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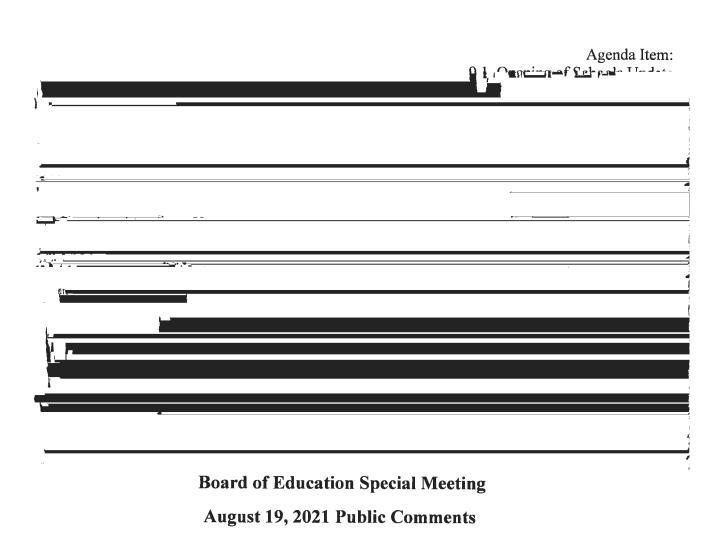
Comment: Superintendent and Trustees

With reopening just days away and COVID cases in Sacramento skyrocketing, we need more than just assurances that you will keep our children safe and that you will offer a robust and enriching Independent Study option. To date, the assurances and IS program information does not inspire confidence. And what will you do for children who are in quarantine to allow them to participate in class and work at the same pace as classmates. It's highly likely that children will be quarantined more than once this school year. Please do better. Families are leaving the District because you provide so little information. Please provide a COVID dashboard on your website that gives parents accurate and up to date information regarding COVID cases at our school sites. Other Districts nearby are doing just this. Have you hired the 45 new intervention specialists you approved last

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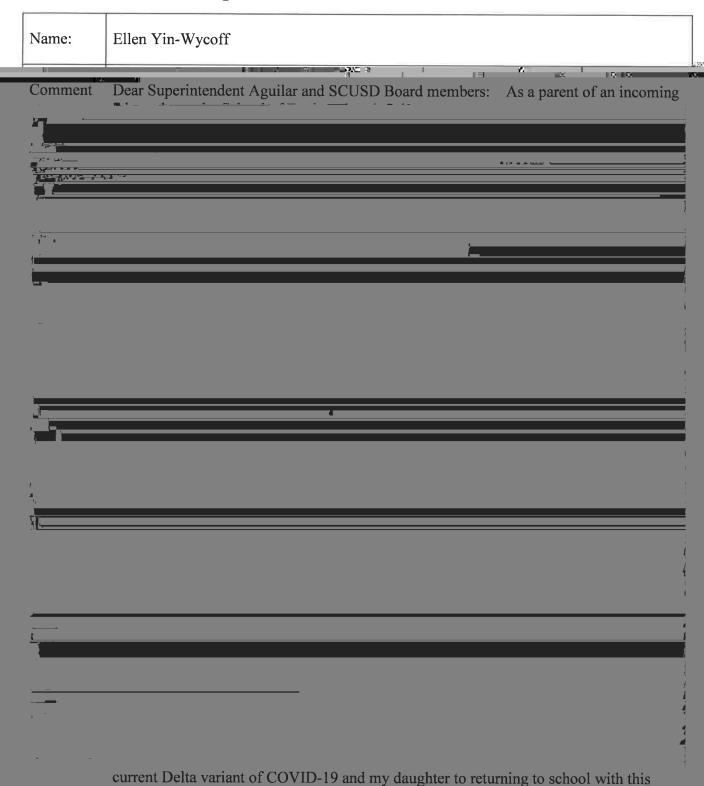
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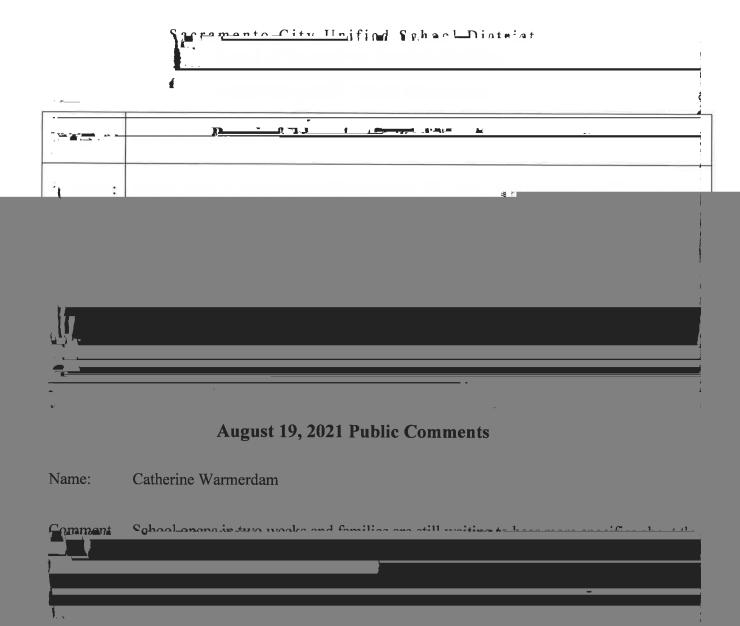




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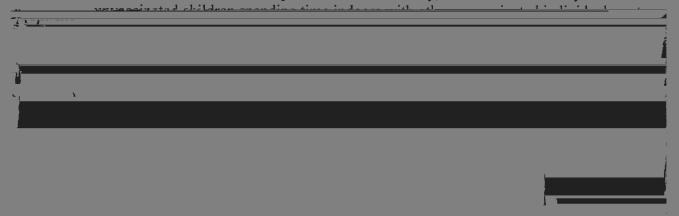


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Name: Tara Thronson

Comment: Hello,

I'm writing in my capacity as a parent of two children in SCUSD (that are not yet eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination) regarding return to full in-person school in September 2021. I continue to have outstanding questions that have not been addressed by the District and I hope to learn more tonight. Specifically: 1. Lunch - How will our children safely eat lunch? If outside, what happens on rainy or poor air quality days? Our kids need an opportunity to eat lunch without sharing air space unmasked with other children. 2. Surveillance COVID-19 Testing - With COVID funds, and the highly contagious delta variant in our community, I would feel more comfortable as a parent with weekly surveillance testing of ALL students and staff on campus (with an opt-out option, rather than opt-in) to assure cases are identified proactively to prevent spread. At a minimum this should be at elementary sites as those children are not yet eligible to be vaccinated. With the rate of COVID-19 spread in our community, I'm anxious about my



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Name:	Samantha Benton
Comment:	Can there be mandatory weekly testing for students and staff to provide for more safety?
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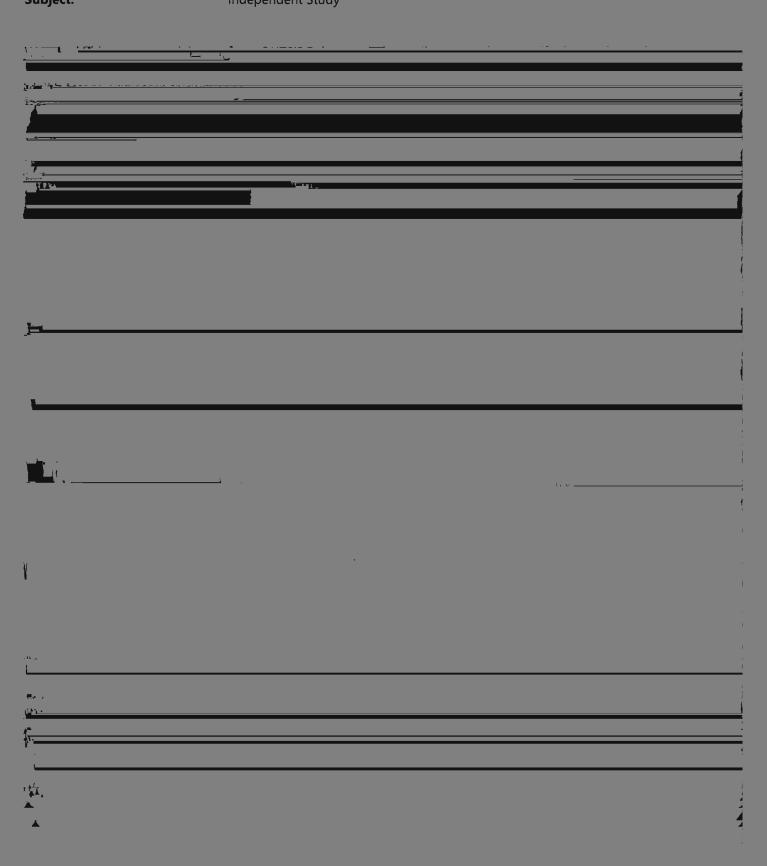
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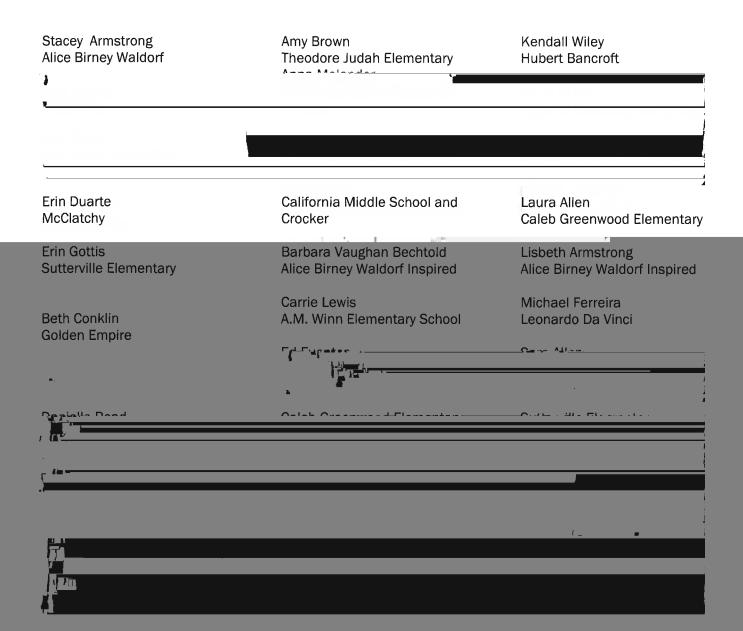
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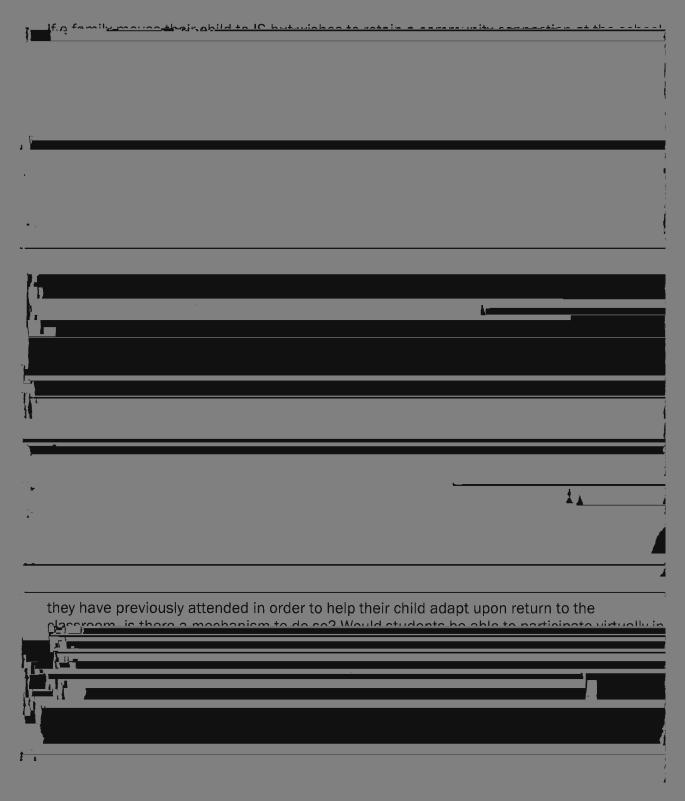
August 17, 2021 *updated August 18 w/ additional signatories

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• If a family needs to move their child from the classroom to IS after the school year has started, will they be able to do so?



Special Education

• Is it possible that the district may choose not to offer IS to certain special education students? How would these families be notified and how would the district provide a non-classroom-based option?





The CDC has emphasized the importance of providing screening testing as well as providing multiple lavers of prevention strategies to keep children safe. particularly if a school is not able to provide a minimum of three feet of social distancing. How is the district implementing this guidance? Why is testing not provided at every school site? Many families may not have the ability to transport themselves or take time off of work to go to the limited testing centers the district is providing. How will the district ensure all families have access to testing? For children who have been exposed to COVID either inside or outside of school, will quarantine be required? If so, what duration of quarantine will be required? For children who have symptoms of possible COVID infection, what are the requirements for returning to school after isolation? Will proof of a negative COVID test be required prior to returning to school? Would children who do not undergo testing need to follow the same nistanal as those with a nocitive test? Will the district enforce surrent CDC duidolines regarding isolation during COVID-19 illness? Since many COVID symptoms can be similar to the common cold and seasonal allergies, and do not always include a fever, how will the district prevent individuals who may have COVID from coming to school?

