

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Kristin Schumacher
Comment:	<p>My name is Kristin Schumacher. My family and I live in Trustee Area #7, and I have a kindergartener and a 2nd grader who attend David Lubin Elementary. I'm submitting public comment today regarding my family's inability to develop a comprehensive Individual Education Plan for our 5-year-old, as is his right under state and federal law. Upon the advice of my child's healthcare provider, I contacted Sacramento Unified's Special Education Division via email on October 27, 2020 to develop an Individual Education Plan for my son who would be entering kindergarten at David Lubin Elementary in the fall of 2021. While the speech and language assessment and speech therapy occurred in a timely fashion, we have asked repeatedly for an occupational therapy (OT) assessment. We have done so both verbally to school staff and in writing to school and district staff in an attempt to secure services for our child.</p> <p>The district has 60 days from the point at which parents provide written consent to an assessment to conduct the evaluation, but we were not even given the opportunity to sign the consent form for the OT assessment until September 15, 2021 – 322 days after our initial conversation with district staff where I first requested an OT and speech assessment for our child.</p> <p>The district is tracking outstanding initial and triennial assessments on the special education page of the district website, but the assessment tracking data on the district's website is flawed. Because the table does not provide any data on families like my own who have not been provided the consent forms for initial assessments, we are not represented in the assessment tracking data even though we have been waiting for an OT assessment for our child for over a year. Failure to capture this information minimizes the severity of the problem that students and parents have in developing an IEP and securing services for their children.</p> <p>Sacramento Unified received \$276.7 million in federal COVID relief dollars. The district and staff must do better in providing a free appropriate public education to every child in the district. A portion of these funds must be prioritized so that children like my son don't continue to fall through the cracks.</p>

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Name:	Shaun Dillon
Comment:	Today, High School students in SCUSD had 3 lunch choices: Cheeseburger with LTO on side, Antipasto Salad with Pork Salami with Pizza Pocket or a Miller's Beef Hot Dog. Board Members have also had 3 choices in "lunch" lately at BOE Meetings: A Deluxe Sandwich Box, A Southwestern Chicken Salad Box or a Chicken Apple Walnut Salad Box. Why is the Board of Education eating better than the students on the taxpayer dime?

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Name:	Andrea Hassan
Comment:	I believe no change need it

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Name:	Julius Austin
Comment:	<p>The SCUSD African American Advisory Board</p> <p>Demands Severe Consequences for the Continued Racist Terrorism</p> <p>Negatively Impacting Black Children, Faculty and Staff</p> <p>“Enough is Enough”</p> <p>We, the SCUSD African American Advisory Board (AAAB), stand in solidarity with our member organizations, Black scholars and families, teachers, administrators and staff.</p> <p>The SCUSD AAAB is taking swift action to affect immediate change regarding the most recent, of many, incidences of racial and emboldened attacks towards students, families, staff and administrators of African descent in SCUSD including the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Capitol Suspensions Report<input type="checkbox"/> McClatchy High School<input type="checkbox"/> Kit Carson International Academy<input type="checkbox"/> West Campus High School<input type="checkbox"/> The unprecedented exodus of several Black teachers and administrators <p>The egregious act against Dr. Versher is not the first incident of this nature that has occurred in this district and, unfortunately, this is not the first statement made by the AAAB in regards to the ongoing racism and underlying racist culture.</p>

In fact, the AAAB, known then as a Task Force, was founded in response to both the results of the Capitol Suspensions Report and an incident at McClatchy High school in 2018 where a student was permitted to include racist and unsupported statements regarding the intellect of Black Peoples in a publicly displayed academic project.

We, the AAAB, have requested, on several occasions, that we receive the findings of the Kit

Carson incident investigation. To date, we have yet to receive an update, and demand immediate delivery of the report to our Executive Committee.

The AAAB put forth additional demands and expect immediate for SCUSD including:

districtwide zero tolerance policy with regard to racist rhetoric and hate speech; a culturally

responsive support team; and to remove the opt-out of the current anti-bias and anti-racist

professional development.

Additionally, Black Parallel School Board, a member organization of AAAB, has a current lawsuit addressing discrimination against Black students with disabilities in SCUSD.

Although there have been public statements standing against race and hate in SCUSD, the racist culture persists. Most recently, in a November 10 Press Release, District Leadership stated:

“Racist language and actions will not be tolerated. Our District will fully investigate the incident at West Campus.” - Superintendent Aguilar

“Rest assured that the District will fully investigate this matter.” - Board President Pritchett.

To quote Vice Principal Dr. Versher, “Enough is Enough!” An investigation is not enough. Press Releases are not enough. Statements of non-tolerance without action are not enough. We as a community cannot rest, and do not feel assured that the District has

provided a safe learning environment for Black Scholars, Families, Teachers, Administrators or Staff in SCUSD.

Finally, we are demanding for immediate change and severe consequences, and while we are an advisory board there are many of the members on the African Advisory Board that are calling for but not limited to the resignation of the West Campus Principal, the SCUSD Board members and the Superintendent, as well as; upon completion of the criminal investigation, appropriate actions be taken against the perpetrators of this hate crime and the community be apprised of the outcomes.

Only when ALL of these demands are addressed can we be assured of the district's commitment to non-tolerance of these racist actions.

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