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June 25, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Renee Webster-Hawkins
Comment:	I want to applaud the leadership and sophistication of the Superintendent, the Chief Academic Officer and the many other dedicated Central Office and site level admin, teachers and staff pushing the Sisyphus Rock up the hill. In the last 13 weeks, these heroes shifted instruction and social emotional support and nutrition services from 70 school sites to 40,000 homes where highly vulnerable students and their families are sheltering against the coronavirus. To be clear, I can't say with confidence that distance "learning" occurred for many of these students, but most teachers worked hard to connect, to engage, and to support their students in this unprecedented crisis. All this, with no thanks to the SCTA, which has stood in the way, pushing the Sisyphus Rock back down the hill with all of its entitled lobbying power, and stuck in 2017 as if the pandemic and uprising against racial injustice never happened. What planet is the leadership of that lobbying organization living on? Why would they belittle and file grievances against principals, whom the union claims were "overzealous" for encouraging teachers to fully participate in the implicit bias training and Universal Design for Learning curriculum offered by the District? The District was one of the first in the State to offer this UDL curriculum to all of our teachers within just 18 days of the school shut-down and the curriculum has since been applauded by the California Department of Education as a best practice for all schools in the state. Yet the Union wants to castigate the District and site principals for suggesting that teachers improve their teaching practices from engaging in it? It is unconscionable that now, during the pandemic, the racial justice crisis, and the greatest recession, the SCTA continues to fight the District's highly regarded efforts to equip our teachers with the support and guidance they need to support our students in these unprecedented times.

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Name:	Alison French-Tubo
Comment:	Unfortunately I can't make a responsive comment to this item because no details are available in the agenda packet and I am required to submit comment 6 hours in advance of the meeting starting. This is not an acceptable public engagement and comment process.

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Name:	Angie Sutherland, Angel Garcia, Grace Trujillo, Katy Conner We have a group comment for Coalition for Students with Disabilities
Comment:	Dear President Ryan, Superintendent Aguilar, and Members of the Board, on behalf of the Coalition for Students with Disabilities, We know the distance learning experience in SCUSD this year had very LOOSE parameters. In preparing for students to start up school again in the fall, the district's plan is in development and they are seeking input from stakeholders. We ask you to create more structure and rules in a timely manner around teaching and learning so students can count on having a live teacher every day to provide a quality education. Going forward, the Coalition is confident that SCUSD and the school board will make sure students' needs come first.

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