

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

October 1, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Liz Fenton
Comment:	<p>SAVE OUR STUDENTS</p> <p>Here we are in California's capital city where SCUSD is the only District in the state with no distance learning agreement.</p> <p>Sacramento County is now in the RED - how can we trust that if SCUSD still doesn't even have a distance learning agreement, that they will appropriately plan and act collaboratively to get our kids back to school safely?</p> <p>In addition, the years of a looming state takeover is destructive to the entire community.</p> <p>Our kids can't wait any longer.</p>

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Name:	Alina Cervantes
Comment:	<p>The Sacramento City Teachers Association (SCTA) was invited to begin talks concerning reopening of schools on June 3. June 3rd! Meetings were held related to the District's Health and Safety Proposal on June 23, July 2, and July 10, 2020. They were invited September 16th to resume negotiations on a successor contract so we can stop the train from going over the fiscal cliff. They were invited again as recently as September 25th and provided with four meeting dates.</p> <p>Our kids are done waiting. Please move forward with everything you are legally able to move forward with. If they don't want to negotiate in good faith, you have no other choice. We need a plan now so we are ready to return when it is safe to do so. I also ask the board to contact the California Teachers Association and the Governor's office on behalf of our children and alert them to the worsening situation we are facing in this district. It is truly alarming.</p>

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CSWD Comments to SCUSD Board Meeting
10/1/2020

Item 7.1

Dear Superintendent and Members of the Board:

The Coalition for Students With Disabilities implores the Board and the Superintendent and the leadership of the unions representing our certified and classified staff to take action now to reach agreement on Distance Learning MOUs and end the politics and uncertainty that hurts students with disabilities, low-income, and Black and Brown the most. These MOUs must assure high quality instruction and social emotional and mental health support, to address the current and chronic inequities and bias in Sac City Unified.

Federal and state guidance has clarified that the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is still in force, and that there are no waivers of the rights of students with disabilities to an appropriate education in the least restrictive environment. The MOUs must ensure that these students have all of their services and accommodations identified in their IEPs provided, consistent with their rights to an appropriate education. The MOUs must also include all elements of an effective and accountable Multi-Tier System of Supports with embedded skills assessments, so that all students -- not just students with disabilities -- can recoup lost learning from last Spring and achieve grade level academic skills.

Right now, there are countless students with disabilities who are being denied services or educational evaluation that they are entitled to. We know that there are qualified contractors who are willing to serve or evaluate students with disabilities either in person or in virtual environments, but this District has decided to withhold these services because the district's staff who might ordinarily provide the services don't have a distance MOU in place or are unwilling to provide the services. Hear us now! Political strife is not a permissible reason to deny a student with disabilities the services that they are entitled to. Not only is it illegal, it is immoral.

The adults leading the District and unions need to stop the posturing, name-calling and hand-wringing -- and ACT NOW. Each and every one of you has a duty to the most vulnerable students among us. Please do not go to sleep tonight until you have taken action to end this shameful travesty.

Signed,

Angie Sutherland

Angel Garcia

Sarah Williams Kingsley

Renee Webster Hawkins