

7.2 Conditions of Readiness Update on In-Progress Metrics

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

March 18, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Kevin Butscher
Comment:	<p>SCUSD is in the Red and should have Full time in person learning now! Sacramento City Unified will get \$269 million to open Schools in person! You have to open soon in person to receive all funds!</p> <p>Source: https://edsource.org/2021/california-districts-and-charter-schools-get-covid-relief-funding-under-american-rescue-plan-act/650922</p> <p>Private schools and Charter schools are open IN PERSON full time. So why not public schools??</p> <p>So what is the difference between Orange county school districts that allow them to be In person full time, but not here?</p> <p>The CDC and Newsom made it clear that schools must reopen in full ASAP and again urged that it is safe to do so, even before vaccinations and ventilation upgrades, offering explicitly science-based and evidence-based guidelines</p> <p>https://www.wsj.com/articles/cdc-presses-k-12-schools-to-reopen-11613156400</p> <p>Now there is NO excuse not to return full, in person, 5 days a week for all who want/need it OR you are against students, against your commitment to educate, and against science.</p> <p>Remember board members you are elected to to be the voice of the parents that elect you to HELP ALL students! Not just the 30% that want to stay in distance learning. Over 50% want full traditional school NOW, not next school year!</p> <p>You should be voting to open Schools now in red and Full time in orange tier!</p> <p>“K-12 schools should be last to close when governments impose restrictions, and should be reopened ahead of nonessential businesses and activities”, the CDC stated.</p>

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Name:	JENNY Pierre
Comment:	<p>Please continue to seek ways for kids to be in the classroom more than 6 hours/week. New evidence suggests that kids can safely be just 3 feet away and information gathered from the District's survey should indicate how many kids will actually be returning for the remainder of the year. If fewer than half of elementary students in any given grade and/or school are planning to return, more hours of in-person instruction could be safely accommodated. For example, in-person attendance for the group could be Tues-Friday since the returning cohort can be accommodated at once. Every effort should be made to accommodate as many students in the classroom for as many hours as possible through the end of the school year. Evidence suggests that with vaccinated teachers, masks and HEPA filters, all of which are part of the District's plan, the risk to students and teachers is very, very low.</p> <p>Please reconsider the concurrent teaching model, especially for elementary. This requires substantial investment and training of new technologies that will take away from important instructional time. If Groups A and B are taught separately, they all benefit from lower teacher : student ratios, which are important especially now. Group A could receive instruction in-person in the morning at a lower ratio without the distraction of technology, and Group B and C could receive online instruction in the afternoon.</p> <p>Please continue to push for earlier in-person instruction. April 22 is better than May, but continued priority for returning safely to the classroom and receiving as much AB86 funding as possible should be a main driver for our return.</p>

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Name:	Rowena Gray
Comment:	<p>Dear Board, California ranks 50th among the states in terms of school reopening and the US has lagged far behind other countries in providing in-person schooling this year. British school children had missed 6 days of school before the emergence of the UK variant over Christmas which forced an understandable closure. That puts SCUSD among the world's worst in terms of provision of education this year, which will likely have long-term negative effects on the 40000 district children and their families. Please prioritize in-person 5-days a week instruction as soon as possible-- all indications are that children will be safe with masking and the other provisions in place. Having a unified strategy to simultaneously figure out after-school programming would also make the most sense for children and families. To help with opening high schools, you and SCTA could lobby to get vaccine priority for students aged 16+, although this shouldn't become a requirement to reopen. Failure to get traditional in-person schooling figured out by the end of this school year will be taken as a signal about the 2021-22 school year with consequences for enrollment and funding.</p>

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