

8.1 Vaccination Clinic Data and CDPH Health and Safety Guidance

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
Public Comments

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| Name: | Kevin Smith |
| Comment: | <p>It is unfair and short-sighted that a distance learning option is not being provided for the upcoming school year. My 8 year old son and 10 year old daughter are students at Phoebe Hearst. My son has an underlying medical condition that requires constant monitoring. He has a history of severe negative reactions to fevers and stomach aches that have resulted in hospitalization. My son is more at risk for a negative outcome from Covid-19 than other children and his doctors have advised against him attending school in person. The medical community still doesn't fully understand the long term effects of Covid-19 on children let alone children like my son that have underlying conditions. My family has done everything we can to keep my son safe. My daughter could not attend in person last year due to the risk of bringing the virus home to her brother.</p> <p>With all of this in mind, and with the emergence of the Delta Variant, I ask that you provide a virtual learning option for all families but especially for families that have a student with an underlying medical condition. Schools are already equipped for a virtual option since they did it last year. I understand that virtual learning is not a good fit for every family. I only ask that you provide families with a choice. I want to know if the school board surveyed parents to determine if there is interest in continuing Distance Learning now that the Delta Variant has emerged. What were the results? If there is enough interest to fill one class for each grade then why would the school board not offer that option?</p> <p>If independent study is the only option for children with underlying medical conditions then I ask that these children and their siblings not lose their place at their current school. I ask that my children be allowed to return to their school once it is safe for them to do so. My son and daughter love Phoebe and would be heartbroken to get kicked out. My children should not be punished because my son has a medical condition that puts him at greater risk for a negative medical outcome than other children. Such treatment would be discriminatory and cruel.</p> <p>This is an unprecedented time for everyone but especially for families of children with underlying medical conditions. We need your support now more than ever. Please empower parents to make safe decisions for their families and do not punish medically vulnerable children.</p> |

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