what did the Superintendent and the CAO do? Release her from her position. That woman came here to help our kids and she has more experience than any of them up there. She should be running this district. She may not be FROM Sacramento but she is here NOW and has done more in her short time here than people that have been here as long as me. I believe covid stopped her and you from seeing all that Dr. Mackey could do for our district but even still, she did a lot. This district has money so you need to put it to good use by keeping Dr. Mackey. If you looking to save money then fire the superintendent. That will save you almost \$400000. Don't be stupid and keep him but get rid of somebody who is more worth the money. I also heard that there a vote of no confidence in Aguilar. That should tell you something. When was the last time that happened in this district. The people are talking and you need to listen.</p>

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Name:	Alina Cervantes
Comment:	<p>I apologize I am no longer able to call in.</p> <p>Our children and teachers are so happy to be back- we can't thank you enough for giving them this gift to end the year. I realize SCTA is in their feelings about it and it's time for them to retaliate because that's what bullies do. Notice they never report how many teachers actually vote in their surveys. Don't be swindled by their lies and overtly racist attacks on the superintendent. They do not like ANY superintendent or board that tries to put our kids first, and that is clear if you look at Milevsky's public quotes about our district as far back as 2010.</p> <p>SCTA weaponizes equity for their own benefit. They have never cared about equity for Black and Brown students or students with disabilities and in their defense that is not their job. It was SCTA that demanded SCUSD halt the SPARK initiative in 2016 that would've brought anti-bias training and restorative justice initiatives to all schools. It was SCTA that demanded SCUSD halt the expansion of Inclusive Practices in 2014.</p> <p>It disgusts me that they use us as shields to advance their agenda, all while engaging in harassment of actual parents of color like myself behind closed doors, and continuing to prop up the existing system which we all know is not serving Black and Brown children.</p> <p>We all know the playbook by now- SCTA creates drama, lies to their own members, misinforms the public, and then they will drag this out until late August and try to ruin our kids Fall return with a strike, preying on the panic of families and teachers. This is immoral and harmful to children and no child advocate should tolerate or enable these tactics.</p> <p>We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to invest in the students who need it the most. COVID funds are supposed to be used to remediate pandemic-related learning loss for low income youth, Black and Brown kids, and students with disabilities,</p> <p>I hope you all will do what you were elected to do- have our children's backs and reject proposals that are fiscally irresponsible and anti-Student.</p>

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Name:	Clarissa Sanchez
Comment:	<p>Dear School Board Trustees, I am a parent of 3 kids in this district and I commenting on the poor plans for our students with special needs and our english learners. My kids are both. And I am also commenting on the poor decision of this Board to release Dr. Simms and Dr. Mackey as Assistant Superintendents. One of my kids goes to Cesar Chavez and while our Principal is great, we need more resources and more bilingual programs. The Assistant Superintendent for our school has done nothing for our kids or our families. She just comes to see the Principal but I have not seen in her in over a year. Meanwhile I have kids at schools where Dr. Simms and Dr. Mackey work or supervise, and I have seen those 2 ladies on the campuses, talking with the Principal and walking classrooms as recently as 2 weeks ago. I don't know why you all would decide to let these ladies go because I know they could not and did not have anything negative related to their job performance otherwise Dr. Mackey's name would not be on the agenda tonight as a resignation. Either way, something is not right. Its also not right that you all were super happy about a plan for the new funds but did not include a thorough plan for improving english learner instruction or increase bilingual programs. I also did not see quality instructional programs for our students with disabilities. I only hear about compliance and timelines but nobody talks about quality. This is just ridiculous that you all love the glitz of the presentation but it has no substance and does not pan out on the ground in our schools. These people propose these great big plans but fail to execute them to benefit our kids. And I go back to why you all continue to let go of people who have the knowledge and experience to implement plans that really work in our schools and for our kids. That is NOT the Superintendent and NOT Christine Baeta! They are both liars and have not done anything for our Black students or english learners or students with disabilities. UDL is NOT the cure to racism or discrimination. UDL is NOT how my children is going to learn all that they need to, and have my child receive the quality teaching needed to learn the standards. This district has a record of failure. Less than 1/2 of the students are meeting grade level standards in this district. Yet, you are getting rid of someone like Dr. Mackey who was a successful turnaround Principal and has led district turnaround in other places for Black and Latino students. Dr. Simms continues to advocate for bilingual programs and supports my child's Principal to the fullest yet you want to let her go. You all need to remember who and what the focus is which are the kids and supporting people who support the kids. Reinstate Dr. Mackey and Dr. Simms. Stop supporting these people who don't really care about the real needs of our students like the Superintendent, Chrstine Baeta and the Assistant Superintendent at Cesar Chavez who fail to understand and connect with us parents on the ground level in the community and in the schools.</p>

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