

Comments of SCTA President David Fisher to the Sacramento City Unified School Board, April 22, 2021.

Agenda Item, 8.5. State and Federal COVID Funds

\$313 million is a lot of money. And it's lot of money to spend in two years.

As we mentioned earlier, this federal and state support gives our community an opportunity to make significant and long-lasting improvements in our District, like the ventilation and filtration improvements we negotiated in our reopening agreement with SCUSD.

The big question is whether this board is prepared to direct Superintendent Aguilar to take a new path in labor relations. During his short tenure, SCUSD has committed more unfair labor practices than any other school district in California during the same period, had the first strike of SCTA members in 30 years, and was days away from the first SEIU classified strike in SCUSD history.

The California Collaborative on Educational Excellence recently criticized the District's top-down decision-making structure and strongly recommended the need to improve labor relations. Attempting to backtrack on agreements that undermine the safety and health of students and staff and repeatedly violating California labor law is not the pathway to improving labor relations.

Isn't it time for a different approach?

How best to use the \$313 million in COVID funding is a great opportunity to show how we can work together. We hope that you direct Superintendent Aguilar take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.