

Sacramento City Unified School District  
**Board of Education Meeting**

**December 17, 2020 Public Comments**

Name:	Alison French-Tubo
Comment:	<p>As a parent I did not start out knowing the purpose of benchmark monitoring, but over time I have learned that it is a tool to let teachers see what knowledge and skills students have coming into a classroom or subject. Benchmark assessments are needed so that lessons can be based on what students need to learn. Without that basis students may be struggling because the lessons require skills or knowledge they don't yet have, or students may be bored and disconnected because the lessons are repeating what they already know. It's really disappointing and concerning to see that less than half of our students were assessed in this way last year, and how even fewer were assessed twice so that their progress could be measured. Hopefully, this year more teachers are using assessments, especially since in DL there is less opportunity for teachers to see how students are responding to lessons. But as a parent I just have to hope that my kids' teachers see the value because, unfortunately, teachers can opt out. It's so frustrating that this crucial piece of the education process is tangled up in the collective bargaining process with SCTA, instead of agreeing that assessments are necessary and working out the nuts and bolts.</p>

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