

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	John Goldberg
Comment:	Please don't make any decisions regarding staffing until later this Spring/early Summer when there is a more accurate enrollment projection.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Mukesh Sahu
Comment:	<p>To the esteemed members of the Board. I would like to express my strong opposition to your plan to eliminate one of the teachers at Crocker Riverside Elementary and to create a 5/6 split for the 2022-2023 school year. My understanding is that this is based on projected enrollment for that year. It is incredibly premature to make any major changes/decisions to resource allocation at a time of such uncertainty and flux. The decreased enrollment at CR is clearly a reflection of the changes and disruption that COVID has caused, and not necessarily an indicator of neighborhood trends. Changes of this magnitude already have the potential to rupture the fabric of and irreparably harm the culture of a school in a multitude of ways, which is in itself a travesty. But to make these changes based on transient conditions is nothing short of irresponsible. Until we know how/when the pandemic resolves, and how our neighborhood and school fare as a result, we absolutely should not be making these types of major changes. It is not hyperbole to say that the repercussions of these decisions will be devastating to our school and our community for years to come.</p>

Speaking as: Employee

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Name:	Desirée Throckmorton
Comment:	Both of my children are undeniably better off in school. The risk of COVID is less worrisome knowing they are learning, growing and interacting safely at school. Kids need school!

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Alina Cervantes
Comment:	<p>On behalf of my children, I would like to thank our teachers, school staff, administrators, and each and every board member for working so hard to get our kids back to in person school and working each day to keep our schools open. I realize what a massive undertaking it is, that the rules constantly change, and we are facing many of the same challenges districts are facing across the country. I also realize that many in our community have run out of grace, if they had any to begin with- these are the same people who treat service industry people poorly and focus on every negative thing, instead of giving grace and seeing that people are really trying their best. I know as board members you usually hear from the same small group of complainers over and over, so I wanted to make sure that you heard from the silent majority who are thrilled our kids are back in school and overall pleased with the safety protocols that have been put in place. Our site continues to do an amazing job day in and day out. Both of our kids are engaged in hands on project learning that they are so excited about we never hear the end of it at home. This would never have been possible over zoom and people forget how hard we had to fight for the return to in person school in the spring. So, thank you for the work you do to keep schools open- our children say thank you!</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Stell Steen
Comment:	Dear SCUSD, As a parent who endured 18 months of distance learning for a 3rd and 8th grader, I can say with confidence that the learning loss and emotional impact on my children was great. Since September, when our children returned to school, their outlook and attitude was night and day. Both of my children look forward to going to school and being in the classroom. We have been pleased with the safety protocols in place. It would be detrimental to our students to return to distance learning. Keep our schools OPEN!

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Simon De vere white
Comment:	I am writing today on behalf of my two daughters and in support of our amazing teachers to state that we wish to remain in school, in person. We all know how difficult and detrimental Zoom school was for our kids both academically and socially - even when we gave it all we had as parents and educators. Our children need to stay in school. If there are issues, those should be dealt with at the site level. We are happy with the protocols and procedures at our school- masks are worn at all times, students are working outdoors, windows and doors are open, regular COVID testing is done, which is awesome considering what is happening at schools in other parts of the country. We feel for the first time lucky to be in SCUd with the way it is being handled and really missed the test access when school was out. The students are thriving. We've never seen our kids happier and the teachers clearly want to stay in person. Thank you for working to keep our schools open and please keep it that way.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Tina De Vere White
Comment:	Closing schools again will have devastating effects on our kids. My children are so happy to be back with their friends. Distance learning last year was awful and my kids are behind in their assessments as a result. With continued masks and weekly testing we can continue to keep kids in school safely.

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Agenda Item:
11.1e Approve Res 3245, Authorizing Cont. Use of Remote Teleconferencing
Provisions Pursuant to AB 361 & Govt Code Sec 54953

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Name:	glenn olson
Comment:	<p>We support in school learning. We were and are very involved with assisting our 4 grandchildren who attend Phoebe Hearst Elementary School. The US Secretary of Education Miguel Cordona has said kids are safer from Covid in schools than they are in remote learning and research confirms this. The loss of learning last year was horrible for our grandkids and the emotional toll and negative social impact was profound. I don't know how working parents without grandparent support could do this. If specific teachers have higher levels of vulnerability after full vaccinations and boosters, create a path for them to stay safe...BUT don't close the schools and impact the kids... let's put the kids first... we did not do that last year and we lost it... the best thing about that is we can learn from that and not repeat that mistake. Thank you for your service to our schools and community . It is much appreciated . Glenn Olson</p>

Speaking as: Grandparent

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Name:	Teri St Clair
Comment:	<p>Due to the current surge and likelihood of future surges I ask that the board consider the following to keep out children, their families, and our community safe:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enforce student testing consistently at all school sites.2. Mandate testing for all students at least twice a week, regardless of self-selection or vaccination status due to high infection rate in both vaccinated and unvaccinated people.3. Establish and expedite the timeline for students aged 5-11 to vaccinate.4. Provide open air tents for outdoor meals in any weather.5. Provide and encourage use of kn95 or equivalent masks for all students and teachers.6. Online learning should be made available immediately to families who opt in during a Covid surge, with the right to return to regular school at any time.7. More counseling services to address the increase in students' anxiety and depression, and to help reduce incidences of bullying and fighting. <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Teri St. Clair</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Elizabeth Campbell
Comment:	<p>I am aware that to a large extent the state legislature has tied the district's hands in regard to remote learning, but the fact that there is not even a Covid response item on this agenda causes me to wonder what exactly is going on here. Our schools are in immense crisis. Our teachers are overwhelmed. Our families are terrified. We have no remote learning option and the board is not even talking about this?</p> <p>The district dashboard is never updated in a timely fashion and this has only gotten worse in recent weeks. My teenager reports that a classmate with two sick family members has spent all week coughing, but he isn't being tested because he is vaccinated. Clearly we are missing large numbers of infected students. Schools are not safe right now.</p> <p>We need a remote option for families who need that, even if we keep the buildings open and staffed for the kids who have no other place to go. We need flexibility and creativity. We don't need to extend "grace" to a district that never offers that to the people on the ground: the teachers, the staff, the families. We need you to do your jobs.</p> <p>In this case that probably means advocating to the state legislature to give you the tools to respond to this moment instead of tying your hands with archaic funding models. If you can't do it, you need to be demanding that the Legislature give you that ability. You are not powerless here. Please, for once, stand up for Sacramento kids instead of for Mr. Aguilar's agenda.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Brooke Pigno
Comment:	<p>Hello. I am the parent of a 3 year old currently enrolled in the Parent Participation Preschool program. I am shocked at the disorganization and lack of communication/support we are getting with Covid safety guidelines and protocol. It took me nearly 30 minutes to find the updated Decision Tree on the SCUSD website, which then showed that our director had NOT correctly followed that tree after multiple children and adult volunteers tested positive. We get zero communication from the district on guidelines and our teachers are also left in the dark. We feel completely overlooked and ignored. We simply want clearly communicated guidelines for Covid safety and Quarantine/Isolation protocol and the resources needed for us to better follow those guidelines. Unlike other sites, we do not have a "care room", we have no way of testing on site, we have no concrete exposure rules. We are in the dark about so much, and it is a risk to students, volunteers, and teachers.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	SCUSD families concerned about safety SCUSD families concerned about safety
Comment:	<p>January 11, 2022</p> <p>Dear Superintendent Aguilar and Trustees,</p> <p>This is a particularly challenging time in the pandemic, and we appreciate the District's updates to families to help us understand how the District is responding to the latest surge. We are grateful for the improved communication and the District's efforts to reduce the spread of Covid, such as distributing take-home tests before winter break.</p> <p>Since the District is modifying its contract tracing program, it will be even more important to enforce safety protocols as well as consider new methods to keep students as safe as possible during this unprecedented infection rate, which will also help the District prepare should there be additional future variants.</p> <p>We respectfully ask that you consider the suggestions below which were collected by survey from over 250 parents and caregivers, indicating what steps they would like to see taken to improve their students' safety and their comfort with remaining in school.</p> <p>93% of respondents currently have their child at in-person school. Forty five percent (45%) of respondents felt they were somewhat unsafe or very unsafe; 26% felt mixed; and 29% felt they were somewhat safe or very safe.</p> <p>Overall, respondents would like to see a few safety improvements. Some issues include: consistent school site testing policies, reducing student exposure and more frequent dashboard updates and overall communication. Respondents also requested to be able to keep their children home during surges without penalizing the students' attendance and be able to return to the same school. Families also support some immediate (opt-in) form of distance learning or independent study during surges with the right to return to their regular in-person school.</p> <p>School site testing</p>

One of the primary ways to control the spread of Covid is regular testing. Although the District's recent email states that "with the expansion of surveillance testing, all non-vaccinated students will be tested weekly," we learned this is not consistently happening at all school sites. Respondents to the survey indicated the following as their top three concerns with testing:

1. Enforce student testing consistently at all school sites. Families commented that testing availability and enforcement varied greatly depending on the school site. They believe their school sites are doing the best they can, but uniformity (and additional staffing at some sites) is needed. Some schools seem to barely test and others very consistently. A universal policy, applied equally, is needed.

2. Mandate testing for all students at least twice a week, regardless of self selection or vaccination status. There is significant confusion around who is tested, and how often. Some respondents thought every student is automatically tested, and others did not know they must opt-in first. Some did not realize it was an option to sign up for testing. There is strong support for increased testing particularly during surges or a highly transmissible variant.

3. Establish and expedite the timeline for students age 5-11 to vaccinate or commit to testing. This was discussed during the Delta variant, and Omicron has shown us Covid is not going away. The vaccine is safe and effective. Over 9 million doses have been given to this age group with no major safety implications. It's time to begin the timeline for children ages 5-11.

Families are concerned that there may not be adequate coordination and communication between the newly hired outside testing company and health aides at local school sites. There is also concern that testing itself is time consuming, and would be more efficient and better managed if there were more staff on-site.

Reducing exposure at school

The following actions would restore families' comfort with their students attending in-person school:

1. Provide open air tents for outdoor meals in any weather. Respondents expressed concern about students eating indoors on rainy days.

2. Provide and require the use of kn95 or equivalent masks for all students and teachers. Access to kn95 masks, and enforcing the proper use of masks for both students and teachers, was emphasized throughout the open-ended survey responses.

3. If a teacher is out due to exposure or illness, for their students to be moved to a temporary virtual classroom rather than be assigned a substitute or physically combined with other classes, because of concerns with contact tracing. The issue of lack of staffing

leading to combined classrooms, upsetting the contact tracing system, was seen throughout the survey.

Parental Choice

Overwhelmingly, respondents support that distance learning should be made available immediately to families who opt in during a Covid surge, with the right to return to regular school at any time. There is also substantial support for schools to close for two weeks during a surge or until the curve comes down, adding that time to another part of the school year if needed.

Several respondents support schools staying open, while several others called for schools to close at least for surges, with additional staff support for distance learning and independent study options. There is concern that this is not the last surge, and the District should prepare now in case students need to stay home during periods of high transmissibility and/or major staff shortages in the future.

Students' general well-being

Overwhelmingly, respondents support more counseling services to address the increase in students' anxiety and depression, and to help reduce incidences of bullying and fighting. Respondents are pleading for more staff, including counselors and nurses, to support students' emotional and health needs. Some students have lost family members during the pandemic, while others are struggling with anxiety. Recommendations include after school opportunities (virtual and in-person) for students to be able to get support or have positive interactions, anti-bullying training for staff and students, and for students in all grades to have daily interaction with a counselor or social worker.

Covid surges and absences

Overwhelmingly, respondents support that families who keep their child home during a Covid surge should not have absences counted against them. Respondents agree that families who take their students out of school during surges should not have their children marked absent or truant.

Communication

Although communication was not explicitly included in the survey questions, it came up repeatedly in the comments and in other forums. The need for more frequently and adequately updating the District's Covid dashboard was frequently cited. As the District changes protocols, we also encourage you to quickly reach out to before and after school child care providers as they have not been able to keep pace with the District's changes.

This has created situations where some students were allowed to attend school, but not their child care programs.

Finally, if there is a shortage of tests or testing personnel, telling parents about it empowers us to be advocates alongside the District. The more parents and caregivers know, the better we can plan and direct our energy.

Thank you for taking the above under consideration. We look forward to hearing from you and for these items to be addressed at the next Board meeting.

Sincerely,

SCUSD Families Supporting Strong School Covid Safety & Independent Studies

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Melinda Adam Samsam
Comment:	<p>SCUSD Board of Education Members,</p> <p>We kindly request that any decisions related to teacher staffing as it pertains to Fall 2022 school enrollment numbers be delayed until more accurate enrollment numbers are known, which should occur in the spring. We also strongly request that you that take into consideration the additional funding our district has received and will receive from state and federal sources. This funding should be utilized as an investment toward personnel in such a way that allows for smaller class sizes which directly benefits student learning and recovery from Covid learning loss. With the current staffing shortages being felt everywhere, it would be incredibly short sighted if we even consider laying off teaching staff from our schools. It would be indefensible if we take any action that would encourage our tenured teachers to leave ours and join a different district. Rather, we MUST be doing everything we can to retain our instructors and take advantage of this financial opportunity to embrace smaller class sizes to the benefit of our students who have been adversely impacted by Covid. The continued shedding of staff creates a death spiral of an exodus of current students and further negatively impact future funding for our district. We should be focused on creating a district that will attract prospective new students and be a district that families don't want to leave. Small class sizes and experienced teachers with tenure at their school location will signal the district's commitment to putting these funds to the benefit of those who are the intended beneficiaries. Build a GREAT program, take GREAT care of your employees and our district will begin to recover. On the flip side, using these state and federal funds without long term vision and foresight, will signal the district's lack of strategic vision and planning and we will continue to see families leave for districts that offer better options for our students.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Tyler Easter
Comment:	I don't feel we should be in person for school. COVID-19 numbers are on to rise in the area. Have the students in school are already gone due to COVID. I f we continue to stay in school we are risking the students safety in terms of sickness. I feel it is best to go back online for social distance. This will help others stay safe. Until the COVID 19 numbers begin to lower.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Tiffany Thao
Comment:	why are school being lazy and not actually providing the things we really want and actually need.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Kevin Prasad
Comment:	Currently , due to rising covid numbers, as well as a stark decrease in the number of students I have in my classes, I fear that learning loss is already a large issue that is unaddressed, and a move to remote would better allow us to serve our student population in a way that is safe and more effective than it was when we did a full year online. While in person education is a moral and practical imperative, the health and safety of our community is not worth a black and white reading. A compromise, where we spend a few weeks online and then come back is what I think would be the best case situation.

Speaking as: Employee

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Name:	Jalon Noble
Comment:	With the recent outbreak of the Omicron variant, there has been close to half the people in my classes out. This means plenty of students are missing out on learning. I think it would be beneficial to resort to online learning until the cases slow down.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	jeniffer nunez lopez
Comment:	I don't want to come to school because of covid

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Jasmine Edwards
Comment:	We should go back to online learning, with the spikes in covid cases at Burbank and worldwide and different variants, keeping us at home for a month, maybe more, would be best. There is already half the class missing in almost every class period so we might as well go all the way.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Gao Yang
Comment:	School online for a couple of days.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Judith Martinez
Comment:	schools should be closed for a few weeks because of covid but also to have helpers in school like tutoring still at school so they can help students

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	charlotte vukiduadua
Comment:	even though i learn better in person,i feel like we should get a month or two since covid has been getting real and students have been getting sick a lot more so i feel like a little break out of school would be best and then we can come back

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	George Vang
Comment:	We should have at least 2 days of the week where we go online, recommending tuesdays and thursdays as a online day. Tuesdays we'll have 1st, 3rd and 5th period, and Thursdays, 2nd, 4th and 6th period.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Shamaim Basharat
Comment:	<p>Covid has been rising and many students have been sick. Students are getting less day by day in class. I feel like we should go online at this point because honestly we are not really learning anything we are more stress about getting from covid from school and giving it to our family. If we go online I think we will be safe and not be scared. In distance learning we might concentrate more on studies. Also I feel like this year it would be easy to do distance learning because we already know how to use zoom and google classroom.</p>

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Devin Khang
Comment:	I believe we should go back to distance learning as COVID transmissions have been high as of late. Many parents are keeping their children home because of the recent exposures. The school environment is also at a low as well with half of the school not present.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	anthony oliver
Comment:	i haven been living in the pandemic for a while but i still want to be in school .And the covid does not really bother me no more but it makes me annoyed and im learning to live with it

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	henry cesena
Comment:	i think we should shut the school down. yall putting our health at risk for the economy and thats not okay. MONEY TALKS let us go home and be safe . there are way too many people i know personally that have been catching covid

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	joey tran
Comment:	i think we should still have school because no one going to do online school because they barely come to school so most students wont do distance learning

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	jamari bridges
Comment:	<p>I think the school should switch to online for at least 3 weeks until the covid spread at school dies down a bit but it would have negative repercussions like not doing work, sleeping in class, grades dropping and etc.</p> <p>While it would be good for the student teacher and staff's health it would also be unfair for the teachers who've wanted to teach in person and the students who wanted to go to school in person.</p>

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Kaelie Xiong
Comment:	I think we should just go back online because a lot of students are getting sick and staffs/teachers are getting sick too.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Adilene Perez
Comment:	I believe it would be best if we do online again because in some of my classes only about half the students are present and covid is increasing a lot.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Nathan Vue
Comment:	I believe schools should not be going to online because when we went online last year a lot of students were failing their classes and that had a huge impact on them.

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Agenda Item:
Going Distanced will calm the cases down so people can come back to school healthy.

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Name:	Patrick Goodwin
Comment:	we should go distanced so the cases can calm down and the people recovering from covid wont infect people on campus , going distancing for a month should see a difference in covid cases.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Adeba Mushir
Comment:	My thoughts about this in-person learning is that people are less in the classrooms, the cases are increase everyday. And in my opinion we should try to go back to distance as the whole school and see if we are seeing improvement and if we can see less people getting sick. Specially, when the weather is cold people can get sick very quickly. I think we should try to see if distance learning would be helpful and after that we should make decision for it.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	allie ellison
Comment:	i think being in school is better i and probably a lot of other students are unproductive at home because of the environment and people would rather just sleep at home. also people have a lot of siblings at home so im sure if they all stay home and do school it wont be very effective. so if you have a choice dont put it to all zoom

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	maleia micou
Comment:	I think it would be best if everyone that isn't vaccinated goes on zoom for as long as needed and everyone who is vaccinated stays on campus . If a teacher hears a cough or notices system of themselves or their students they need to send them to the testing room . students on campus should get tested twice a week . They must wear their mask properly or be sent out .

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	Ia-Ong Vue
Comment:	As a student, I am here to comment for all of my classmates about the current issue which is Covid, Omnicorn. There has been less students showing up to school everyday ever since we came back from winter break. This is an issue. People are either getting sick, in quarantine, or staying home because they are scared. If you still want us to go to school its better for us to go back online again for the safety of not just ourselves but for the people around us, for our community.

Speaking as: Student

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November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Steph Rodriguez
Comment:	<p>My name is Steph Rodriguez, I'm the parent of a 1st grader who is currently in the Cap City Independent Study program. SCUSD continues to fail its students and staff with its abhorrent approach to the health and safety of everyone who steps foot on campus. The Omicron surge isn't going to be the last surge. You need to have safety precautions in place and a better plan now for surges. Why didn't you implement online learning for times like these? Stop worrying about funding, your raise, and start worrying about the health and safety of all SCUSD students and staff. Sure, this will fall on deaf ears. But it's crystal clear that you continue to fail everyone you are supposed to represent. Look at students packed into auditoriums because of a lack of teachers, substitutes and even a lack of custodial staff to keep schools clean. You are drowning in failure. You need to admit you need help and LISTEN TO THE TEACHERS FOR ONCE IN YOUR CAREER. They are not the enemy. You are the ones who are so careless and continue to have virtual school board meetings while you send kids and teachers in to packed classrooms, and now auditoriums because your "plan" was held up by band-aids. Now it's time to really listen to those who are on the ground with these kids and formulate a plan to keep everyone safe. We need mandatory testing, we need mask policies, we need to hire more substitutes, implement online learning during surges and for those children who have still not been assigned an IS teacher. How is this OK? History will not look kindly on you. You may sit there and collect your raises as teachers take pay cuts and watch as their sick days are gobbled up by covid. But there will come a time where you will have to answer for your wrongdoing. It's about time to look in the damn mirror.</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Donna Lee
Comment:	<p>I would like to ask that the District not make any decisions regarding staffing at Crocker Riverside Elementary until later this Spring/early Summer when there is a more accurate enrollment projection.</p> <p>We have dedicated teachers that strive to give our kids the best public school education as possible. We cannot afford to lose great teachers as a result of effects resulting from the pandemic. We cannot take away teachers and compromise the education of our kids. Let's put our kids first! Let's support our teachers! Let's make a decision in Spring/Summer when we have more information. Thank you!</p>

Speaking as: Parent/Guardian

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Ariyana Tabb
Comment:	yall need to learn that if you dont feel good stay home stop being all up in everybody face thats yall problem

Speaking as: Student

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Susan Thao
Comment:	I think we should all go home and do online learning for 3 times a week because there's tons of students missing classes and school all because of the virus and I feel like it's taking away their education and time away from school. I also feel like the testing in school doesn't really work as well as the other testing products and it's just a 50% chance of it.

Speaking as: Student

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Katelyn Thao
Comment:	I feel like us going to school is putting us at risk and our family members especially since i live with elderly and 5 year olds and younger. I may not have it but I could possibly bring it home. Also at school there are less and less students at school, I feel like if we don't do anything about it everybody at school will possibly contract COVID-19. Not to mention that now getting subs for students like me are getting hard to come by.

Speaking as: Student

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Arianna Ochoa Ochoa
Comment:	I think we should go back online for people's safety. More than half of the students in my class are out everyday and not in school because of covid.

Speaking as: Student

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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	lily lo
Comment:	some students might not like this idea but I think is best if all of us going to online learning because a lot of student are not coming to school and some I know why also covid 19 is increase sometime and I think is not safe for all the students that still goes to school, half of the students are put of school so yea is best if we go to online learning I know that it will get us bad grades and we might not learn anything but is better in getting covid 19.

Speaking as: Student

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

Name:	Emily malas
Comment:	<p>I am Emily Malas, a current senior and ASB President at John F. Kennedy high school. I am writing to you to ask for you to address, or to see if there is a way I can address, the pressing issue of the Omicron variant spreading among our campuses at this Thursdays board meeting.</p> <p>The first thing I want to say is that you guys are online. The meeting on Thursday is virtual for a group just a fraction of the size of a school, yet we are in person in class. The virus is spreading rapidly and I understand that education is the district's first priority and there is no doubt that in person learning is the best option for the most intensive education. However when being in person poses a threat to the students and staff on your district campuses, how can you put being face to face above hybrid and distance learning options? When there's 20 people showing up to a 46 student class, how can the students go get a proper education? Students lack the tools to succeed as teachers prioritizing in person direction, hundreds are falling behind. On top of that, those that are here are facing fear day in and day out of catching the virus as we watch class sizes dwindle by the period. We aren't learning. Money is flowing in for you from the few attending but we aren't learning. Let me say it one more time so it's emphasized, we are not learning properly.</p> <p>Maintaining in person learning is another challenge as the state of Kennedy's campus, and others within the district, is in shambles. Yesterday, 1/12/22, Kennedy had 18 missing teachers, mainly due to quarentines. The amount of subs on campus, nowhere near that. 16 of the 18 teachers didn't have a sub for their classroom so the teachers' students were sent to our auditorium. On average a class here at Kennedy has 36 students. 16 classes times 36 students is 560 students in an auditorium that holds around 580 kids, all under the supervision of 3 subs. How is that putting education first. In there, no lessons are being taught, students are able to walk out, and masks are hardly worn correctly. With cases on the rise, stacking students on top of each other in a room with no windows, hardly any doors, and tightly packed seats is only hurting the spread of the new variant and hurting the education of those placed there, especially with midterms on the horizon.</p> <p>I want to make what I am asking here clear, I do not want to go back to distance learning for the rest of the year but instead to follow the universities and other high schools within California. Two or three weeks online can benefit the school immensely to limit the spread and to allow education to resume in a more unified way. I am asking as a concerned student for you to advise the board to look at what is happening. Make them aware of the circumstances we are in and question why you may all be online but the students, the reason you meet, are allowed to be at risk and exposed in person.</p>

Speaking as: Student

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November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Shazia Kumar
Comment:	we should go back into online school

Speaking as: Student

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November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	John Thao
Comment:	I think distance learning for at least 2-3 weeks is the thing we should do just for safety and to continue school work.

Speaking as: Student

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Naxiely Gonzalez
Comment:	Personally don't think we should still be in school. All my classes have only half of the students. Mostly because they either have covid or because there parents are scared of covid .We should go back online for the meantime until all is better

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	madina nazari
Comment:	I personally learn better in school but its not safe for us to be here and i cant really do work online so i'm not really sure but it would be best if we just don't have school for sometimes until things get better

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	jennifer rodriguez
Comment:	I mean no ones really here at school, everyone and i mean everyone is getting sick even though their vaccinated or have their mask on they still manage to get sick, ofc online school would personally be more difficult for me cause i loove socializing but id rather be safe than sick.

Speaking as: Student

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Name:	jeffery vang
Comment:	Students have been absent a lot lately and some students worry about their grades so they go to school and some of them get sick if this keeps up then most of the students would get sick

Speaking as: Student

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Sacramento City Unified School District
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November 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	yendi barajas
Comment:	We should be doing online school till at least the covid cases go down or till the semester ends. There is barely any people that come to school either way so what's the point of coming and risking our lives as well.

Speaking as: Student

Email

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From: Elisa Gollub
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Subject: Crocker Riverside staffing

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Please make no decisions regarding staffing at Crocker Riverside until late spring or early summer, when we have a fuller picture of what enrollment will be next year.

Thank you.
Elisa Gollub