

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

January 14, 2021 Public Comments

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Comment:	keep our pre school teachers. They insure the future success of our learners

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Name:	David Aleman
Comment:	<p>In order to show the SCUSD community that you want to change the educational outcome of the African American students in this district you must start with the youngest and most vulnerable of your families. Families that are below the national poverty guide line and are in need of comprehensive services. You need a program and director that is willing and wanting to grow and reach these families with a team that is committed to go into the community. SCUSD service some of the poorest communities in Sacramento who need our help. Research shows that providing all children 0-5 with early education and social emotional learning gives them the foundation for a good education. How much more important that families that are low income and disadvantaged receive this service. In Dr. King's fight for civil rights, he began to believe that poverty was the real battle. Head Start is one of the last War on Poverty programs that still remains. I truly believe that Dr. King would be supporting this program because of the early education and comprehensive services it provides for families. The support it provides parents to set personal or family goals and to help them reach beyond their current situation and challenges.</p> <p>SCUSD board, I want you to know that you have a program existing in this district. Your Child Development program is a Head Start and State preschool program that serves approximately 1100 children and parents that must be below the national income poverty guide line to qualify for enrollment. These are the most vulnerable children who need our support.</p> <p>How can we say that we are the capital city school district and a district that is for social justice when we cut services to its most vulnerable children, 0-5 low income and disadvantaged children?</p> <p>A year and half ago this district allowed its Child Development program that served 2147 children to be cut in half to its existing enrollment. You choose to stop serving over a 1039 children in your district. A program funded out of Tier 3 funding and not of the general budget. You said that another agency would come to provide services to those families that you could not afford, even though they are served with funds that are not a part of general budget. This agency only served 211 of the 1039 children you could not serve. The other 828 of your district children who are already struggling had to go to San Juan USD that had received 384 of our Head Start slot or other county districts.</p>

I want our new board members to understand these facts and the cuts that were made in 2019-20 school year. African American children and other vulnerable 0-5 children need to be served in this district so that we can say we make a difference for these children and families. If we don't start with the most challenged families then how are we making change for social justice?

This has to start from the top. You are the top.

I hope you not only support this program, but that you correct your past and restore the program to its original status and to serve your most vulnerable district children.

Thank you,

David Aleman

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