

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

April 8, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Kara Synhorst
Comment:	<p>I'm commenting regarding the impasse with SEIU. My dad is a retired teacher, and when I started teaching, he gave me some advice: always be nice to the office manager, the plant manager, and the custodians, because they keep the whole school running smoothly. I've now been teaching for two decades, and it's true. They, along with the campus monitors, nutrition services workers, attendance clerks and other classified staff represented by SEIU are the backbone of any school campus.</p> <p>I looked at the salary schedules this morning. The highest a campus monitor or instructional aide can possibly earn is a little over \$3200 a month. The highest a health aide can earn is a little over \$4000 a month. The highest a custodian can make is just over \$3000 a month. The highest a nutrition tech can make is less than \$3000 a month.</p> <p>The average rent in Sacramento is about \$1500 a month, and average child care can cost \$11k a year.</p> <p>So how on earth can we expect SEIU folks with kids -- whose kids, like the rest of ours, will be returning, if at all, only two days a week -- to suddenly come up with 10 weeks of child care on a moment's notice?</p> <p>The district needs to go BACK to the bargaining table with SEIU and work with them on their reasonable requests, which include things like allowing workers with child care needs to continue working from home.</p> <p>These workers are essential to our campuses' safety, success, and smooth operations. Take my dad's advice, and be nice to them.</p>

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Name:	Julie Snider
Comment:	<p>Our valued classified staff members deserve the same treatment in terms of the ability to bring their children to school during the concurrent teaching situation as that being given to teachers. Even those classified staff members at the highest end of their pay scale make less than half what teachers with similar seniority receive. We cannot expect them to suddenly find and afford childcare with such short notice. Some have students continuing distance learning who will need supervision when not in their classrooms. To only allow classroom aides to bring their children to school is just wrong.</p> <p>Also - the constant back-and-forth over hazard pay is disrespectful and unfair. The district has been given millions in COVID funds, and fair compensation for those who have been putting their own health at risk for months now is a MUST.</p> <p>Finally, I am absolutely astonished that the district thinks that classified staff only need a 3 foot distance between themselves and students when certificated staff are allowed a 6 foot barrier. This is just another example of not giving our paraprofessionals the respect they so greatly deserve.</p>

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Name:	Ian Strimaitis
Comment:	<p>SCUSD Superintendent Aguilar and School Board Members,</p> <p>I have talked with many other parents and we would like to better understand the changes being made to the afterschool program at Caleb Greenwood Elementary School, and throughout the district.</p> <p>I would like to believe that the board considered a very comprehensive list of criteria when making the decision to change from the 4th “R” program to the CENTER program. I have a few initial questions that I could not find answers to readily on the available websites and I am hoping you can shed some light for me. Will you please share the answers to the following questions?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How did you officially share this proposed change (or already-made decision) to the parents of SCUSD students? I got an email from our Caleb Greenwood 4th “R” coordinator saying the program was being replaced by the CENTER program, with an attachment from Mario Lara sharing some details. Is there a place, such as webpage, parents can go to and better understand this transition and get more information?2. Why is the district changing the after school program?3. What input did you have from parents when making this change?4. How many students will the CENTER program accommodate compared to 4th “R” at each location?5. Will the CENTER be continuing to serve all the locations served by 4th “R” and more?6. How did you compare and contrast the overall experience students will have attending CENTER program compared to the 4th “R” program?

7. How did you evaluate the financial impact of the CENTER program compared to 4th “R” for the SCUSD and the families with students attending 4th “R”? What is the fee structure for the CENTER?

8. How will the new program accommodate the long list of students waiting to get into the after school program at Caleb Greenwood?

9. How will the Center program help families with students at schools that do not have a proper after school program, and are trying to get an after school program at their school?

10. Is the CENTER program continuing to make progress on the additional building that was “in the works” at Caleb Greenwood to accommodate additional children?

Please be kind to your future self, and the students and families you represent.

Thank you,

Ian Strimaitis

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Name:	Lori Merritt
Comment:	<p>Disgust is the only word I can use to describe how you are treating the classified staff of our district.</p> <p>Our SEIU heros make school happen!</p> <p>I support SEIU and want my elected board member, Member Garcia, to do everything in her power to encourage the district to negotiate a fair contract for these essential employees. What their union is advocating for is so reasonable: safety, fairness, and a dash of equity.</p>

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