

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

June 24, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Pat Scott
Comment:	<p>Dear Board Members, I rarely reach out to make a comment but I must. This Board has acted discriminatorily against our Black & Brown communities and allowed Jorge Aguilar to run amuck! I have heard some parents say that they approve of his leadership but those parents are not from the communities that continuously suffer racist practices and people. Those parents enjoy being bedfellows with the district and you as Board members but don't speak to the parents that represent the Black, Latinx and Asian communities who live below the poverty line. We need better from you and we need better from any Superintendent that is running this district. Never before have 2 unions had a vote of no confidence in a Superintendent, not even Banda or Raymond. Never have internal and external members write letters advocating against the Superintendent. You all talked of him standing for equity but we see no results in our community. Our students have not prospered under the Superintendent. He may listen but he does HEAR us. He does not ACT on behalf of our most marginalized students. He may act on behalf of your children but not FOR ALL children. I heard a teacher last week call this Board out about how racist you all act and are not really antiracist. That was the most brutal truth that I have heard in a long time. When are going to not listen but actually hear what people are saying. If you are hearing, then hearing means that you act. You all need to act by thinking about all of the communities you serve, not just your areas. You all need to act to evaluate this superintendent with a negative evaluation and ACT to get a superintendent who reflects the voice of the people through their actions. If you don't act, the people will by voting in board members that don't sit and just say how great a plan is but actually looks to see if the plan is carried out fully and ALL STUDENTS benefit, not just the ones in East Sac. Thank you.</p>

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Name:	Lamaia Coleman
Comment:	I am grateful for Superintendent Aguliar's focus on equity and his work during these difficult times both in term of things external an internal to the district. I am grateful for the stability that a superintendent who sticks things out provides. Clearly the district as a whole, including it's labor partners, has problems and we are not in a good space, yet having stable, learning leadership with a strong focus on equity provides hope.

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Name:	Flora Sanchez
Comment:	<p>Dear Board Members, I want implore you to give the Superintendent a negative review. You are settling for a man that does not care about students. He only cares about his image. My friends told me that he called only certain parents to make sure that they made comments of support to him. He purposely reached out to the parents who are in East Sacramento and on the CAC so that they can come before you all and say that he should be here as Superintendent. But no. He's not good enough. We cannot settle. You cannot settle. Almost 5 years and our Latinx and Black students are still failing. This is ridiculous. We need a new Superintendent who has action behind their words, not ideas and plans. Aguilar needs to go and this Board needs to find someone that is a bridge builder and won't get a vote of no confidence. We need change that happens in the classroom and not just in the conversations at Board meetings. He needs to go and we can't settle for less. Remove him now!</p>

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Name:	John Meyers
Comment:	<p>June 23rd, 2021</p> <p>From: Open Sac City Schools</p> <p>opensaccityschool@gmail.com</p> <p>FB @ Open Sac City Schools</p> <p>To:</p> <p>Jorge Aguilar, Superintendent</p> <p>Sacramento City Unified School District</p> <p>5735 47th Avenue</p> <p>Sacramento CA 95824</p> <p>superintendent@scusd.edu</p> <p>David Fisher, President Sacramento City Teachers Association</p> <p>5300 Elvas Avenue Sacramento CA 95819</p> <p>dfisher@saccityta.com</p> <p>Cc: SCUSD School Board Trustees</p> <p>Dear Superintendent Aguilar and David Fisher,</p>

On behalf of the below parents of students in the Sacramento City Unified School District (District), we are writing to urge the leadership at the District and the Sacramento City Teachers Association (SCTA) to develop and commit to a public schedule for labor negotiations that resolve all outstanding issues ahead of the 2021/22 school year scheduled start of September 2, 2021. Even before the COVID pandemic, families and students in the District have been unnecessarily burdened with the outfall of the District's and SCTA's inability to work collaboratively to resolve decades-long issues plaguing the District. These consequences have included missed instructional days due to strikes and late school starts; delayed special education assessments; lost opportunities for professional development critical to meeting students' needs; confusion and frustration; and other wholly avoidable outcomes. These issues have resulted in declining enrollment, reducing the District's ability to meet our City's public education obligations and creating additional financial burdens on the District. This must stop. The adults in District and SCTA leadership must set aside their grievances and work towards service to the students and families of this District. This starts with a re-evaluation of current and ongoing litigation and complaints and their true service to the students, so that leaders can focus on moving on and forward. With the once-in-a-generation windfall of state and federal funding, the District has the opportunity to re-imagine our educational services and establish itself as a premier District. The first step is to reduce the confusion and frustration for District families and students is to commit to completing labor negotiations by August 1, 2021. This allows the District and SCTA 6 weeks to negotiate necessary contract items while giving students and families certainty that there will be a smooth start to the 2021/22 school year. A firm commitment to a negotiation schedule that concludes by August 1st can build confidence for District families that are choosing to remain in the District. We need to know that there is a commitment from the District and SCTA leadership to resolve differences. We are sure you agree that our students deserve this commitment. As such, we would appreciate a public statement from the District and SCTA that they will develop and commit to a negotiation schedule to be completed by a reasonable date certain (August 1, 2021). Sincerely, Sarah Allred Rachael Amoah Asheena Archambault Mike Archambault Corena Augusta Phoebe Austin Tammie Balestreri Kristine Blanco Brea Bondi-Boyd Kevin Borrelli Cindi Brosemer Sandra Brown Gary Brown Caroline Brsiak Marion Bruckbauer-Cheshier Janae Bryant Kimberly Buchholz Gwynnae Byrd Alina Cervantes Ananda Clare Jessica Cohagan Kathryn Colson Sarah Colwell Katy Cotter Lisa Crowfoot Maria Dal Ben Marisa Doell Jacob Douglas Susan Ebe Rebecca Frazee Allison Frenzel Christopher Gartner Carla Gaub Brandon Gaub Anne Gillman Holly Gilson Colleen Gordon Jessie Gouck Michael Gouck Rowena Gray Shannon Hobbs Erik Hofmann Alisha Hudson Jamie James Ana Jenkins Emily Kacic Christal Kapicka Talia Kaufman Susan Kent Cathrin Kilmer Dan Kilmer Heidi Kinnick Nathan Kinnick Nancy Knowdell Sharon Laabs Chelsea Leber Donna Lee Lisa K. Lindberg Katie Logsdon Stacy Lopez Jane Mandell Doyal Martin Ellen Martin Patrick Martin Natasha Martin Lerner Jennifer Martin-Gallardo Kristen Merrill John Meyers Olivia Minor Leon Monahan Ellen Moore Cristina Moreno Santos Moreno Bryn Mumma Daylyn Musante Jennifer Nelson Derek Nixon Ana O'Rourke Patrick O'Rourke Julia O'Brien Daniel Okenfuss Jill Olmstead Alicia Ortega Leslie Ortiz Carey Park Kelly Parsley Jessica Pearson Janelle Peoples Jim Peoples Katie Perez Carey Peterson Sherry Petta Kyle Petty Joe Pierre Jenny Pierre Rainbow Porthé Andrea Rane Neil Ray Karen Rice David Rice Ellie Robertson Max Robertson Ariele Rodriguez Elizabeth Rogers Christina Romano Amy Rossi Mackenzie Rule Lia San Miguel Ivonne Schafer Richard Schafer Susan Shanmugam Susan Shanmugam Nat Shanmugam Holly Singleteary Erin Skubal Laura Smith Kelly Solov Kathy Sorensen Scot Sorensen Gwynne Spann Jason Spann Stella Steen Eric Steen Janessa Stewart Terry Stigge Elisabeth Stroder Christina Sutton Robin Tafoya-Larsen Kate Taylor Michelle Taylor Scott Thomas Bryan Thomas Paula Thomas Desirée Throckmorton Scott Throckmorton Jill Tompkins Craig Tompkins Katrina Trute Yuliya Vathis Jennifer Wallace Ian Wallace Laura Walter Julie Warren Reneé Webster-Hawkins Kate Wheatley Kirstin Whitefleet Karin Winters Evelyn Woodman Katie Worth Danli Xing Glen Xiong Lauren Zimmerman

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Name:	Francis Smith
Comment:	<p>Dear SCUSD Board, I have been a parent in this community for over 25 years and this is the absolute worst time that I have ever seen things. Superintendent Jorge Aguilar has driven this district into the ground and all I hear Board Members Pritchett, Villa and Murawski say is how amazing he is. I guess it is amazing because you all sit high above in privilege and don't see what's happening and not happening in the schools with high percentages of Black and Brown students. You all need to do better and stop settling for the nice sounding presentations. Get into these schools and see the struggles of these kids and these teachers. We need a better person to lead this district. 5 years later and this guy has never been to all of these schools. Aguilar has not improved these kids state test scores. Aguilar has not improved our districts budget and his commitment to equity doesn't last beyond the millions of COVID dollars the district will receive. But you all think he's "committed to equity"?? He's only committed to telling you and the public what you want to hear so he can keep his \$340000 check. Let's stop playing these games and get a Superintendent in here who can really improve our district and won't take 5 years to do it. Aguilar deserves a negative review, a canceled contract and a bus ticket back to Fresno. Let's find the best and stop taking somebody like Aguilar that was another districts reject.</p>

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