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Shiva Kansagara	<p>Our student voices are not to be heard only when it is convenient to the board. If you wish to listen to one of us, you must listen to all of us. I am a student and I believe that it is not yet safe to return to schools. Cases in California are still rising and schools have been found to be vectors for transmitting this deadly virus. The vaccine has been out for only a couple of months, and students have even gained access to it yet. If we wait to reopen for a couple more months, a majority of the students can return vaccinated, allowing that extra layer of protection. On the other hand, if we rush to reopen and many catch COVID, reopening will likely be delayed even longer.</p> <p>Please, I urge you to listen to science, credible health experts, and provide a more meticulous and deliberate plan for reopening. Our health, our family's health, our friends' health, and our teachers' health is at risk. I urge you once more to listen to ALL students; every single one that has an opinion on the reopening plan. 10 students do not speak for all students. Thank you.</p>
Amanda Davies	<p>Under California Department of Health Guidance, teachers in SDUHSD can safely be on campus teaching from their classrooms. Since a resolution to do this was already passed by our school board last fall, it is time to make this happen. This will ensure that once the general population of students is allowed back on campus for in-person instruction, it will be a quick and smooth transition. I truly hope that going forward the board, superintendent, and teacher's union will put the interests of the students in our district first. The evidence is clear, schools can open safely. Schools are not places of transmission. The experts agree on this. They are actually the safest place for our students. Schools exist to serve students. It is time to serve the students of SDUHSD. Schools across our country have been open safely for months. Covid does not only exist in CA. We can and must be ready to open safely.</p>
Concerned Parent	<p>The closure of Oak Crest this week due to COVID cases is concerning, especially given the very small population of students being served on campus.</p> <p>My prayers go out to the families of these students and staff members and I hope our community will do all we can to help them through this difficult time.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the district's response to our first outbreak leaves much to be desired.</p> <p>Oak Crest families were not notified of the individual cases on campus. Parents continued to send their children to extracurricular events and pickups.</p> <p>The letter to Oak Crest families from the district was not transparent and did not even mention COVID cases as the reason for the closure.</p> <p>Even more disheartening is the district's obvious coordinated PR email campaign to all schools forced through principals that same day to combat any negative thoughts or concerns families might have about the district's safety protocols.</p> <p>Instead, SDUHSD should take responsibility and assure parents that the situation will be thoroughly investigated by the district and the County and reported to SDUHSD families before any other students are allowed on campus.</p> <p>This would represent a good faith effort of SDUHSD to hone its safety protocols instead of just being defensive and insisting that all is fine, to trust the district, and still tell families NOTHING.</p> <p>If this is how the district continues to deal with COVID, that is NOT OK.</p>
Brad Silcox	<p>Every day another study shows that in-person is not a significant COVID risk to students, faculty or administrators. Please follow the CDC recommendations to re-open our schools and educate our students in person. If that is not a current possibility due to state mandates, make sure you have a solid plan in place to get students on campus the day it becomes legal per state guidelines. Do not let the SDFA determine when or how our schools are to re-open, it is a joint decision between all stakeholders, not one single interest group.</p>