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Item #8 - Public Comment / NON-AGENDA Items	
Melissa Kau	<p>My name is Melissa Kau and I'm a parent in the San Dieguito district as well as a member of Saddleback Church San Diego which was using CCA for its services prior to COVID. I am asking the board to allow our church to continue to operate our drive through food pantry using CCA's parking lot. Our goal has always been to serve the Carmel Valley community. When the pandemic hit, we wanted to help so we set up a food pantry for anyone in need of food. To date, we have distributed over 18,000 pounds of food which has benefited many SDUHSD families. Because we have been meeting at CCA for four years, we feel that the food pantry would serve the community best in a location that is affiliated with us. We only want access to the parking lot, which is currently shared with the Pacific Highlands Ranch Recreation Center.</p> <p>Our drive through food pantry process observes safety protocols to protect the volunteers as well as the recipients. All volunteers observe social distancing guidelines and wear masks and gloves. They direct the drivers through a marked pathway to place food in the cars. Drivers do not exit their vehicles during this process, and volunteers are present at each stopping point to ensure a smooth delivery. Giving us the use of the parking lot allows us to continue this vital service for the community. I have volunteered with the food pantry and seen firsthand the appreciation of families who have fallen on hard times and need the food to feed their family.</p>
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Kristin	<p>I am a member of Encinitas4Equality and a parent in the district. E4E-Youth reached out numerous times to have an item on the agenda for tonight and we were continually ignored or pushed aside. The BIPOC students, both current and former, in the district you serve regularly experience racism in your schools and that merits them an opportunity to speak before you. Your students, with the backing of Encinitas4Equality, the NAACP, North County Civil Liberties Union, and North County SURJ want to be able to help the Board address what changes can be made to make all the schools you serve more welcoming and safe places for all. The casual and blatant racism students face is just as important to the safety and well-being of the students that you serve. Again, many other local school districts have made commitments. Here are the list of others who have made commitments to change: Vista Unified, Encinitas Union, Poway Unified, Irvine Unified, Sweetwater Union, Carlsbad Unified and San Diego Unified.</p> <p>The Mission of the E4E Youth Committee is to empower youth via solution-oriented dialogue and action to advocate for racial equity and social justice in both their education and community. This is just what they are trying to do by engaging you, the people elected to serve their educational experience - One that I hope you would support in making better.</p>
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Arianna Trette	<p>I am a member of Encinitas4Equality and a student of San Dieguito Academy in the district. E4E-Youth reached out numerous times to have an item on the agenda for tonight and we were continually ignored or pushed aside. The BIPOC students, both current and former, in the district you serve regularly experience racism in your schools and that alone merits them an opportunity to speak before you. Your students, with the backing of Encinitas4Equality, the NAACP, North County Civil Liberties Union, and North County SURJ want to be able to help the Board address what changes can be made to make all the schools you serve more welcoming and safe places for all. The casual and blatant racism students face is just as important to the safety and well-being of the students that you serve. Again, many other local school districts have made commitments. Here are the list of others who have made commitments to change: Vista Unified, Encinitas Union, Poway Unified, Irvine Unified, Sweetwater Union, Carlsbad Unified and San Diego Unified.</p> <p>The Mission of the E4E Youth Committee is to empower youth via solution-oriented dialogue and action to advocate for racial equity and social justice in both their education and community. This is just what they are trying to do by engaging you, the people elected to serve their educational experience - One that I hope you would support in making better.</p>
Kathy Stenger	<p>I wish to express my disappointment in the board's blunt refusal to immediately address a sincere request by students to participate in the conversation on race that has swept our nation. There is no question that this is a difficult and fraught topic, but it is one that I know the community of San Dieguito Unified is brave and capable enough of tackling. We are privileged to send our kids to some of the best and most welcoming schools in the country. We can, however, do far more to address the lack of diversity in our community, the acts of racism both subtle and explicit experienced by our students of color, and the urgent need for direct and widespread instruction on racial literacy. Our students must not only be prepared to participate in the economy when they graduate. They must be prepared to participate in solving the longstanding effects of racism in our country, and it is our duty as adults and decision makers to provide them the education they need to do that. I urge the board to prioritize on its next agenda actions that will put San Dieguito Unified at the forefront in our nation's educational institutions. These include professional development to prepare teachers and administrators to address both the social emotional and curricular components of a racially just education; an evaluation of our schools' response to racism and plans to expand and improve support of students of color; and discussion of ways to improve inclusion, equity, and diversity like courses in ethnic studies, the hiring of more diverse staff, the creation of an equity team, and support for student initiatives like clubs and events. I am proud of the courage the leaders of Encinitas4Equality's youth committee leaders have shown in asking to be heard. It's the kind of leadership San Dieguito Unified applauds and encourages, and it is imperative that the board respond by opening its agenda to their voices.</p>
Anonymous	<p>San Diego County schools are allowed to reopen next Tuesday. Superintendent Haley said he will keep SDUHSD schools closed till after the first quarter even after being removed from the watchlist. Kids need to go back to school. I have a kid who needs to be in school. .06% is the Covid death rate for kids 18 and under. Of the 92 U.S. deaths, 80% had preexisting conditions. cdc.gov Roughly 180 kids 18 and under die annually of the seasonal flu. Schools aren't shut for the flu.</p> <p>0.3% is the infection fatality rate for ages 19-40. 90% of Covid 19 deaths are age 65 and over-that includes nursing homes. cdc.gov</p> <p>3% is the fatality rate for age 19-44. Most teachers are young. Those teachers and students who are at risk should be offered alternatives and distance learn. The vast majority of parents want their kids back in school with masks and social distancing. The \$5.2 M FEMA money should be spent to safely reopen-not to buy Chromebooks and stay closed.</p> <p>Not all of us are rich enough to hire private tutors. Income inequality is leading to learning inequality.</p>
Marianne Grosner	<p>Good evening board members. I'm here today to talk about transparency in special education.</p> <p>The public and in particular, parents of special needs students, would appreciate some transparency when it comes to special education spending of our taxpayer dollars. I've attended dozens of school board meetings across southern California and one thing I've noticed is that other Districts seem to have a lot more transparency. One such example comes from a Special Education department in Riverside county. I wanted to highlight what information that special ed department has shared with it's community. This type of information could be helpful for members of our community to better understand how our tax payer dollars are being spent in special education at San Dieguito. Their May presentation highlighted how much was spent on legal issues to include settlement agreements and legal fees from 2016-2020. They highlighted the number of occurrences of CDE complaints and Due Processes over the years, how many IEE or Independent Educational Evaluations were done each year, they even listed the law firms they use specifically for special education, etc. This allowed the public to better understand where their money was being spent. Right now transparency seems a little evasive at San Dieguito and I'm hoping you will see that transparency can foster a greater trust with the public. Please consider providing the public with a breakdown of special education spending at a future board meeting. Thank you.</p>

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Anonymous	Regarding re-opening of schools per the San Diego Department of Public Health -Please allow for in-person learning as soon as possible (9/8/20 is a good date to begin). The students need to and will learn much better in person and have a longer term success rate from this point forward. It's critical for the social emotional part of growing up during this part of their lives and during recent changes in the world.
Jessica Martinez	<p>Good evening, I am the parent of two children with autism. In a 48 hour period, FFF sued both my children. I was forced to hire attorneys to defend my children's rights and spent over two weeks in January and February in special education due process hearings. One of my children was not attending public schools as our family was paying for private education. Yet, FFF sued my child in the event that he should ever consider coming back to the district.</p> <p>On April 14, while in shut down due to the Corona Virus outbreak, FFF filed a third new legal action to deny my son assessments. I believe these actions are designed to discourage myself and other families from advocating for special education services, in the process, FFF is hijacking education dollars to profit from denying children with disabilities services that they will need in order to be productive members of society. The due process cases against my children have never been approved by the school board. It appears that FFF has figured out a loophole to the education system where they essentially get a blank check for their billing. Please look into how the law firm of FFF is using San Dieguito Union High School District tax payer dollars to deny kids with disabilities services. Thank you.</p>
Joy Ruppert	<p>Quick Summary: I am a member of Encinitas4Equality movement and a student of San Dieguito Academy. I am Joy Ruppert. We students have reached out numerous times to have a meeting with our board however we continue to be ignored. We would love to have a respectful meeting with you. The BIPOC students, both current and former, in the district have come forward to me and my classmates about racism they have experienced. Your students, with the backing of Encinitas4Equality, the NAACP, North County Civil Liberties Union, and North County SURJ want to be able to help the Board address what changes can be made to make all the schools you serve more welcoming and safe places for all. The casual and blatant racism students face is just as important to the safety and well-being of the students that you serve. Again, many other local school districts have made commitments. Here are the list of others who have made commitments to change: Vista Unified, Encinitas Union, Poway Unified, Irvine Unified, Sweetwater Union, Carlsbad Unified and San Diego Unified.</p>
Amy Scease Caterina	<p>San Dieguito Union School District deserves a trustee who is independent and not beholden to the San Dieguito Faculty Association. My name is Amy Caterina and I am running for San Dieguito Union School District Trustee in Area 4 - Del Mar, Rancho Santa Fe and Fairbanks Ranch area. I will be an independent board member who strives to include parents and students in the business of the school district. All of the District stakeholders (teachers, staff, parents and students) should be considered in the decision making process! Teachers and staff have their unions representing them, but no one in Area 4 is looking out for the parents and students. Please visit my website for more information at www.amy4sduhsd.com.</p>
Aya Jaffer	<p>I'm Aya Jaffer the youth group co-leader at Encinitas4Equality and a student at SDA. Me and many other students in the district reached out numerous times to be placed on the agenda for tonight or in the future. Instead, we were continually ignored and pushed aside. Your BIPOC students, both current and former, in the district regularly experience racism in your schools and they deserve a chance to speak before you. Your students, with the backing of Encinitas4Equality, the NAACP, North County Civil Liberties Union, and North County SURJ want to be able to help the Board address the changes that need to be made to make the district you serve an inclusive and safe place for all. We understand that you're working with COVID-19 however this is just as important. The casual and blatant racism your students face is just as important to the health and well-being of the students that you serve. Many other local school districts have made commitments despite COVID-19. Such as Vista Unified, Encinitas Union, Poway Unified, Irvine Unified, Sweetwater Union, Carlsbad Unified and San Diego Unified.</p>
Yu Linda Song	<p>Hello, We have kids at PTMS and CCA, we are also members of Saddleback Church San Diego which has rented space at CCA for the last few years. Our church has only met virtually and will continue to do so until it is safe. It was brought to my attention that the district has not yet allowed the church to access items in their storage units on campus parking lot. Sometimes shade structures in storage and dollies or tables are needed for the grocery/food bank drive throughs Saddleback SD provides to the community or for other outdoor church events such as our upcoming school supply drive. Please consider allowing church office staff access to the storage units on campus. We are also starting a clothing ministry, please reach out to church staff if you know of local families in need of food, clothing, or school supplies! Thank you for considering reinstated access to storage items. Blessings, Yu Linda Song</p>
Rita Loof	<p>I believe that requiring the public to file a registration, requiring personal information such as email addresses and phone numbers as a condition of making public comments, is a violation of the Brown Act. Additionally, requiring the public to file the registration form and specify the comments to be made is also a violation of the Brown Act.</p>
Brie K.	<p>Good evening board, I would like to make comment about numbers taken directly from the School Accountability Rwpport Cards for your district. At 9/10 of your schools, more than 50% of your students with special needs are not meeting the state standards in ELA, and about 70% of those students are not meeting state standards in math. I see 2 due process cases on the OAH calendar between San Dieguito and a student, as well have seen the prior board agendas where the board has approved contracts to for-profit litigation firms in the area of need for "special education."</p> <p>Does your board prioritize spending its special education dollars on litigation instead of education? Why are more than half of your special needs students failing while the law firms you've hired are paid hefty for denying education to those same students?</p> <p>Please look into the inequities that exist in your students with special needs, as well as those in your brown community. Being born with a disability or with brown skin should not destine a student of yours to a life of failure by failing them at the first point of contact they have before becoming adults.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Wendy Gumb	<p>I would like to start with I support Public School Teachers - I do not support the bully tactics by special interests. In early August, Current School Board Member Joyce Dalessandro and unnamed TPHS Parent and potential Board Candidate exerted pressure on the San Dieguito Faculty Association to contact a another candidate running for San Dieguito Union School District Trustee in Area 4 and and bullied her to withdraw from the race.</p> <p>It is my understand that an SDFA Leadership Member representative (Duncan Brown) contacted the candidate twice and exerted pressure on the candidate to withdraw from the Area 4 race. The candidate who would have been an excellent diverse representative for the community is a huge loss. This continued interference with the election process is a disservice to our Students and Community. Public Schools are for the Students not the Union.</p>
<p>Item #10a - CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING THE 2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR REOPENING OF SCHOOLS CONSISTENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE/GUIDELINES AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER</p>	
Emily Engel, MD	<p>Please open the schools sooner than second quarter, now that the San Diego county department of public health is recommending that all schools open. Opening schools for in-person schooling ASAP would also follow the recommendations of the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics. This decision should be based on science and not in fear. Thank you.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I would like to request that our school district re-open the schools as soon as possible even if it is before the 10/28 pre-selected date. Our students need to be back in the classroom for education. The effort and hours put into creating an online environment is very much appreciated but it is not the education this district is set-up to implement. Those parents who would like to send their children to school should be able to do so. An online learning component should also be available for those parents concerned about returning their children to school. I am hopeful that our district has been spending as much time on a plan of action for this return as it has to online learning. I am confident that all protocols for safety will be followed to the best of the district's ability and that although it may look different, it will still be the in-person experience that our children's mental and educational health need. Thank you for your time. Parent of TP and CCA students.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I feel that the schools have prepared for remote learning for this quarter and I would prefer to continue the planned route. If the schools re-open in-person, it is IMPERATIVE that they not only disallow but remove vaping from the school grounds as we are in the midst of a respiratory pandemic.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Some colleges are allowing only seniors to attend in person classes initially. I think it is a good idea to allow smaller group of students at first. Also for seniors this year is the last one. Please reconsider high school seniors to attend in person classes as soon as possible if not everyone. Thanks</p>

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michele macosky	<p>Please keep our district learning 100% virtual through the end of the first semester and then assess safety of reopening. Assuming kids remain in same classes all semester, that would overcrowd classrooms which are not large enough to social distance even half a class. With holidays, there is a risk that each break - Thanksgiving, Winter Holidays - kids will mix with others, travel, etc - then return to school and sit in close quarters with each other. Statistically, COVID will be on campus, we'll be dealing with disruptive, unpredictable openings and closings - plus endangering staff, parents, and any at-risk family members of students. Even our pediatrician told me today he would not send his own kids back to school in 2020. UCSD scientists say it's not safe for kids to return. Teens and young adults are drivers of COVID and are not likely to social distance at school, especially with peer pressure. Kids worried about grades WILL come to school sick with COVID, just like they do with the flu. No country has opened safely with numbers like ours. We don't have the ability to regularly test with prompt and accurate results. In person learning would create anxiety and mental health issues for kids stressed about carrying home COVID to older parents and at risk household members - or themselves not wanting to be exposed. All kids need an option to be 100% virtual. Teens are generally comfortable with technology and very capable of productive, independent online study. Completing the semester virtually for everyone would ensure consistency in classes since kids would remain grouped in the same classes with the same teacher all semester and it would keep kids, staff and our whole community safer so that we can return to normal (including regular school activities) sooner.</p>
Anonymous	<p>The CDC has long supported re-opening schools along with the Pediatrics association. California has also approved the re-opening of schools. The risk is low, why would we continued to put children's education at risk? Please open ASAP. Thank you.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I sincerely ask the board to consider moving the reopening date of our schools to be earlier than the second quarter. Our students need in person education for their academic and for their emotional health. It is absolutely ideal that the county's approval has come on the first week of school, so we could send our students back on campus without further confusion with distant learning. Thank you.</p>
Kristina A Turner	<p>Our schools need to open now. As an elementary school teacher for 7 years and mom to two young boys, I know how important school is for social and emotional growth.</p> <p>Our younger children, especially, need to see each other's faces and the faces of their teacher. Mirroring is huge and we must see our smiles and facial expressions to understand complex topics.</p> <p>How do you teach letter sounds with your mouth covered?</p> <p>It's time to stop the psychological ware fare against our children, open up, no mask mandates no social distancing. Our children are more likely to die from a bee sting than this virus, enough is enough.</p>
Kelson Splayec	<p>Hi, seeing that the county announced yesterday that schools would be aloud to reopen Sept 1 for in person instruction I am very eager to get my kids in school for in person learning. I applaud the districts efforts for distance learning but continuing to do so until October 28th at this point seems like a lot of missed time for our kids to be thriving on campus in the learning environment they need and deserve. I strongly believe they will fall further behind academically and emotionally in the coming months if we do not return to campus as now allowed by the county. Let's please come together and do all we can to get these kids IN school!</p>
Anonymous	<p>Please do not physically reopen schools at this time, as it is not yet safe, sensible, or fiscally responsible to do by any measure. Other countries who have had successful physical reopenings did so at case rates that were a fraction of San Diego and 92130's current case rates. Although I understand some people feel eager to reopen schools, this is wishful thinking. In reality, reopening will be chaotic and lead to successive openings and closings as cases crop up on campus among staff and students, as we are seeing with other districts and universities around the country. We ALL prefer in-person learning for our teens, but the truth is that reopening now would look nothing like what we are all yearning for. It would be stressful, disruptive, and dangerous for students and their families and teachers. Online learning is not what we would choose, but the pandemic has changed the landscape of what is possible, for the time being. Thank you to our teachers for a wonderful first day, and thank you to the school board for putting safety and common sense first.</p>
Kelly Friis	<p>In light of the fact that the city health office says we can reopen September 1, this is my emphatic plea to please open SDUHSD school district. While we know other families and teachers do not agree with this, please allow those families to meet up in the google classroom. For the rest of us, let's begin to learn how to Live and Learn in a Pandemic. Families, motivated teachers and especially our children thrive in a face to face environment...THAT is where true learning takes place.</p>
Jen Charat	<p>This is to voice support for the distance learning plan as implemented for the 1st quarter. Though the county's COVID numbers are trending favorably for removal from the state watch list, there is no guarantee that these numbers will remain after resuming activities with a likelihood of virus transmission. We must continue to mitigate transmission, including wearing masks in public, frequent hand washing, staying at least 6 feet apart from others, & quarantining when ill or exposed to COVID. School environments that cannot mandate all of the above are not safe for in-person learning.</p> <p>The Harvard Chan School of Public Health issued a report to help schools assess risk of reopening. The report can be found here https://schools.forhealth.org</p> <p>Of utmost importance is providing healthy buildings. Page 7 of the report emphasizes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase outdoor air ventilation Filter indoor air Supplement with portable air cleaners Verify ventilation and filtration performance Consider advanced air quality techniques Use plexiglass as physical barrier Install no-contact infrastructure Keep surfaces clean Focus on bathroom hygiene <p>Page 9 of the report goes into further detail. Indoor air filtration is a must. The report states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the level of the air filter to MERV 13 or higher on recirculated air Supplement with air cleaning devices Select portable air cleaners with HEPA filters Size devices carefully based on the size of the room Verify ventilation and filtration performance Verify through commissioning and testing Work with an expert to evaluate building systems, ventilation, filtration, and air cleaning Measure carbon dioxide (CO2) as a proxy for ventilation <p>There are additional considerations. The bottom line is that without meeting the healthy building standards above, it is not safe to put students or teachers in classrooms right now. The distance learning that has been developed by the district is working. The first day of classes went well for my three SDUHSD kids. It's not ideal, but it's the best way to keep school populations safe from the virus for now.</p>
Cynthia A Morris	<p>What precautions will be taken? Will temperatures be taken? Will masks be mandatory? Will classes be set up with 6ft distancing? Will classes have less students in them? Will there be a split shift day?</p>

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Pam Stonebreaker	<p>Please consider getting these kids back into a school setting. We all know the hardships this is on families, parents, kids, and teachers.. from many perspectives (financially, emotionally, socially and mentally. By now we are all aware of the negatives to the above...we need now to go forward and get back to solutions and work together to get normalcy. I do not think going back 100% all at once is the best idea....gradual would be best. This virus is going no where... so we need to take steps. What about bringing kids back one day a week. Opening up the fields and schools for PE and some distance sports and some classes can be outside... but why don't you consider doing Freshman's on Mondays, Sophomores on Tuesday, Juniors-Wednesday, Seniors-Thursday and the Fridays is made for staff and cleaning etc..... I don't know the teachers schedules and no doubt there will be some conflicts but it can be worked out. You can't do half day...to hard for parents and getting kids home to finish the afternoon classes. I think that you start slowly and then these kids can get back on campus. and by Mid September or the end of September we can be back in full capacity. Maybe do Fresh/Soph Monday Tuesday, Junior/Senior Thurs/Friday to keep them together.....</p> <p>I think we need to understand as well the positive cases that there will be. Most everyone I know are ASYMPTOMATIC and test positive because of exposure. I think you need be more transparent and more FACTUAL and not take the media's take on it. Communities have different numbers and tired of being clumped in like Gaspar says ...the peanut butter complex.....they stick us all together and the figures are not accurate when it comes to our district / neighborhoods. Be real about our numbers and keep our district separate and be HONEST and TRANSPARENT.</p>
GAVIN HIRST	<p>Covid is in our community and not under control. Our positivity rate is 5%, just the same as it was at the start of August. We are putting our families at risk - just look at the experience in schools in GA, NC and IN, they opened, cases shot up, they were forced to close. The ensuing chaos is avoidable. There seems to be no plan to deal with the safety high-risk teachers, kids and their families nor educate high-risk kids that will not be able to attend. Distance learning is going really well so far so sit it our until 2021.</p>
Cynthia Edgerly	<p>I respectfully request that the Board adhere to its prudent, responsible decision to provide distance learning through the end of the quarter. While it is encouraging that Covid cases in the county have been declining, this progress is precarious at best, and is almost certainly due to recent county-ordered re-closures. Reopening will erase any progress made, and will, no doubt, lead to prolonging the pandemic. Covid is still very much among us. One need only to read the news on any given day to learn about the failures of school districts and universities throughout the country in their attempts at reopening. While I understand there is political pressure for and an emotional appeal to getting students back to school, I strongly believe it would be a dangerous and reckless decision that would, at best, lead to disruptions in learning and, at worst, result in more Covid fatalities. We must not gamble with our students' and teachers' lives. We must model for our students responsible, level-headed, and stable behavior by standing by the decision to remain closed at least until the end of the quarter. Thus far, distance learning for my two daughters (one an 8th-grader at PTMS, the other a junior at CCA) has gone smoothly, and I am grateful to the District for all of the work they have put into improving the distance learning experience.</p>
Kristi Griffith	<p>To the SDUHSD Board, Please don't go back on your word again. Please allow families to make plans based on the information you share the first time. SDUHSD families were told that instruction would be provided virtually for the first quarter. Given the uncertainty of the Covid virus and the ups and downs in infection rates throughout the city, state and country, that decision made sense, and you provided students and families with a definitive decision that they could plan around. There are many who have family members who are at high-risk of serious complications from the virus. Opening school "as soon as legally possible" is not necessarily prudent or what is best for students or teachers. My biggest fear as a parent is that schools reopen, infection rates steadily increase again (including illness contracted by many in our community), and schools go back to online learning. We have seen this happen throughout the country in places where there was a rush to reopen schools (Georgia, Florida, etc.). From the outset this board created an expectation that distance learning needed to be adjusted to, and seriously undertaken. So far it appears to be happening. An uneven, uncertain learning environment is not beneficial to students, teachers, parents or families. Please maintain the plans you already shared with the community - allow the quarter to finish so a rational analysis of the situation can be made as the quarter comes to a close, with sufficient input from all stakeholders. Facts and science (including acknowledgement of the need for socialization) should guide the district's decision to open schools safely. Most of us (though we may not be as "noisy") do not believe that time is now. Respectfully, Kristi Griffith</p>
Glenn Collins	<p>I am writing to urge the Board not to reopen the school district too quickly. We have seen the results of schools around the country that did so & they quickly needed to close down again causing even more turmoil. Please wait. Please see how the schools and districts in our county who received waivers do. Please make sure we stay on the watch list and that cases continue to decrease. And when students are on campus please enforce masks and hand washing/sanitizing. Letting them on campus will mean giving up on social distancing (and probably masks-let's be honest but we should do our best to enforce) so we really need to be sure.</p>
Susanne Klas	<p>Now that it is officially allowed to open schools on September 1st, our students and their parents deserve to see a solid reopening plan and a confirmed reopening date for our schools. I want to know what our schools are preparing to welcome students back on campus safely, what PPE is available or needed and what safety protocols will be in place. I would understand if schools can not open right away and for all students at the same time on all days, but please consider to bring some normalcy and in-person school routine back for our students. Some student groups might and should have priority, some classes - such as math and the sciences - should be taught in-person first, but all other students and classes should follow as soon as possible. At the very least our students deserve clarity and transparency. My daughters can't wait to be back with their friends and teachers. Education is essential!</p>
Anonymous	<p>In regards to schools reopening in person, I'd like to know why our district, SDUHSD is waiting until November 1st to allow students on campus when the county has given the OK to do so starting next Tuesday? I feel it's important to get our kids out of their rooms and back on campus to learn sooner rather than later. Our district had anticipated opening all summer until the governor deemed it unsafe, now that San Diego is officially off the watch list, I would hope the district would apply for approval to open now and take the next few weeks to implement any safety protocol necessary to open schools safely, which I would think they were already doing before the decision was made to go online by Newsom mid August. Even if it was a hybrid situation with kids staggering days at first, that would be better than nothing. Our kids need desperately to have in person instruction and interaction with peers.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Please don't send the kids back to TPHS unless there is a solid plan for a safe reopening. With 35 - 50 students per class that is going to be difficult. The students and staff need to be ensured that there is excellent ventilation (outdoor classrooms when possible), face masks enforced, at least 3 feet distancing per student in class, etc.</p>
David Wojtkowski	<p>I am a parent of two children in SDUHSD and am urging you to open the schools for in person learning as soon as deemed safe by the County of San Diego. With the continuing decrease in positive cases within the County we should be able to open within the next few weeks. The COVID pandemic is serious but the risk can be safely mitigated. The danger to kids under age 19 in San Diego County is extremely low - there have been zero deaths to date including those with a comorbidity. As the spouse of a 1st grade teacher that will be returning to in-person teaching in less than two weeks, I am keenly aware of the risk to teachers and believe it to be minimal as well and can be safely mitigated. Our kids are losing out on a great deal of life's education - far more than just the academic-only portion that can be delivered remotely. The challenges of effectively teaching remotely are incredible and will likely fall far short of what these kids need. Please offer remote school to those families that need it but for the rest of us, please open the schools as soon as possible. Thank you.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Since county health supervisor has given green light to reopen schools then SDUHSD should comply. Kids have not had proper instruction since mid March. Parents will ensure their kids wear masks etc. Schools in SD can easily open because we have mild weather so just open classroom windows and ensure airflow by using fans. We pay a lot of property taxes for schools so either refund our monies so we can support their at home learning or open up schools sooner. No need to delay the opening as kids need to be in school to learn. Distance learning is a lazy approach and will cause more issues then simply complying and reopening sooner. CDC also supports school openings so no reason to keep kids at home. We are an educated community and will take all necessary precautions for the safe return of our kids.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I would like the board and the district to please consider outdoor teaching. Not only as in students can go outside to work on something, but as in setting up shade and setting up classrooms outdoors using existing shade or adding some. Fields, parking lots, empty space can all be used to set up classes and have a grid like a map so the students know where to go. Our county just recently came off the Covid watch list, and we are seeing horror stories from schools that reopened across the country. There is a reason the numbers of transmission went down when only outside dining was permitted. It is because indoors Covid spreads. So please really put health and safety first by looking at the option for outdoor teaching. We want our students staff and teachers back, but we want them safe. It is really an illusion to say that because desks are sanitized in the morning that will keep stakeholders safe since we know the primary way this is transmitted is by aerosol droplets while speaking, breathing, coughing, singing etc., that stay in the air and can remain there in a closed space to infect others when they are breathed in. Thank you for considering this option along with other safety measures like masks and sanitising on top of being outside.</p>

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Anonymous	Given the SD County Public health office has allowed schools to reopen on September 1st I urge SDUHSD to take immediate action to get students on campus at that time. I trust that the district has taken the last 6 months to take the appropriate measures to keep students/staff safe on campus. While distance learning has greatly improved since the Spring (in which my student had zero synchronous learning experiences from March 15th through the end of the year), DL is still not an effective way to learn for my student. Our family has every advantage of high speed internet and devices for our 3 school aged students, and we still have connectivity issues (had to sign into Google meet in English 7x, Art 4x and PE 3x - just today -bc it kept kicking him off) and many frustrations, I cannot imagine what this process must be like for students with special needs or lacking resources. Added with absence of social interactions with peers, I see my once enthusiastic learner rapidly regress and withdraw from life. For students/staff unable to attend in person learning please provide a digital option for them, but for the vast majority of students the lack of in person learning must resume ASAP or we risk irreparable damage to a generation of learners. Thank you for listening.
Anonymous	I am a junior and I want to go back to school as soon as possible, because I get really bad headaches from the screen time. On campus classes are definitely more effective and so much better when learning new things. Especially math and physics will be tough online.
Matt Miller	Please release a plan that includes a return to school by September 1st as allowed by San Diego County of Public Health. Online options for students and teachers that wish to not return should be offered to them but the majority of students (given the districts own polling over the summer) indicate a need to return to in person schooling. It is unfair to our children that many of their peers in other districts or private schools will be given advantages offered by in person learning.
Adam Fischer	I am a parent of a CVMS student and so far I am encouraged by what I am seeing and hearing about for distance learning. I am aware that the entire first quarter will be distance learning, and I support that decision and encourage the district to adhere to that decision. Related to after the first quarter. 1) How long will the full distance model last for? I encourage the district to extend the full distance model through the first semester for a few reasons: a) Continuity of learning with students' existing classes, teachers, and learning model. b) It mirrors what many other schools in the area have decided to do, such as San Diego Unified (not opening for months) and Poway Unified (not opening until at least January) c) There is mounting evidence that in-person school is not safe unless community transmission rates are far lower than they are now in San Diego. Israel opened schools when its new case rate was half that of San Diego and observed multiple outbreaks. 6 days after reopening, the University of Alabama had over 500 coronavirus cases. Switzerland and South Korea have opened schools without notable issues, but their cases rates were less than 1/10 that of San Diego. 2) What criteria will the district use to reopen in-person school? For instance, San Diego Unified consulted with UCSD experts to develop strict reopening standards. 3) It will be essential to maintain a distance option for families for the year. There is enough evidence that especially kids 10 and up have viral loads at least as high as adults (multiple studies) and transmit the virus at least as well as adults (e.g. a study from South Korea), that render in-person school unsuitable for many families, esp. those with at-risk family members, until there is a vaccine and/or treatment. 4) How will the transition from a full distance model to a dual path mode (with some students in-person and some distance), work? Will students be re-assigned to different teachers/classes? Will a teacher teach in-person and distance students simultaneously? Or is there another approach?
Michael Allman	My Name is Michael Allman, and I am a candidate for this Board in the upcoming election in November for Area 4. I have been speaking with parents and others in the community regarding the upcoming school year, and the vast majority have been loud and clear in their desire to open the schools for in-person learning as soon as practical. Of course, we have to add the modifier "safely" when we discuss opening schools. As we return to school we should not take unnecessary risks, and should act prudently as we reopen. However, we have to recognize that every day we limit our children to distance learning we are doing them a disservice. Their education and physical and mental well-being, as well as those of their parents and extended families, depend on getting back to in-school learning as soon as possible. This means we cannot afford to take absolutely NO risk. We have to be smart about how we reopen, but we have to reopen our schools. San Diego County has not been off the State of California's COVID-19 watch list for a number of days, and by the end of the month we will allowed to conduct in-person classes per the state guidelines. Dr. Wilma Wooten, the County's Chief Health Officer, stated on Tuesday that we will be able to reopen soon, and that in addition, once we do reopen, we will be allowed to remain open, even if the County is place back on the State's COVID-19 monitoring list. For the sake of our children's education and well-being, and based on science and guidelines articulated by our Chief Health Officer, we should not be discussing and debating IF we should reopen schools, we should be focusing on HOW we are going to reopen our schools. Others school districts have created clear and complete plans for reopening. I hope that we will do the same, for the best interest of all of our community. Thank you.
Annik Whittle	I am in support of CVMS re-opening as soon as possible for in-person instruction given the latest input from the San Diego County health office.
Item #10b - CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF REVISED BOARD POLICIES, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS & EXHIBITS	
Anonymous	To the Board of Trustees- How can we be confident in the leadership of the district to handle the sensitive complaints from students and staff, of racism in our high schools when overt racism is practiced by the leaders of the district itself. I have heard multiple accounts that head management in the district office (Bryan Marcus, Mark Miller, Melissa Sage in particular) have perpetuated the UNFOUNDED story of administrators, teachers, and students of color in our high schools staging phony hate crimes on themselves in an attempt to what? Generate sympathy or support for themselves and BLM? The accusations are disgustingly racist and have ABSOLUTELY NO TRUTH or EVIDENCE to back them up. The fact that these district managers would spread such vicious rumors with no substantiation is disgraceful.
Jordan Rubenstein	I am now graduated, but I was a biracial student at Torrey Pines High School and I didn't have the best experience in terms of racism and community. I came across many racist students and teachers while attending that school. I was not happy with the way that the school handled the issues at the time. I didn't feel as though I was heard or that my racial problems were important to the school. I also didn't think that I had a community there either. Many of other minority peers also felt the same way. Torrey Pines now has a Black Student Union but didn't during my years of attendance. I feel as though if all the schools in the district had BSU's then black students would feel like they are more welcome in the school environment. I would love to see a mandatory BSU at every school in SDUHSD. Thank you.

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Ronette Youmans	<p>I am a retired SDA teacher and a member of Encinitas4Equality. After George Floyd's murder, some women from the Encinitas community got together to create a vigil for the black lives lost to police violence. We held nightly vigils for a week at the Cardiff Kook. Each evening, I would meet young people of color who were thankful there was a place for them to express their anger and sadness.</p> <p>In that week, I listened to their stories of facing discrimination and racism as students of SDUHSD. These students formed a Youth group who wanted to share their stories with this Board. They wanted you to hear about the racial slurs they endured in their classrooms and on campus, and their feelings of isolation because they didn't feel as if there was a safe place at school where they could go and be accepted for who they are. I heard stories of teachers who lacked sensitivity to their ethnicity or race.</p> <p>A list of reforms were created, which I'm sure, by now, you have seen, and hopefully read carefully. These were based on what the students wish they had available to them at their schools: for example, mandatory sensitivity and de-escalation training for staff on how to handle racism and acts of hate in the classroom. Students want and need curriculum that reflects their history and who they are. They want to see Ethnic Studies as a required class for ALL students before graduating. In this class, students will learn about white privilege and respect for all races, minorities, ethnicities, and gender identity and marginalized students. This can only lead to greater respect and equity for all students. The students who drafted the list of demands want to see an Equity Council on each campus. They want to be included in the implementation of Ethnic Studies.</p> <p>We ask you to put us on your agenda next month. In the meantime, the students would like to set up meetings with Assistant Supt Marcus and Supt Haley. We value partnerships and social justice for all marginalized groups. Thank you.</p>
<p>Item #10d - CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS & DONATIONS</p>	
wendy gumb	I will read my comment and provide documentation