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Dear SCUSD Board,

I'd like to make a public comment regarding agenda item 9.3 presented by Raoul Bozio. I would like to have this read during or before 9.3. I'm not exactly sure on the procedures for submitting publiccomment.

Thank you.

Please read:

"My family has been very happy with the return to school. While we think we would have been happy with more days and hours it is quite possible that the reduced schedule is making the transition easier. I still would like school to now reopen fully even if there is only weeks left. Logistically it has worked for my family but I imagine it has been difficult for many others and I want to support them. I am also looking towards the fall and how SCUSD will handle the presence of covid amongst all of us for the next few years.

I appreciate the Board's recent resolution 3169 identifying the severity of the effects of closing schools down and the commitment to reopen fully in the fall. I don't completely understand how this interacts with the state's laws and how they hinge on whether we are "in a pandemic" or not.

As a parent what I am expecting to hear is that the Board has learned from the past year and has put in place measures to perform better and quicker to changing public health issues and will do so in the fall.

I interpret resolution 3169 as a base operating philosophy given the existence of public health issues (covid).

My understanding is that federal, state and county government set the guidelines for SCUSD operations regarding public health issues and SCUSD is tasked with immediately implementing them with resolution 3169 as a guiding principle.

The resolution clearly outlines the negative effects of closing schools and I expect and do feel the Boards intention was to establish this, and that any person or organization that hinders any efforts to meet county public health guidelines will be intentionally harming children.

If the county tells SCUSD to close schools then they must close schools. When the county tells SCUSD that it is safe to reopen, in whatever fashion it does, SCUSD must immediately open. To not do so is to sit idle while children are knowingly harmed. Any agency or individual that impedes this process is knowingly harming children. Feds, state and county are responsible for making value judgments on public health. Not others. To not report an agency or individual who is impeding this process would be in violation of being a mandated reporter.

Thank you for your time, Sincerely Manuel Jimenez, parent of Nico Jimenez, 4th grader at David Lubin.