
From: Kayla Saavedra
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 3:30 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Proposed school extension

To whom it may concern,

We (SCUSD parent) received an email discussing the options that are being considered to make up the hours lost during the strike. I just wanted to voice that many parents have already made plans or care arrangements for their children this summer, most of which require payment. Whether it is a vacation, camp, or daycare I find it rather unreasonable to expect these families to send their children to an extra week of school with these plans already set in place. I would urge you to make sure that if a week is added to the end of the school year that families who are not able to send their children to that extra week are not penalized for something that is out of their control.

Thank you,
Kayla Saavedra
SCUSD parent

From: Katrina Trute
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 3:39 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: The extended school year

Hello-

This is completely unacceptable. My children are exhausted from the ping pong lifestyle you have caused. They will not be doing extra school days. As for the state fines, that is a YOU issue not an us issue. I am so grossed out by this whole situation.

My vote is a vote of no confidence by the school board.

Thank you,

One angry parent.

Katrina Trute

From: Brittney Bejarano < >
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 3:43 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Public Meeting comment for 4/21

Dear Board Members,

While I understand the predicament created by the strike, I do not feel students and families should pay the price for a decision made by teachers and staff. They chose to forfeit their pay, strike, and cause school to be cancelled, let them pay the price. Require them to sacrifice their summers teaching for the additional pay, let them sacrifice their time with their families.

As a joint custody parent who gets summer visitation out of state, I'm offended that my visitation with my children seems to be an acceptable sacrifice to this board. I donate financially to the well being of the schools programs and participate as an involved parent, often traveling at much expense to be present. We have already made plans for this summer, some of which have been paid for in advance, and this decision to extend the school year will cost me not only the amount I've already paid, but also priceless time with my children which I cannot get back. While that face to face time may seem expendable to you, I assure you all it is not.

Teachers, staff, district officials, board members alike should all be ashamed at their decisions and actions these past few months. Hopefully you all reconsider the appalling decision to extend the school year- as if our children haven't been through enough the past few years.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ana Jenkins
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 3:55 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Cc: Lisa Murawski
Subject: Concerned parent: SCUSD proposal to extend school days and the school year

I am writing to you today to express my opposition to the newest SCUSD proposal to extend 6 school days and extend the school year. Our children, families and teachers have been through enough change over the last few years and interfering with our vacation and family time is completely unacceptable. The SCUSD proposal indicates that the extended school days will allow employees to recover salary that was forfeited during the strike. If the district is concerned about lost salaries, pay your employees for their lost wages. It's that simple. Do not punish students and families.

Furthermore, I am frustrated and disappointed that the SCUSD has offered a proposal without seeking input from the SCUSD families. I have not received a survey or any communication that has asked families how or if we want to make up lost education time. I have not heard from my board member, Lisa Murawski, at all. I have not even received any correspondence from any board member despite having sent numerous emails expressing my concerns over the last couple months.

I want the District to pay the fines and move on. Leave our school calendar alone. I would also like the District to mend their relationship with their employees. A good start would be to pay for their lost salaries. Finally, I would like the District to start including their families in decision processes in the future.

Thanks,
Ana Jenkins, Crocker Riverside Mom

From: Rose
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 4:11 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Extended learning time.

Re:Extended learning time & school year - SCUSD has got to be kidding. Pay the fines or beg for forgiveness and a reduction of penalties. By not entering negotiation BEFORE and for an interminably long time DURING the strike, this is a manufactured problem. Aguilar and the Board's resistance to addressing real problems for teachers and staff caused this. I can't believe it took parents and kids sleeping at Serna to finally enact change because the optics were bad. As a parent who has been rocked by the schedule changes and daily uncertainty during strike, it's hard to sympathize. School ends as originally planned for my family.

-Rosita L

From: Michelle Tarter
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 4:42 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment; Lisa Murawski
Subject: SCUSD Proposal for making up lost instructional time

To Whom It May Concern,

I was very upset today to read the district's email announcing the proposal presented to SCTA regarding making up lost instructional time due to the recent strike. I was hopeful that after the uncertainty felt not only during the strike but also during the last two years due to COVID that the district would begin to work in good faith not only with our teachers and staff, but also consider the needs of students and families.

If the district truly cared about collaborating with families and their labor partners as the email states, at the very least an effort could have been made to actually talk to all parties involved to gather information before making a proposal. However, once again it feels as if teachers, staff and the students and their families are expected to pay the consequences while the district absolves themselves of all responsibility.

For families to have been given no notice before a proposal has been made sends the message that the district does not care about the further impact this decision will have on students and their families and that teachers and staff are being punished for taking the action of deciding to strike in the first place.

Our students, teachers and staff have already had to make huge adjustments and lost so much over the last two years and to continue to ask them to keep doing so because the district will not take responsibility for their own actions is unacceptable.

Michelle Tarter
Crocker Mom

From: Shenny Cruces
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 5:08 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Extended School Year Due to Lack of Leadership

Dear School Board,

I am very disappointed that I have to write you yet again another letter. In regards to the extending of the school year due to the lack of the leadership that the administration at the district showed, you are punishing the wrong people. My child does not deserve to have their summer plans canceled nor does my family deserve having to pay cancellation fees and rescheduling fees for our family vacations which we get once a year. It has become clear to me that the school board is tone deaf if they think blaming the staff and faculty for your lack of leadership and your lack of ability to get to the negotiating table in good faith. Parents are very aware of the stall tactic used by the district and then the subsequent emails filled with half truths and out right lies to cover your bases. The parents are aware that you are shifting blame to faculty and staff. The parents are aware that this could have been avoided if the school board took action and got real negotiator to the table. The parents are aware that you, the school board, did nothing when the state superintendent called our superintendent to the table and he refused. It is my opinion that the superintendent Aguilar and all the administrative staff should be the ones sitting in the classroom for the six additional days if you need money from the state. This is your fault and you need to solve it and not pass the blame to staff faculty and punish students and families.

Thank you,
Shenny Cruces
Parent. VOTER

From: Adam Kessler, MBA
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 5:32 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: SCUSD Academic Schedule

Two years ago there was a proposal move the academic year inline with other school districts in the area, August - May. What happened to that proposal?

Sent from my iPhone

From: libby chase
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 7:05 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Extended school year

Dear School Board,

I understand the school system will loose money by not extended the school year but businesses will too. You are impacting summer income and summer camps. Parents sign their children up for camp months in advance and some Don't offer refunds. These businesses have already been negatively impacted by COVID.

I won't be putting my child in extended school year for the week of June 20-24th as we have already made financial commitments AND the last week of school doesn't include learning. It is always movies, potlucks and other group activities.

Sincerely,

Libby Chase, MSN, RN

From: Jessica Lincoln
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 10:39 PM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Extended school year

To whom it may concern,

The district needs to pay the fines that THEY caused. We are not responsible for the fallout of the teachers union and district. Extending the school year is only going to cause more problems between the parents and the schools. I am already planning on taking my kids out of this school district since it can't get it together. We have summer planned and will not be attending the additional week.

Jessica Lincoln

From: Victoria Kinego
Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 5:51 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Do not extend the year.

Families make plans based on the district calendar, changing that calendar with only a few weeks notice will cause chaos in many households. These poor children have endured so much over the last few years and the decisions made by the district have only added to the anxiety and trauma these kids have experienced. Disrupting their lives further by adding days will be cruel. My children will be following the original calendar and will not be attending extra days.