

Comments from David Fisher, President of the Sacramento City Teachers Association et al.

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Agenda Item 8.0 Public Comment, "Report of Unions"

By the collective bargaining agreement SCTA has up to 15 minutes for this report

The need to improve services to students is especially critical in light of the [redacted] released by [redacted]

We don't understand why the [redacted]

Superintendent hasn't organized a school board workshop on its findings, but we would encourage [redacted]

the board to do so.

The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) systemic instructional review (SIR) regarding SCUSD and recently released provides several insights regarding "Equity, Access and Social Justice" as a kind of mission statement and its lack of substance in operation.

For example, the CCEE report notes that: "While there is a theory of action, strategic plan, and vision around equity access and social justice, there is not yet a road map or comprehensive strategy for schools to engage in this work beyond the redaction of the SDSA and the beginning of MTSS [redacted]"

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other title 1 schools, while critical services like Child Development are deprived of the limited District funding that will enable the programs to survive.

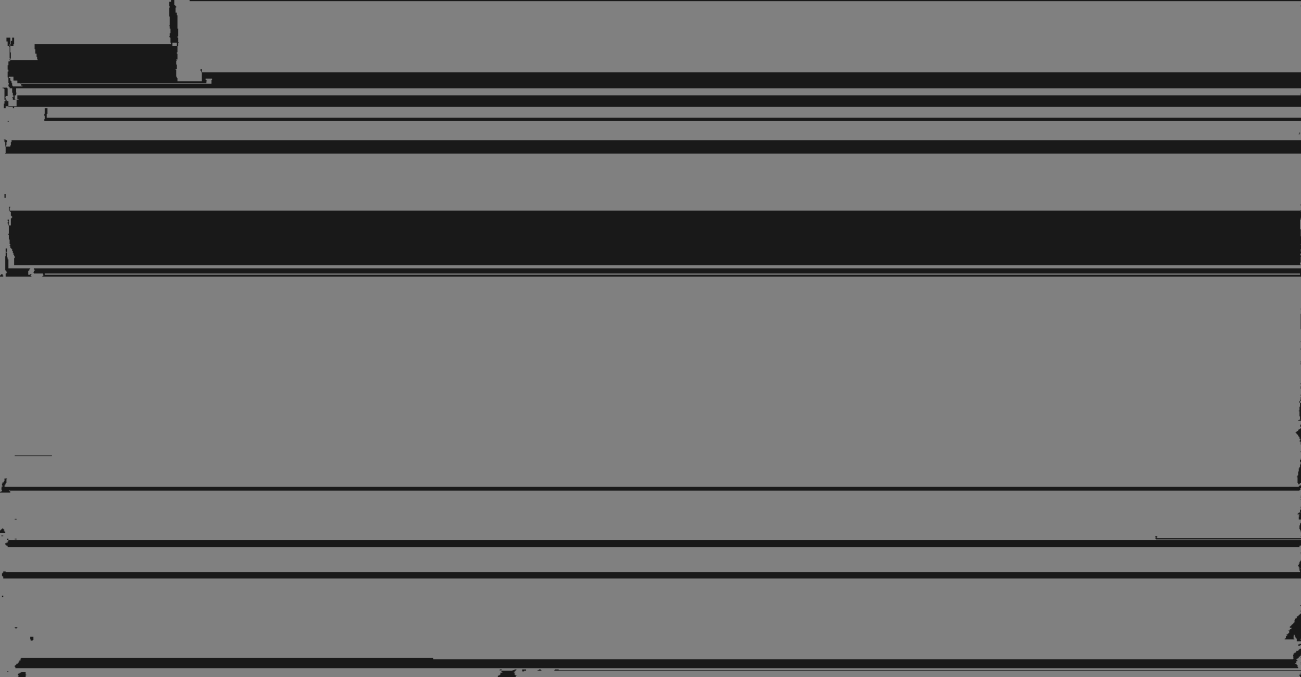
Our students deserve better.

Sacramento City Unified School District  
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Name Regina Cresci

Comment: As a teacher and advocate for early childhood development, I would like this board to reconsider any cuts to their early childhood education programs. Research has shown that for every dollar spent on programs to preschool reduces the dollars spent on the prison system threefold. (Perry preschool project 25 year longitudinal study) While it



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Name: Eric Richards

Comment: The community sees you are planning on laying off dedicated school employees. The community also sees that this is the same old song and dance we go through every school year. The community is tired of the constant stress this places on the employees in  
creation. Citizens get together and all have a voice. We have a right to be heard. We have a right to be heard.

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Name:	My-Lien Olsson
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Comment: Dear board members and superintendent

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February 19, 2021 Public Comment

Name	Jonny Rogado
Comment:	<p>Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. Although I think it's very important to work on the long term goal of kids returning to on campus learning, it appears that other parents have that covered. Instead I'd like to highlight something that can be done now that can greatly impact our students and community. Let's open the school fields to the public. Currently our school, Sutterville, is administratively closed to the public. To my knowledge other schools are too because it's the Districts risk averse approach to school site liability. It makes sense that this policy be put in place at the start of the pandemic, but it's 11 months since our school closed. It's time that we revise this policy now.</p> <p>As a Sutterville PTA board member I interact with the parent community as frequently as I can. The goal is to check in on families and get a pulse on their school related needs.</p>

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Name: Alina Cervantes

Comment This comment is directed to the leaders of SCTA. Stop dismissing the expertise of


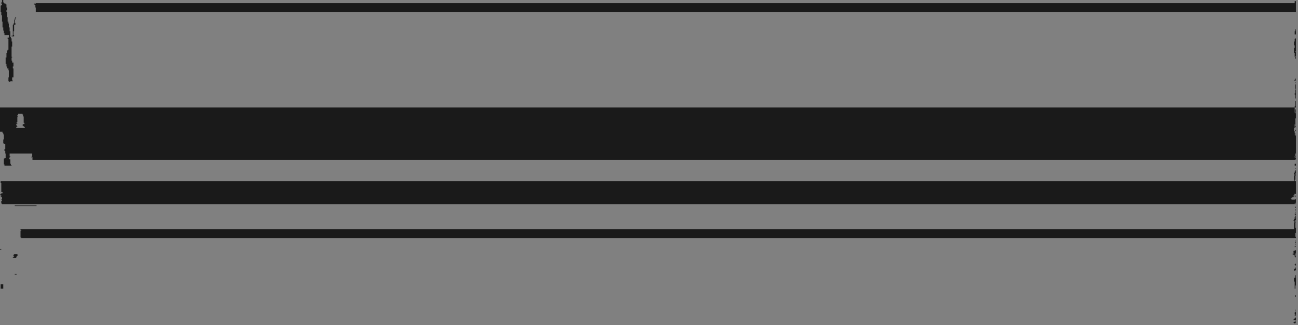
national and international scientists and health experts. John Borsos, David Fisher and Nikki Milevsky- you are not public health experts and your litmus tests are not based in science. It is embarrassing that an organization that represents teachers regularly presents their own set of "facts" at these school board meetings that are no where near facts. Your last presentation was not even in the neighborhood of a fact. I truly hope your presentation tonight is focused on a reopening plan and not teacher layoffs. You

know that layoff notices are required by California Ed Code and the district has a legal obligation to issue them by March 15. So please surprise us and avoid playing your games tonight. We don't have time for it!



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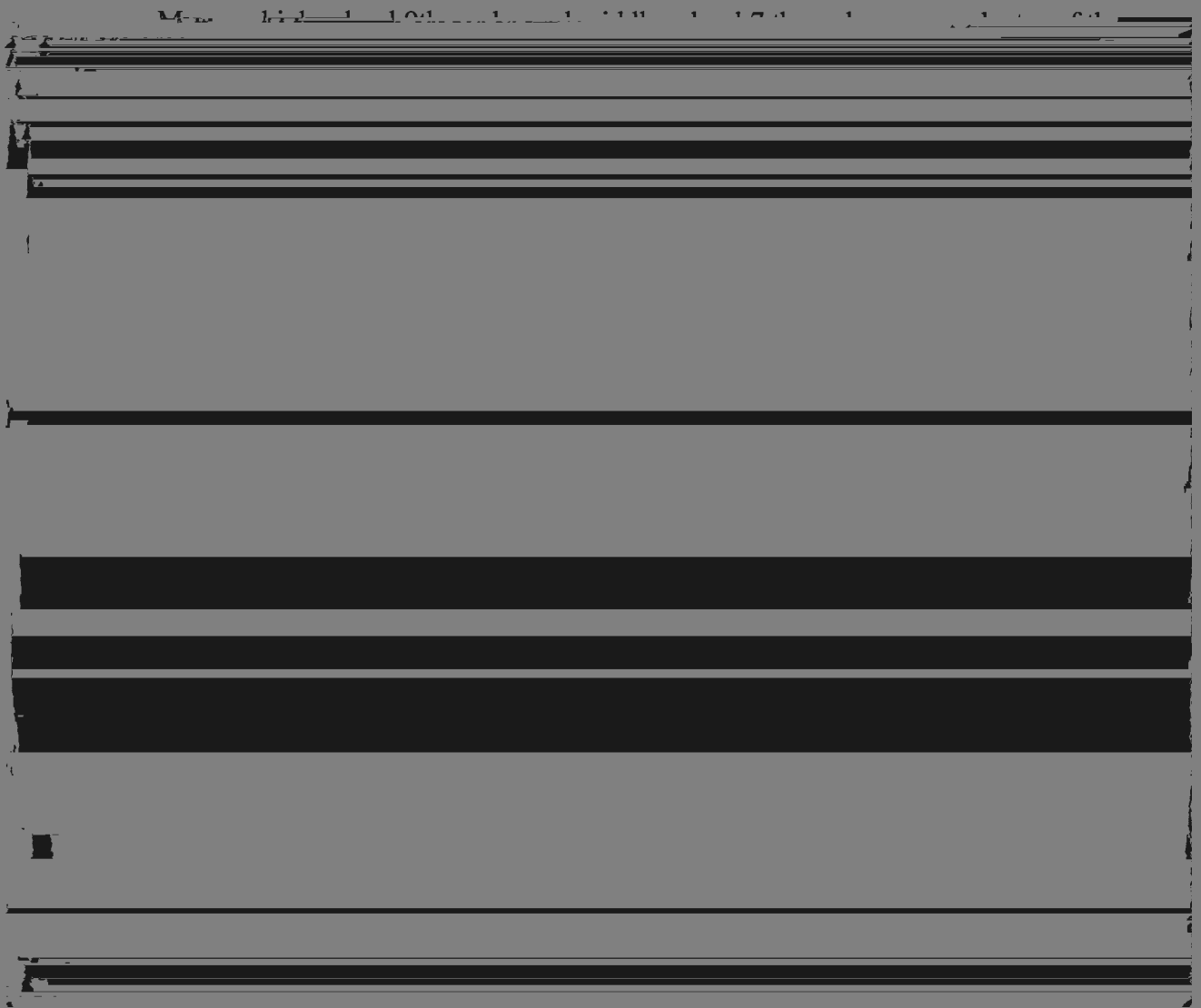
Name:	Alison Alexander
Comment:	Thank you to the board and Supt. Alexander for listening. It is beyond time that we
	
	

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Name      Lori Merritt

Comment:    It amazes me and breaks my heart that once again I am speaking to the board about saving parent participation preschool!



**From:** Lisa Wunsch <  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2021 9:49 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Subject:** Board of Education meeting comment

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**From:** Marie <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2021 11:53 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Budget Cuts

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**From:** Marie <[redacted]>  
**Date:** February 1, 2021 at 9:19:31 AM PST  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Proposed Budget Cuts

The truth of the matter is that this supposedly great country has been dummying down its populace since the 1960s. Anyone remotely related to the educational system in this country and this supposedly great state should know this and if they don't they either are not well informed, don't want to know, or worse choose not to

[Large redacted area containing multiple lines of blacked-out text]

February 17, 2021

To: Superintendent Aguilar and Member Pritchett, Member Murawski, Member Woo, Member Garcia, Member Garcia, Member Villa, Member Rhodes, and Member Phillips,



**From:** Robert Whitehead  
**Sent:** Monday, February 15, 2021, 9:57 AM

Dear School Board

[Redacted content]

**From:** Rebecca Gross  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2021 11:59 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Subject:** Parent Participation Preschool

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questions.

Please reconsider cancelling this amazing program. Forgot about the time cut off

Rebecca Gross

Sent from my iPhone





**From:** chakhoyan.sarah <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2021 9:09 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Subject:** Abraham Lincoln Elementary School

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Good Morning Sacramento Unified School District,

My name is Sarah and I currently have both of my boys attending Preschool via Zoom at Abraham Lincoln

[redacted]

I just heard that there might possibly be more cuts in the Child Development Department. That truly makes me very upset not only for my boys but for the staff.

I don't know if you realize the damage that would be caused by making such cuts. Not only for the

for each child's needs but that's exactly what they do every single time because they realize it is difficult and want to help.

It's during the difficult times in life when you truly see the people who care for you. And Ms Kin and Mrs

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boys. It had truly been a blessing for me and a weight lifted off my shoulders knowing I have people who care



**From:** Amy Sanchez  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2021 11:54 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Subject:** Parent Participation Preschool

*Warning: This message originates from OUTSIDE the District's email system. Please*

My name is Amy Sanchez. I am a mother of three, and a Parent Participation Preschool alumna. I am writing today to urge you to keep the program funded and running.

As a preschool teacher myself, I can attest to the fact that this program clearly embodies the goals of any early education program. Children are provided ample opportunities to develop physical, linguistic, literacy, cognitive, mathematical, and the ever-important, social-emotional skills necessary to achieve academic success in Kindergarten, higher education, and interpersonal relationships. It teaches them to be the best person they can be, both in school and in the community.

But it doesn't stop there.

Through this program, parents develop the skills needed to become advocates for education, advocates for their children, and advocates for their community. Much like the BOE seeks to accomplish. The parents, teachers and students of the SCUSD Parent Participation Preschool are your allies. Hear their voices and pleas to keep the program running. It matters to the population you serve.

Today, as you look at budgets and funding and you seek to determine the importance of this program you will see charts, and paperwork with dollar signs, numbers and costs. Replace every one of those dollar signs, every number and every cost with the face of a student, a parent, a teacher who has benefited from this program. It will be then that you see the true value of this program. And it will be then that you will recognize, in your heart, what the right and just course of action is.

Keep the program running. Your early learning allies need your representation and your vote.

Kindly,  
Amy Sanchez

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2021 11:11 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Subject:** parent participation preschool

Hello,

I am a 13-year-old who has moved to North Carolina from California. My mom recently told me that the

preschool programs are at risk of being removed. The reason I have an interest in this is because I was one of

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Respectfully,  
Izara Sanchez



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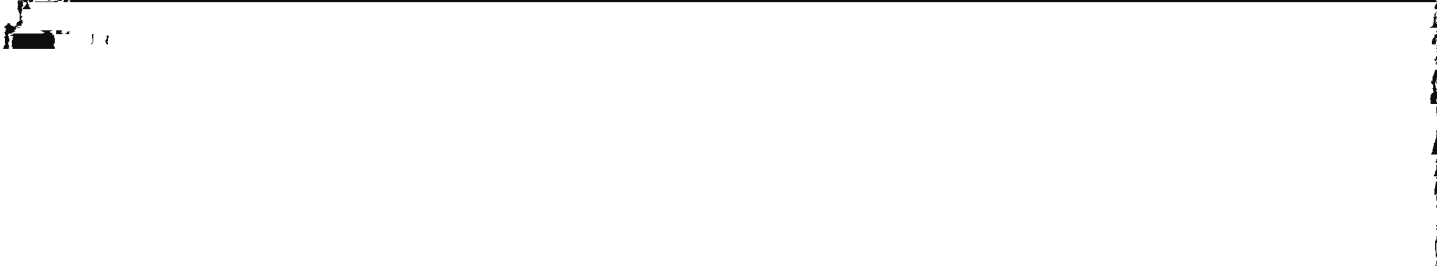
**From:** Dolores Garcia <  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2021 10:31 AM



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**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Subject:** Save PPP

Good Morning SCUSD Board Members,



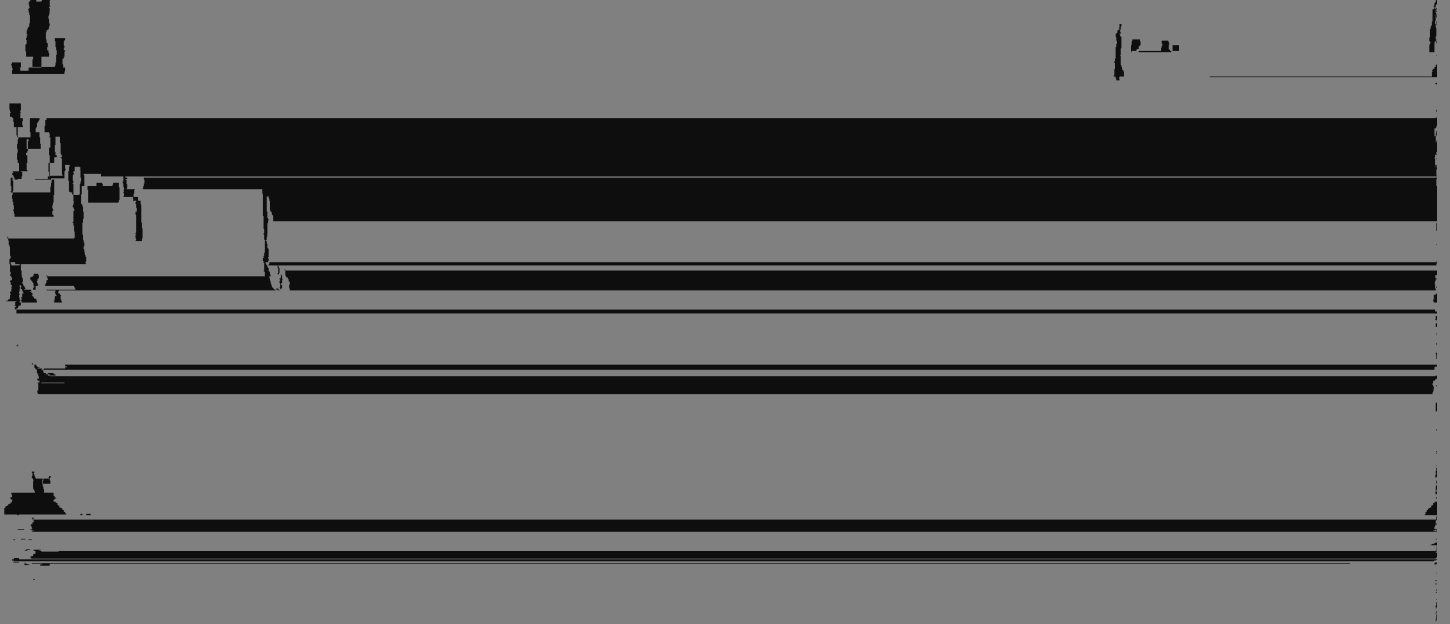
**From:** Sarah Ross  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 18, 2021 11:28 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Subject:** Board Meeting Public Comment

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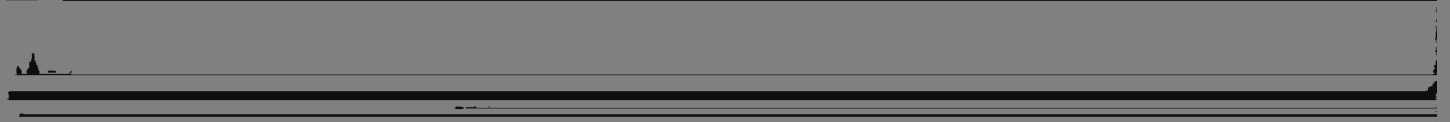
How are we fighting for this program again? We came to an agreement last spring regarding a self-sustaining model for the Parent Participation Preschool program. Of course, COVID has thrown us for a loop, but there was federal funding given to support the district and alleviate Covid-related issues, wasn't there? What is a better use of this money than saving amazing programs like this one?

I have high hopes that my fourth child will be attending Ms. Tamara's class next fall (my older three have all been in her class!), and that the district will do everything it can to save this program. Ms. Tamara and her peers create a classroom community that is valued not only for what it provides to the children, but to the entire family. Clearly, there are passionate, involved parents that are working hard to save the preschool-- don't you want this passion to carry over when their kids are older? Remember, parents



know what is best for their own children, and the public school system is here to support them.

Do the right thing. and keep this program alive!





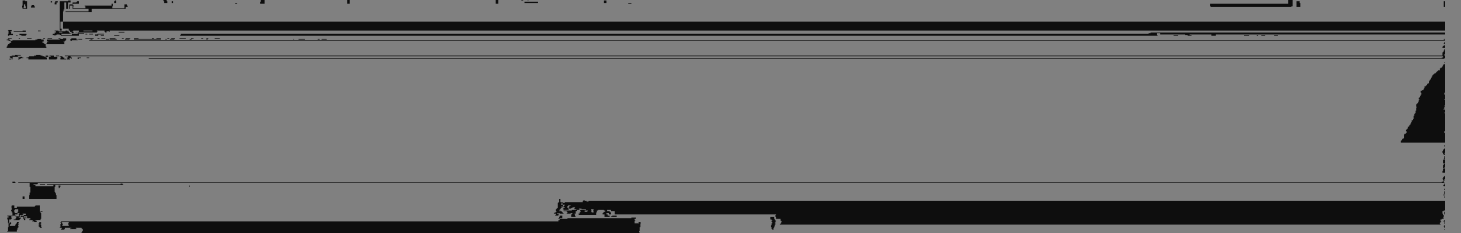
**From:** Tamara Toby  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:01 PM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Subject:** Cutting PPPP

Dear Board Members,

My name is Tamara Toby and I'm a teacher in the parent participation preschool program. Some of you may know me I fought very hard to get our program to be self-sustaining. I am disappointed that we are in a position of getting cut once again. The teachers and I worked very hard and came up with a proposal for the school district to have our program self sustain. This fight was done by the teachers and not our upper management leader. As you know our dear Miss Anita who passed away last year carried this program for 35 years to keep it going in our district. Anita knew the benefit of this amazing program along with thousands of parents who have put their children through the parent participation preschool program. If you were to look at statistics of the children that have attended the preschool program you would find that all of them had the foundation skills to start kindergarten and more so. Not only that, parents that worked in



the preschool classroom have become board members, teachers, leaders in the district and a board president.



**From:** Nicole Freedman <[nfreedman@scusd.net](mailto:nfreedman@scusd.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:18 PM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment

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I am the mother of two children in SCUSD. My youngest currently attends the parent participation preschool at Tolson Park Elementary. It has come to my attention that the parent participation preschool program is on the

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**From:** Kate Lloyd <  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:29 PM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Subject:** Parent Participation Preschool

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Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to ask that you keep the parent participation preschool program at SCUSD.

I am a parent of a 4 year old and this is our second year in the wonderful preschool program. Last year we were

[REDACTED]

fortunate to have Miss Anita Womack as our teacher. While it was terribly painful that she passed away, I will always remember the love and care she gave to each and every child and parent in her class. The most important part of this

**From:** howrads <[redacted]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 8:33 PM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I am writing to advocate for the Parent Participation Preschool in SCUSD. My son was enrolled, and he isn't the only one who received an education. Under the teacher's guidance I learned the value of giving children a voice. I learned to value a three year old's story as he is expressive life in the classroom. I was [redacted]

[redacted]

**From:** Jennyfer Childs  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 1:30 PM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Subject:** Board Letter Child Development 2/18/21

Dear Members of the Board,

How many of you can honestly say that you love your job? Well, I can. I teach preschool at Abraham Lincoln Preschool. Let me tell you a little about our class. We had 16 children last year with a wait list; this year \_\_\_\_\_

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**Jennyfer Childs**

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From: Suzanne Gonzales <[redacted]>

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Subject: SCUSD Public Comment

Letter to the board from my 4 year old daughter

### Serenitys Letter to the board

Nana told me that children like me might not be able to go to a school anymore. I am sad about that. I learn a lot at school. I miss my friends because we can't go because of the sickness but I get to see my friends every day on Zoom.

I can tell you the things I have learned at preschool. When I am at school I get to make stories, dress up in the playhouse and build stuff in the block area and even write my name in the sand.

songs. My teacher has a whole bunch of fun songs we get to sing and it sounds really funny on Zoom.

Teacher says we get to go back soon and she wants us to be ready by practicing washing our hands at home. I am so excited to go back and see all my friends. I love to learn our big words. We learned words like responsibility, empathy, expectations, and variations. Big words are fun to learn and practice using. Preschool is so fun I love to go every day.

My favorite part of school is circle time when we learn to be kind and listen to each other.

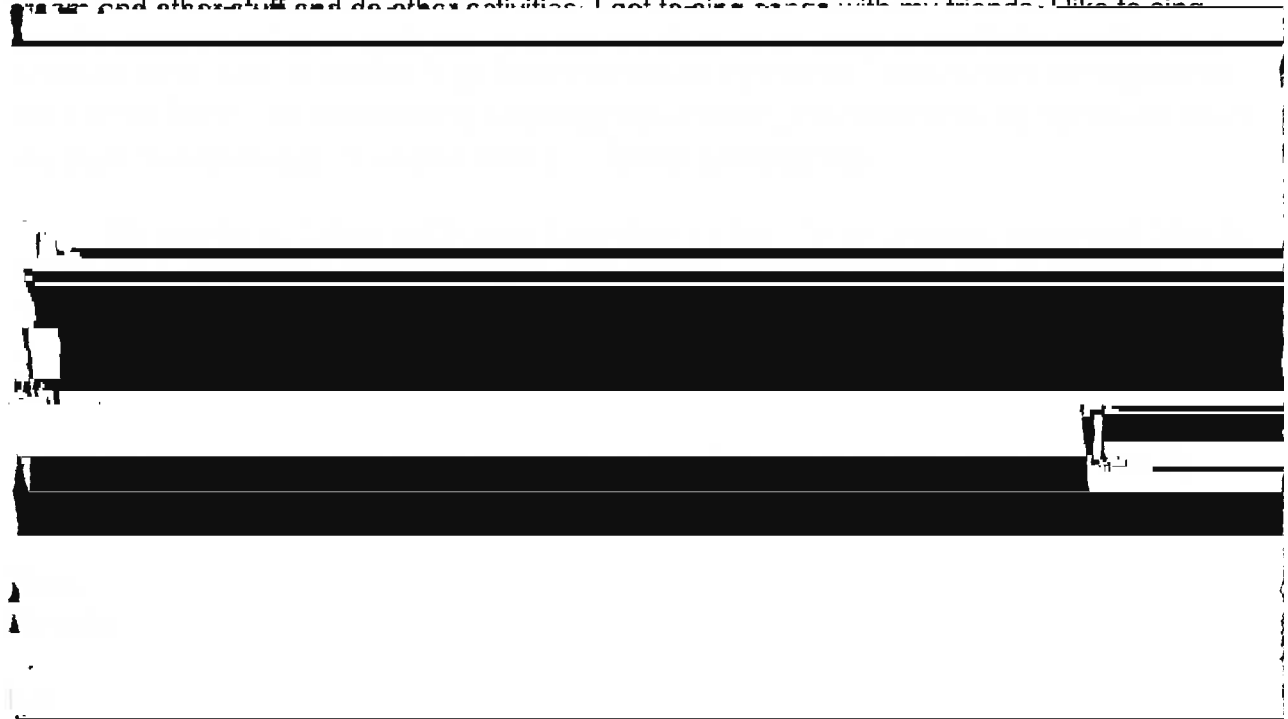
stories and play games like we will play in kindergarten. Another favorite part of preschool for me is writing time. We get to write stories because we are authors too. Teacher tells us to tell stories to our friends.

Members of the Board:

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*Suzanne*

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