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Item 2 - CLOSED SESSION	
Anonymous	Thank you for resolving this issue quickly and not wasting taxpayer resources on legal battles. We appreciate you hearing student requests to have taxpayer funds spent on their education, not on legal battles.
Anonymous	I appreciate the board resolving the issue quickly and not wasting taxpayer resources on legal battles when those funds are better spent on our students and schools. Please listen to the majority of the students and community members, as well as follow the CDPH guidelines, lets not litigate to endanger the safety of the students, staff, and community at large.
Kerily McEvoy	Board members, I respectfully request that you do not bow to the threat of litigation by the San Dieguito Faculty Association and William Rushing. As explained at multiple previous board meetings and by the school administration staff, our schools are considered open and not prevented from bringing more students back to campus as defined by the applicable regulating bodies. This threat of litigation is obviously being used by the Union and Mr. Rushing to obtain leverage in their negotiation with the Board. A negotiation where their desired outcome does not reflect the best interests of the district and our students or even our teachers. We need to prioritize the quality of the education that our students are receiving and the welfare of our students above all else. Please continue on your path to bring those students who so desire and their teachers back to campus for face to face learning in a safe environment as soon as possible.
Brian Shay	Hello board, thank you for taking the time to listen and learn about what a safe reopening should be. I am an award winning and respected math teacher at CCA. I am a math guy, so I love data and logic. I also yearn to be back at CCA with all my students, yet I know that returning to school physically should happen when it is safe, and be gradually phased in. Within the past few days, our community has seen a significant rise in COVID19 infections and a big drop in ICU availability. The guidelines from CDPH are clear: SDUHSD is not considered open and therefore cannot open under your December 15 rushed resolution. Our region is deep in the Purple Tier and will not be out of it for at least a few more weeks. Against CDC recommendations, many families are still traveling during this vacation, and should then quarantine afterwards to make sure they are COVID free. Starting a one-day hybrid model immediately after this break seems unwise and reckless. Our neighbor districts (Poway, Carlsbad, etc) realize this folly and voted to stay virtual for the beginning weeks of January. The doctors who spoke at your meeting last week praised the 1 day/week learning, not the full return which you hastily adopted against the strong recommendations of staff and your colleagues on the board. UCSD and Dr. Prather did NOT review and praise your reopening plan, despite what district leadership state. They are very critical of your proposed safety measures for students and staff. Please allow school to remain virtual till the health experts deem it is safe to reopen. And then please have a gradual, phased in reopening plan. You have made it very clear that students and families who want to stay with virtual learning for the year are welcome to do that, so please extend that same courtesy to the staff that make this district the number one district in the region if not the state. The staffing issues all schools are experiencing can be alleviated if staff is given the option to telework. The only logical, safe, and fiscally prudent action is for you to vote to rescind. Thank you.
michele macosky	Thank you for listening to the very clear student voices as well as parents, teachers, administrators and others in our community that have asked for a different direction – one that works together with teachers and hears its students asking not to rush, but to be safe. Know that you have strong community support behind you when you make the responsible decision to protect public funds and use them to improve our reopening plans, not to litigate – and when you demonstrate that you place a high value on safety for everyone on campus. The community is behind you in providing choices for teachers as well as students. Thank you for taking the far wiser course of following both the letter and spirit of the law – and choosing settlement and collaboration over litigation.
Anonymous	Thank you for resolving to postpone the re-opening of schools at a later date, so as to protect the safety of students, staff, and community while avoiding the wasteful use of taxpayer resources on legal battles.
Robyne Ruterbusch	<p>Thank you for honoring your commitment to our SDUHSD students by thoughtfully listening to their powerful voices and the voices of the parents and teachers who love and care for them. We are a retired Navy family with two children in the SDUHSD district—a senior at CCA and a 7th grader at Earl Warren. That's a 12-year commitment to this school system. We therefore have very high expectations of district leadership and ask that EVERY decision be: 1) based on facts, 2) negotiated in the spirit of collaboration, and 3) made with the long-term wellbeing of the students put first, always.</p> <p>My husband is also a double board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist (MD) with war-zone PTSD expertise. Therefore, we are well aware of the mental and physical health considerations that SDUHSD parents and kids are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It's not easy. However, our ICU physicians are telling us that it's a war zone out there right now, so our district must listen. That means putting physical and health safety first.</p> <p>CA state health laws about COVID-19 have been set to ensure public safety based on the science of epidemiology—NOT on complaints from closed businesses, conspiracy theories, or fatigued kids and parents. These laws and the recommendations of the medical experts should be the basis of all SDUHSD reopening decisions.</p> <p>I believe that SDUHSD Board should be proud that our incredibly bright students have learned how to listen to the science and are able to advocate for themselves, as well as their families, their teachers, and their community. Gaining agency for oneself is a critical life skill needed to ensure future success. Clearly, this district and our amazing teachers have nurtured such critical thinking and are doing something right.</p> <p>I am relieved that the SDUHSD Board has quickly responded to the San Dieguito Faculty Association lawsuit and will be ratifying a settlement agreement to avoid an expensive legal battle. Our taxpayer dollars should be spent on education resources for our kids, not lawyers.</p>

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Anonymous	Thank you to the board for working so quickly to resolve the pending litigation issue and not wasting our tax dollars on a drawn out battle that does not have widespread support from parents, students, teachers or the community
Anonymous	I am an SDUHSD parent. This lawsuit is based on the assertion that it is unlawful for the school district to move forward with its reopening plan because the California Department of Public Health forbids a school from expanding reopening in the purple tier unless the school had already started to bring its general student population back for in-person instruction. While San Dieguito Academy is not specifically named in this lawsuit, it has not been "open" any more than the other three comprehensive high schools have. Seaside special education students on campus since mid-September. This group has never exceeded 10 students and averages 4 students per day. Since early October, other at-risk students, including English Learners, Special Education students, and students experiencing housing insecurity, have been getting support in the Learning Hub. There are two distinct groups of students attending the Learning Hub on alternating days. What is especially important to note is that the students in the Seaside program and in the Learning Hub are NOT receiving direct instruction from their classroom teachers. They are engaging in distance learning through digital platforms, just like all other students. The only difference is the geographical location from which they are accessing their online education. What is happening on SDA's campus is supervised distance learning and does not meet the standards of an open school. Therefore, the lawsuit has merit. Please save the district time and money and do not engage in further litigation. More importantly, protect the safety of those in your care, the SDUHSD students and staff members. All indicators suggest that the vaccine will be available to educators by the 4th quarter. Do the responsible thing and slow down the opening of our schools.
Anonymous	Our high school kids need to be back in person now. Enough of the teachers and union not putting the children first. Children's education and mental health have suffered long enough.
Laurel Schechter	The CTA and the SDFA should be ashamed of themselves. The risk of kids being out of school is a national emergency, and rather than wielding their clout like a loaded weapon, the CTA and SDFA should be collaborating with the district to implement solutions that have already been identified to open schools safely. It's becoming increasingly clear that school closings are not protecting us from coronavirus spread. They are instead a particularly awful form of coronavirus safety theater. In-person classrooms pose some risk, and these risks can be managed. But the consequences of not re-opening schools are devastating. Community transmission rates within our district are very low, and should be looked at separately from the entire San Diego County. While there are individual teachers who have put great effort into distance learning, the fact is that for every one of those teachers, there is another one who hasn't. And for every student who is doing "fine" with distance learning, there is at least one other who is falling behind, suffering mental health consequences and/or losing out on key social-emotional development opportunities. My daughter desperately wants to return to in-person school, and should be afforded that opportunity, along with the thousands of others who also want this option. Having a learning disability puts her at an even further disadvantage, despite the limited time on campus more recently, for which we are incredibly grateful. Nothing about distance learning can replace the in-person experience for a child who learns differently, needs kinesthetic opportunities, and active engagement with others. She cannot adequately access the curriculum in the current model. This doesn't need to be done at the expense of those who prefer to remain in the distance learning model. Both can be accommodated, as is being demonstrated on a daily basis by many other districts in our state and around the country. Please stop destroying our children's lives! Please start acting responsibly. Not prioritizing our children ultimately hurts all of us.
Anonymous	Thank you for acting so quickly to resolve the issues so that taxpayer resources are not wasted on legal battles. We appreciate you hearing student requests to have taxpayer funds spent on their education.
Carol Chang	<p>San Dieguito has been open to a limited number of students offering in-person support to special needs students and English learners. It has not, however, been opened widely to the general population of students.</p> <p>We have two children in the district. A junior at TP and a SPED student at CCA. Even my SPED child was not offered to come back to in-person instruction, which is a testament that San Dieguito was not opened to the general population.</p> <p>I ask you to please carefully consider the intent of the district's actions, and to be prudent in moving forward. We trust that the district knows the issues are a matter of state law put in place to promote public safety.</p> <p>I thank our board members and superintendent for attempting to quickly resolve this issue, and not waste taxpayer resources on legal battles. We know and trust that you would rather spend this money on the education of our students.</p>
Anonymous	Thank you for listening to our community members, students, and staff following the Dec. 15th and 17th school board meetings! We are grateful that you are considering approving the settlement agreement for the lawsuit. By approving the settlement agreement so quickly, you are saving our district a lot of money and stress. Please continue to keep the health and safety of our students, community, and staff at the forefront of your decisions. Please remember that the decisions that our school board makes not only impact our students and staff but affect the San Diego communities that we live in.
Anonymous	All I can say is Wow! You go back on your word again to our kids? Promising one day a week then 5 days and now nothing? Why? Zero reason this should be happening! Look at the Science, Data and listen to the doctors! This is a total embarrassment to be part of this fearful ridiculous district! I hope you can sleep at night knowing what you are doing to the kids mental health and their futures! Hope it is worth it over a little "cold/flu" virus?
Matthew DAVIS	Thank you for listening, for taking students seriously, and for following the law. Thank you for doing the right thing, even when it might not be the easy thing, and for ensuring that tax dollars are used to benefit the district and its students and not as feedstock for billable-hour quotas. Thank you for remembering that your performance as a Board is going to be measured by the performance of the District as a whole and not by favorability ratings in your individual Areas.

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Anonymous	Thank you to the board for making a decision to resolve the current legal issue quickly and avoid the waste of taxpayer resources on unnecessary legal battles. It is not prudent to force teachers to return to campuses for a plan that has created significant debate and confusion regarding public safety. Instead, the way forward must be done with better processes, improved communication, and significant collaboration among the educators, leaders, and health professionals with expertise in the actual field related to COVID. You wouldn't go to a dermatologist to deliver your baby, so please don't ask local doctors to weigh in as experts simply because they live in the area. We also need our educational experts to develop real plans that can actually be successful, get students back on campus, and maintain academic equity and instructional quality for everyone.
Anonymous	I would like to thank and applaud the board for putting students first by not wasting taxpayer money on legal battles. I am encouraged and hopeful that these resources will be allocated toward maintaining the high quality education that our district offers. Thank you for putting our students first.
Ying Yang	Thank you for your considerations to pause reopening when our ICU bed is at zero capacity and when we are in the purple tier to protect the safety of our students, teachers and the community. Please make sure your future plan will have school sites' buy in to mitigate risks of losing teachers. Please only reopen schools when you have adequate staff level. Our students deserve STABILITY at this uncertain time. Our students' voices matter, and their concerns are valid! Please do not waste my tax payer money in a more expensive law firm and litigations. Please don't divide our community further by making this a win-lose situation. I appreciate Mrs. Mossy's creativity in developing the Freedom Plan. Hope it can be vetted by our school and district administrators to make sure it is viable and doable. We need to listen to our education experts here. Thank you for continuing to allow priority students to return on campus. Hope this will protect the mental health of the students who are struggling. Many students will be watching the board meetings, please exemplify compassion and collaborative behaviors for them. Wish you and your family a safe and healthy 2021!
Anonymous	Please limit your time and resolve the issue quickly. Attorneys and lawsuits quickly get pricey and create a huge financial burden. There is a better way. Please work on communication so legal battles do not become extended issues. Money should be spent on education and not expensive attorneys. These are difficult times and working together is important.
Anonymous	I would like to thank you for taking into account the stakeholders in your District. Choosing to not spend education dollars on litigation is a very smart decision. As a board, you are showing smart judgement. As you move forward your ability to consider the concerns of all of your stakeholders will guide you towards positive solutions. Thank you for taking time away from your families during the holidays to deal with these difficult decisions.
Anonymous	Dear school board members, please remember who you serve- NOT the heartless teacher's union! You serve the families and children of your district. Our children are not getting the minimum minutes of teaching required by the state. "Asynchronous" learning is a joke. We demand that teachers work inside classrooms, teaching their exact schedule as it would be without the pandemic. Students who want to attend school must be allowed to do so without being shamed or punished by selfish groups. CTA is pushing fake science to gullible teachers, parents, and board members. The rest of the world is teaching their kids without whining about it because they know it is essential. California will fall behind and our kids will pay the price for many years, while teachers are collecting a full paycheck for a job half done.
Anonymous	The issues are a matter of state law put in place to promote public safety. We appreciate you hearing student requests to have taxpayer funds spent on their education, not on legal battles.
Julie Bronstein	I am a taxpaying parent with two kids attending schools in the district. I would like to take a moment to thank the SDUHSD board for listening to the concerns of parents, students and teachers to ensure that public health remains a priority as we face the most serious surge of the pandemic. Thank you for being collaborative with all stakeholders and especially teachers. I appreciate that you have been able to resolve this issue in a timely manner so as not to waste taxpayer resources on legal battles.
Anonymous	I'm grateful that the board has given consideration to sound legal advice! The last thing any of us want is for taxpayer dollars that should be going to our kids to be wasted on legal costs. This has become a matter of our district being in violation of state law. As we've seen from the last few weeks, our students are watching. The board owes it to them to act with their best interests in mind, and act in respect to laws and public health orders. Our students' best interests are the promotion of public and school community safety. Thank you for not opening our district up to liability, and risking the financial future of our schools.
Kristin Demarest	Thank you for prioritizing education over legal fees when it comes to taxpayer money. Dragging out a legal battle is not the answer when compromise can occur for the safety of all and to maintain the high quality of education within our district.
Anonymous	Thank you for reaching an agreement with the teachers's union and not pushing to reopen on January 4th. With the county currently at 5 times the purple threshold and expected to stay there for a while, it is encouraging to see the District work with the teachers to fashion a plan that keeps student, teacher, and community safety in mind. Any reopening plans need to be done collaboratively with the teachers and have the support of the medical community.
Anonymous	Schools need to re-open! Other counties and districts have done it safely. Let's get the kids in at LEAST 1-2 days a week. They need it for their education and mental well being. My daughter wants to actually attend the school where she is a freshman!

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Oliver Charat-Collins	Hello, my name is Oliver and I am a 10th grader at Canyon Crest Academy. I would first like to say that I am immensely grateful for the board's decision to reconsider their position on school reopening under CDPH guidance and state law. School reopening is simply not safe, as shown by the lawsuit filed by the SDFSA and the many students who have turned to protesting in order to make their voices heard. Choosing to fight this legitimate lawsuit is, quite bluntly, a waste of taxpayer money, money that could be used to perfect the safe, reasonable distance-learning plan. The very existence of this special board meeting proves that the board has recognized the unlawful, unsafe error it has made and are choosing to rethink it, a choice that is being applauded by teachers, students, and parents of all areas. Distance-learning is working for both teachers and students, as many public comments have said, and the decision to continue with the plan just gives everyone more time to explore and engage with the model. Teachers have already found ways to use it to improve their lessons and the student's experiences, and an abrupt return to campus will negatively affect these improvements. Again, I, along with many others, am immensely grateful for this board decision to reconsider its position, and I hope that it puts students first by protecting the safety of all of us and our teachers and staff, acknowledges the benefits of distance-learning, and follows the law. Thank you very much.
molly schneider	Grateful! Simply put, our family feels grateful for the swift action taken to resolve the matter presented during last closed session. It shows a priority toward public health and safety and a willingness to collaborate and reserve funds for our students over costly litigation.
M Gallagher	<p>Please open our schools. The damage being done to the children that need the outlet that public schools provide is becoming more obvious by the day. I am a coach in the district and I hear from my parents all the time ...about what is happening to their kids..their friends kids. .our Communities kids. In the last week I have heard of a middle school boy who has been admitted to the Psych ward because of suicidal thoughts...and a high school girl who has stopped eating to a dangerous level- and had to seek help. These children are being deprived of the great resources that SDUHSD provides..for no good scientific reason.</p> <p>My own child has told me she doesn't care anymore if she goes to college..scrapping her dream of becoming a teacher because she is losing hope.</p> <p>The online school option was necessary in the beginning. We did it to "save lives". As time went on we have seen the science (NIH, WHO, DR Fauci, AMA, The CDC director etc...)that shows some kids are better off in school. In fact, private schools in our neighborhoods are open causing additional stress on our kids who watch their friends return home from school from Cathedral, PRS and Saint John's.</p> <p>Please let's use the science....and let's get our kids back in situations that will help them thrive... Not spiral downward. Sincerely M Gallagher</p>
Carrie Bishop	Hello, I have written to the Board for the past 3 meetings. I feel like those who are in need of an equitable education in person, is not being heard. Physical health is great to have, but is not guaranteed for any of us. You have an opportunity to help the kids whose mental health is suffering. This isn't a 'whoa is me' moment. Depression, self-harm and suicide are real. Saying that our teachers and students are equally important and on equal footing is fair. Saying one group (teachers) are more important than another (students) is not fair or equitable. This is not rocket science to figure out how to get students and teachers back on campus should they choose to be there. Figure it out. Teachers need to state exactly what they want in order to return and when that will be. Will it be ever? This virus will never be gone. Even with a flu vaccine, tens of thousands of people die each year. Our students struggling with mental health should not die from being isolated and locked up for their education. Please fix this and follow what other schools and universities have already done so well, across our country. Please, do the job you were elected to do, keep our children educated and healthy- mind, body and soul. Not soul-less behind a computer screen.
Anonymous	Please do not waste any more of the district's taxpayer money on legal fees. Please spend that money on making campuses safer for the eventual return.
Adam Fischer	<p>The issues brought by this litigation should make it pretty clear that it is a matter of state law, put in place to preserve public safety, that the schools in SDUHSD are not able to reopen until San Diego has been out of the purple tier for 14 days.</p> <p>The community trusts that you will resolve the issue quickly so as not to waste taxpayer resources on legal battles that will result in everyone being negatively impacted. It is also appreciated that you have heard student requests to have taxpayer funds spent on their education, not on legal battles. Thank you very much for bearing this in mind as you enter these negotiations.</p> <p>I think we can all agree that it would be better to spend district time, money, and other resources on improving the situation for students and the broader SDUHSD community then on lawyers and legal proceedings. Let's take this opportunity to approach things in a collaborative way as opposed to a combative one.</p>
Jen Charat	<p>The issues raised in this lawsuit have merit. The district must follow the CDPH guidance as written. School districts that don't follow a mandatory duty are not shielded from liability. The orders issued by CDPH promote public safety, which is urgently and desperately needed in this, the height of the pandemic in our region.</p> <p>As you go into your session with counsel, I ask you to please remember the students' voices beseeching you please to not waste precious funds on litigation, but instead use funds to improve the students' educations. The students rely on you to govern in a fiducially responsible way. Litigation will only waste resources. This pandemic has been so hard, and all of us are eager for schools to reopen safely, but when one student held up a sign at one of the recent demonstrations that read, "You can't put students first if you put teachers last," it really drove home the crux of the matter. Students stand with their teachers--and teachers, parents, families, community members all stand with state orders to prioritize public health.</p>

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Anonymous	Dear Board Members, Please open schools. The harm of closing schools far outweighs the risks of opening and this has been shown over and over again. With masks and other simple safety measures, schools are safe for adults and children. Closing schools leads to more eventual years of life lost (JAMA, Nov. 2020). The teachers unions have abandoned children. Shame on the teachers unions. Please, don't let them bully you. Put society and children first by opening schools. Thank you.
Ann Cerny	Thank you for your work resolving this conflict quickly. As you confer with your lawyers, please also take time to reflect on the reasons other than just the lawsuit to rethink your process. What would it take to comply with the spirit and intentions of state current stay-at-home order and general public health guidelines and reopen safely? Specific metrics the community would need to meet to move forward? Specific metrics to evaluate our current stage of reopening at each school to address anything that needs adjustments? Proven and trusted organizations to help like UCSD Return to Learn. Specific ways to tackle issues such as staffing, tech tools, safety materials that follow the most recent science that are uniform and universal (not based on individual requests)? Essentially, I urge you to take this time with legal counsel to rebuild the scaffolding of what it takes to create a plan that deliberately follows the law, smartly.
Anonymous	Thank you for resolving the issue quickly in order to keep our community safe as well as not wasting taxpayer resources on legal battles. These resources are meant for, and should be spent on, our students' education.
Anonymous	Thank you for resolving the issue quickly so as not to waste taxpayer resources on legal battles. We appreciate you listening to student requests to have taxpayer funds spent on their education, not on legal battles.
Anonymous	Please do allow the threat of litigation by the SDFA and William Rushing to force you into a settlement agreement that is not in the best interests of the district and our students or even our teachers.. Providing a quality education with equal opportunity for all students including those who are suffering under Distance Learning is the obligation of the board and the mission of our teachers. As explained at multiple previous board meetings and by the school administration staff, our schools are considered open and not prevented from bringing additional students on campus. If required, let the courts decide if this is true. This threat of litigation is obviously being used by the Union and Mr. Rushing to obtain leverage in their negotiation with the Board and serve some other priority of the Union.
Anonymous	I am writing regards to the constant back and forth of our kids being allowed to go back to school. It is testing them up. Almost Every other public school is open with a very low transmission rate. If you outweigh the pros and the cons of going back there are way more pros. Our kids are suffering. They are not learning. Grades are dropping. They have lost interest and motivation and if we keep this up many will have no way of ever catching up. We are failing. As a district. As teachers. As parents. It cannot go on like this! They are lost, confused, giving up. And everytime there is a slight glimpse of hope for them it is taken away. It needs to stop and we need to move forward. People are shopping at Costco, Home Depot every day. The parks are packed yet kids can't go get an education. There is no reason at this point to keep them home anymore. And the fact that teachers who don't want to go back are placing pressure on the kids for wanting to is unethical. I'm a high risk parent. I went through Covid and I am ok. I'm not saying everyone would be but everyone is at risk one way or another. And everytime someone walks out that door there at risk. These teachers tell our kids they could die if they get Covid. And that may be. Although is is ever so slight. But there chances are way less with the safety protocols at school then them going to the beach or grocery store. And if one is too concerned they can take a leave of absence as many do. But telling the kids going back to school is the "dumbest idea ever" is awful and unprofessional. It is time for a change. It is time to do the right thing. It is time to get these kids back to school where they can learn. Many of us live here and pay the high rate to do so, solely so our kids can be in this district. It is unfair and wrong for any of us to go through this any longer!
Kirsten Quanbeck	As you go into closed session, please consider carefully your responsibility to follow the state laws enacted to help keep us all safe and your duty to guide the district in resolving this litigation wisely -- allowing all of our resources to be focused on student education instead of battling over an issue that we all hope will be a distant memory in 6 months.
Item 4 - CONSIDERATION OF RATIFICATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE SAN DIEGUITO FACULTY ASSOCIATION	
Anonymous	I would like to ask the board to not ratify the settlement agreement with SDFA. There are a lot of families that truly believe the teacher's union do not want teachers to return at all even after everyone is vaccinated. We are not convinced the teacher's union is acting in good faith. It feels like there will always be some reason to not return to in-person teaching like not enough air filters, or filters are not a certain grade or not enough protections are being offered, etc. The parents and students are losing hope. They are going to have to find other more viable solutions to help their students thrive and it won't be at SDUHSD. It is sad the teacher's union has put a stronghold on the board majority that voted to re-open. It is sad the teacher's union wants to spend taxpayer dollars to INITIATE a lawsuit. It is sad proponents for the teacher's union are blaming the board for wasting taxpayer dollars for a lawsuit that the TEACHER'S UNION INITIATED. That's gas lighting at its best.

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Robyne Ruterbusch	<p>I am writing to request that you approve and ratify the settlement agreement between the SDUHSD Board of Trustees and the San Dieguito Teachers Union.</p> <p>We are a retired Navy family with two children in the SDUHSD district—a senior at CCA and a 7th grader at Earl Warren. We therefore have very high expectations of district leadership and ask that EVERY decision be: 1) based on facts, 2) negotiated in the spirit of collaboration, and 3) made with the long-term wellbeing of the students put first, always.</p> <p>We believe that by approving and ratifying the settlement agreement, the SDUHSD trustees will be showing their constituents that they are willing to listen to the concerns of students, parents, and teachers, while also letting science lead all safety decisions. We also appreciate that the Board is showing financial responsibility by not spending valuable district money and resources on litigation. Most importantly, by working in a spirit of collaboration with our incredible teachers and principals, we are confident that a more robust and truly safe reopen plan can be developed that works for the majority of SDUHSD students, teachers, and families.</p> <p>Over the last six years, our family has come to appreciate the true jewel that the SDUHSD school district is, with its cohesive community and top-notch teachers, administrators, and staff. The quality of education is unparalleled, and the level of empathy that is part of the district culture literally saved my child's life a few years ago. THIS is exactly what parents want for their children—a physically and emotionally safe space where their voices are valued, and critical thinking is encouraged. A learning environment where parents and teachers work as partners.</p> <p>Thank you for honoring your commitment to our SDUHSD students by approving and ratifying the settlement agreement between the school board and teacher's union. Let's show our kids how conflict resolution works without the interference of expensive and unnecessary lawyers.</p>
Howard Roselinsky, M.D.	<p>Many individuals, like myself, have been working since the start of the pandemic. Doctors and nurses, police and firefighters, grocery store clerks and baggers, restaurant employees; all of us working together to provide necessary services to help everyone live their lives.</p> <p>How is the in-person education of our children not as essential? The school district is failing our children, and hurting our future. On-line education does not work, and continues to demonstrate its deficiencies with each subsequent class. Our children continue to get further behind, and our teachers have no way of knowing how much information is being understood.</p> <p>There have been many successful in-person teaching experiments by school districts throughout the country. These experiments have demonstrated that in-person learning is safe for both the students and teachers, without debate. The time for excuses is over. Go back to school, before the psychosocial and educational damage is permanent. Just go back.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Opening schools can be done safely and is being done safely right here in our own community. SDUHSD is far behind and is doing a disservice to our kids. The risk of community spread of covid from school environments is small and manageable. Masks and social distancing work and are easy to implement, just like in all other businesses and schools that are staying open. Distance learning for this long of a duration is a disgrace and anyone involved with perpetuating this model at this point when the risks are known and can be managed should be removed from their duties as an educator.</p>
Mark Janis	<p>My family is FOR reopening January 4th and January 27th. Does it really take longer to open the schools than to invent a Covid-19 vaccine? And, by the way, one of the feeder elementary school districts, DMUSD, has been fully open since early September and they are not looking back. I know, the risk profile is lower with elementary schools, but it is clear that DMUSD prioritized the students getting back on campus in person. If the excuse is that San Diego County is in the arbitrary California purple tier and cases are surging, why don't we consider the case rate in the zip codes that make up the district? How about the case rates for students and teachers that will be on campus? Another reason I have heard is that a small percentage of teachers will not report to campus for health or child care reasons. Have these teachers not had the last 10 months to develop an alternative plan or provide adequate notice, so we could identify qualified substitutes? Many parents have had to adjust their work schedules to accommodate being home with their children with this frustrating and sub-par distance learning. Can we accommodate those teachers to work remotely similar to some of the DMUSD teachers? Why must ALL kids suffer in isolation for a small majority of teachers? There is desolation in isolation, but we can achieve immunity within our community - let's get back! How about one last thought? Can we have an objective survey for every student in the district to see if they want to return in person full-time or continue with distance learning on January 27th? Don't forget, on December 15th, our duly ELECTED board voted for the students to return full-time in person starting January 27th.</p>
Mark Schneyer	<p>Our children are devastated, yet again. We are new to this community, and the isolation from the schools being closed is taking its toll on the mental health of our children. Now, as it appears we are starting over, I ask the Board and the Teachers Union to find a way to serve the students (half of the population) who are not having their educational and emotional needs met with a continued school closure for the general population. The status quo is working for students who want to stay home, and teachers who are vulnerable to the virus. It is a disaster for the students who need in person school. As I have been commenting since July, I don't understand why the Board and Teachers Union can't come together to meet the needs of all students, protect the vulnerable in our community (students, teachers and all staff), and prevent the spread of the virus for the benefit of the community at large. The pieces to solve this puzzle are known: allow students the option of staying home, provide in person school for those that want it (1-5 days based on what can work) under the doctor supported safety procedures, and allow teachers and other staff to work from home if they are vulnerable. Please work to make this happen. So far, the Teachers Union has won the power struggle, but this has resulted in our teachers losing their purpose by failing to meet the needs of half the students. The Board (pre- and post-Election) has been incompetent, and just completely caved to the Teachers Union. Please start over, and find a solution that can meet the needs of everyone. The clock is ticking, and a solution is needed now.</p>

Name	Comment
Anonymous	Thank you very much for taking a reasonable course of action recommending approving the settlement agreement and rescinding the Dec. 15 resolution. I greatly appreciate your listening to students, parents, and teachers who have expressed concerns – as well as to the public health experts in our community. As you continue to work on a SAFE reopening plan, I urge you to ratify the settlement agreement.
Anonymous	First of all , I wanted to thank the Board and District leadership for acting promptly and for resolving this issue quickly so as not to waste taxpayer resources on legal battles. Thank you for listening to students, parents and teachers and our concerns. Thank you for choosing to spend tax payer resources on coming up with a safe reopening plan, as opposed to spending time and money on litigation. I ask you now to please approve the settlement agreement rescinding the Dec 15 resolution, and working with teachers and principals to come up with a safe reopening plan. I appreciate the fact that you are making the choice to keep the current status quo of DL through the 2nd quarter, in order to maintain our academic integrity at the end of the 1st semester. Thank you again for your consideration.
Dipul Kansagara	I, Dipul Kansagara, a parent of two students in the SDUHSD, support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda between the SDUHSD and the SDFA. Thank you.
Anonymous	Thank you for listening to students and parents who have expressed concerns. The community appreciates that you are not spending resources on litigation that are better spent on other needs such as creating a safe plan to reopen. Please ratify the settlement as recommended by Superintendent Haley and board president Mrs. Muir.
Lyn Jutronic	I believe there can be a compromise on this issue, that will satisfy both the union and the families who wish to pursue the option of in-person learning. Giving students, families and teachers choices seems to have become an all-or-nothing political issue rather than working toward a common goal of supporting all students. Many private and public schools (San Clemente for example) both in California and definitely in other states are making this work - we need to be open to looking at successful models of hybrid and family choice as well as being willing to bend and trust that we all are on the same team. Safety is of course a priority, but there is precedent we can follow from other schools.
Cyndi Darlington	I am devastated that we have ignored medical evidence and postponed the return to school. What will it take? Explaining to my 8th grader and 11th grader that they would not be going back January 4 was the worst day of the pandemic for me. Their mental health is suffering greatly. Covid is not going away soon, and every profession in America has figured out how to move ahead safely. Except, apparently, teachers. Who can opt out if they decide to. Why are we not acknowledging that distance learning is failing on a grand scale? We are failing our children, especially those who are in need of support outside of the home. Our low income and special needs kids are especially affected and vulnerable. Is that a more acceptable risk than being in a school environment which has shown little to no community spread? Please work toward a safe opening ASAP. Please stop failing our kids and putting their mental health at further risk.
Seth Levine	I am pleased to see the positive action from the board with this settlement which allows proper work for a SAFE reopening that can include all critical stakeholders including students, families, faculty, staff, and the community. I encourage the board to use this moment to bring the SDUHSD community back together and strengthen our district. Embrace our amazing teachers who are a key piece of what makes this district amazing. Please do not rush to reopen while we are seeing record new cases every day. Take the time to look for a safe way in the third or fourth quarter of the school year, when the pandemic will be under much better control, hopefully.
Anonymous	The lawsuit is seeking to prohibit respondents from providing in-person instruction on District campuses until 14 days after SD County has been downgraded to the Red Tier. What if SD County is downgraded to the Red Tier, let's just say on Jan 10 and remains in the Red Tier until Jan 24th which is 14 days, will the SDFA be okay with moving forward to in-person instruction after that? Or will SDFA file another lawsuit? The reason I say that is because the settlement states the petitioners will not reset that hearing or seek any other judicial relief prior to Jan 19. However any date after Jan 19th is seemingly fair game and therefore the Petitioners (SDFA) can file another lawsuit to prevent re-opening once again. The public would like to know SDFA's true intentions. Will SDFA file another lawsuit if the District seeks to return to in-person instruction after being downgraded to the Red Tier for more than 14 days?
Whitney Peterson	I am writing to encourage that you continue with the District's plan to reopen our schools in January. Our students deserve to have the choice for in person learning. Our district already has a great plan all set to go so that we can open in a safe manner in January, 2021! Do not let the Union bully you with the threat of litigation.
Anonymous	Our students need to be in school. Follow the science-schools are not the super spreaders. If teachers are out in the community, and not quarantined at home since March, they are safe to teach in the classroom. This isn't even about the pandemic anymore-it is political. Get our students back in school!!
Bobby Henssler	Our kids need a choice. Why is the teachers union suing us when SDUHSD is giving them what they want?

Name	Comment
Jessi Mortensen	I would like to thank everyone for their time spent researching and revising solutions for our award-winning district. We need to work together for a safe plan to reopen when the situation is right. Teachers and Admin know our schools and programs inside out and only want a productive and safe learning environment for all. Student and teacher voices should be valued in this process as we are the ones online and potentially in the classrooms together each day. Maintaining academic integrity for Q2 and finals is vital and staying in the format students and teachers are accustomed to for each class keeps that consistent. Thank you for not wasting time nor money on unsafe and pedagogically unsound plans to reopen right now. It is appreciated by so many that you are doing the right thing by ratifying the settlement agreement. We are seeing the light at the end of this pandemic tunnel and we can all get their safely if we continue to make choices that are focused on safety and consistency of learning. Thank you.
Albert Owen	Please approve the ratification of the settlement agreement, and work with faculty and teacher to come up with a safe reopening plan to be implemented after San Diego County is out of the purple tier for at least two weeks. Thank you for listening to the concerns of students and parents, and for not wasting taxpayer funding on costly litigation.
Anonymous	Thank you so much for voting to ratify the settlement agreement! This news was greeted joyfully by our family on Christmas, as we were dreading the disruption of the end of the quarter after so many other disruptions this year. We are not even seeing other households, and it just did not make sense to our family to return to school right now or to have our district fight a legal battle to do so. We really appreciate the board coming together with the community on this! We feel heard and hopeful for 2021.
Anonymous	I am an SDUHSD parent. This lawsuit is based on the assertion that it is unlawful for the school district to move forward with its reopening plan because the California Department of Public Health forbids a school from expanding reopening in the purple tier unless the school had already started to bring its general student population back for in-person instruction. While San Dieguito Academy is not specifically named in this lawsuit, it has not been "open" any more than the other three comprehensive high schools have. Seaside special education students on campus since mid-September. This group has never exceeded 10 students and averages 4 students per day. Since early October, other at-risk students, including English Learners, Special Education students, and students experiencing housing insecurity, have been getting support in the Learning Hub. There are two distinct groups of students attending the Learning Hub on alternating days. What is especially important to note is that the students in the Seaside program and in the Learning Hub are NOT receiving direct instruction from their classroom teachers. They are engaging in distance learning through digital platforms, just like all other students. The only difference is the geographical location from which they are accessing their online education. What is happening on SDA's campus is supervised distance learning and does not meet the standards of an open school. Therefore, the lawsuit has merit. Please save the district time and money and do not engage in further litigation. More importantly, protect the safety of those in your care, the SDUHSD students and staff members. All indicators suggest that the vaccine will be available to educators by the 4th quarter. Do the responsible thing and slow down the opening of our schools.
Anonymous	<p>How does our District and Board justify keeping are schools closed when every expert and organization, including our own Health Department say they should be open? The CDC, World Health Organization, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Association of California School Administrators, the Journal of the American Medical Association, and even Dr. Fauci all say that our schools should be open for in person learning. I can't understand how our District and Board think they know better than all of these people.</p> <p>According to the CDC, 25% of teenagers have seriously considered suicide in the last couple months. That's 1 in 4. Between my kids and their friends, on any given day I have up to 5 teenagers in my house. It's become my full time job trying to ensure that I don't lose any of them. The fact that our District is placing more importance on the lives of teachers than students is sickening. I can't understand why teachers aren't able to work when virtually every other profession has been working continuously since March. You have taken every last hope away from our kids, so you will have to forgive me if I don't have any faith in anything our District says at this point. Especially when they say they want kids to return to campus. If that's what they really wanted, they would have done it when they had the chance. Because of their failure to act in a timely manner, when winter break ends, our kids will have been home isolated for 10 months with no end in sight. It is appalling that the teacher's unions are trying to prevent our kids form getting a quality education. The. Teacher's. Union. The very people whose sole responsibility it is to educate our children. And it's shocking that you are willing to sit back and watch as our children circle the drain. Please save our children and let them go back to school. Our kids deserve better.</p>
James Barnhill	BOARD: Do not sign an agreement with the union to reduce or limit in-person instruction as it's currently planned. Fight the lawsuit! What are you teaching our children by not keeping true to your word and enforcing your own resolutions? You keep pushing out the start, which only emboldens the union and gives them new arguments to use against us. PARENTS: Do not enroll your children for Fall 2021. Force the union's hand - I suspect they'll finally negotiate in good faith if we collectively force layoffs by not signing our children up for Fall 2021.
Valerie Li	Thank you, board, for taking a reasonable course to consider the ratification of settlement agreement with SDFA. Please approve this consideration. Your action will save the taxpayer's money for good use and will help retain valuable teacher resources that is so crucial to help maintain consistency and academic integrity for Q2 and beyond. Your consideration shows that you are listening to the voices of the constituents that you represent for. Thank you! I appreciate your decision to approve this item and I know many others will do the same.

Name	Comment
Cynthia	<p>Why would the Board concede to the union without even going to the first hearing? I thought we were following the science. Even Fauci says get the kids back to school. Other kids around the world and across the country are in-person learning (ie Utah). This is not fair, equal or equitable. We the People elected pro-opening schools candidates to the Board. The parents of this district have spoken. We have considered the evidence and have made a decision for our children and that decision is back to in-person learning. Your "surveys" are skewed and you bowed to the union without even a whimper. Come on, man! If a lawsuit is filed, in discovery teachers will be asked if they have traveled, gathered, or shopped at big box stores... Everyone can wear masks and soon anyone who wants to can get the vaccine thanks to President Trump and his Warp Speed. We have the luxury in SoCal of opening windows and doors. This is absolutely ridiculous considering those with special circumstances and pre-existing conditions can stay home (including teachers in my opinion - put the students in the classroom and zoom the teacher on a big screen if need be). My husband, a physician, didn't have the choice to stay home for 10+ months and it's time for the teachers to return to the classroom, too. Partitions can be installed, they can wear masks, etc. I, and thousands of parents and students, would like to know who's decision it was to agree to every union demand without any fight whatsoever? Open our schools! PS: Michael Allman... what is your position? State it publically, please.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Let's follow the science and open our schools to in-person learning. Even fauci says our kids should be back to in-person schooling. Our children are not receiving fair and equitable education as those students in other states (ie Utah), across the country and around the world. There are schools open everywhere. Teachers are as essential as grocery checkers... They are standing inside dealing with the public for hours on end. Teachers should be first in line for the vaccine made available (thanks to President Trump and Warp Speed), they should take every possible precaution (distance, mask, hand washing, etc.) and should be given the choice to teach from home IF they can demonstrate that they have not traveled, gathered, etc. for the last 10 months and they have some underlying condition that dictates they cannot teach in-person. We the parents voted in Board members that said they would fight to open schools. I am curious why the Board caved to the union without even attending ONE hearing? Please figure out a way to get all of our kids who want to be back on campus ASAP. Also, open SPORTS NOW!!!</p>
Colleen Williams	<p>I believe everyone should be given a choice to return to school. With the distance learning program teachers who don't wish to return can still teach from home. Those classes would need a proctor (perhaps a parent volunteer or substitute to monitor the classroom). It sounds like only half of the student body wishes to return so it's a good slow approach. There is great value to a person's mental health to have a purpose each day, a reason to get up, get dressed and need to be somewhere. I believe the students that want to have this back in their lives should be given the opportunity to do so. There is also a social component which is equally valuable. I fear we're all going to look back on this 5 years from now and say how poorly it was handled if we don't start moving in a positive direction returning to school. Anyone who feels the rewards related to returning don't outweigh the risks can choose to remain at home until they're ready.</p>
Kerily McEvoy	<p>Board Trustees and Superintendent Hailey, please do not allow the SDFA and William Rushing to impose their wills upon our SDUHSD community. The Board Resolution that they are asking you to rescind clearly provides CHOICE for your students.</p> <p>The desire of the board – from that resolution – is to “plan and implement a full return to in- person, on-campus instruction for all students in January 2021, while simultaneously offering a distance learning option using the concurrent learning model.” Our current Distance Learning model is not working for MANY children. Many more than can be included in the existing cohort groups. The Union is asking to maintain the status quo when the board has clearly directed that the status quo is not working. Our administration can develop a plan that gives students choice while keeping our teachers and community safe. It can be done as evidenced by other private schools in our area, as well as many public school districts throughout the country.</p> <p>In this “settlement agreement” the Union and William Rushing are agreeing to not pursue expensive litigation for THREE WEEKS only (prior to January 19, 2021). Ratifying this agreement and bowing to this obvious negotiation tactic will set a precedent that can't be undone. Are we turning over the running of our schools and the decisions about how and when we bring more students back to campus to the Union? Is the Union prepared to consult with government and private experts to develop a thorough, safe and legal plan that prioritizes student needs and the quality of the educational model being offered by SDUHSD? Is this party that you are settling with even capable of developing. such a plan? Or do they intend to force you to maintain the status quo forever?</p> <p>Please don't let the SDFA dictate your policies through threat of baseless litigation. It is not in the best interest of the district, our students and our teachers.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Please approve the settlement agreement between SDUHSD and SDFA. This would save the district a lot of money, money which could be better used toward supporting the students and teachers in the district. This will also be a sign that our school board and SDFA can and will be working more collaboratively together. I appreciate that the school board and district are making the choice to keep student learning environments stable and secure for the remainder of quarter 2. By approving the settlement agreement, you are also showing the community that their health and safety are a top priority during the height of this pandemic.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I'd like to make a comment about ratifying the settlement with SDFA. The lawsuit that was brought forth by CTA/SDFA stated in part that the schools they wanted to have remained closed never met the definition of “open” and therefore could not technically re-open.</p> <p>They stated the special ed cohorts on campus at those schools did not constitute certificated instruction which is very interesting, because we can assume some of these students were placed in these special ed in-person cohorts specifically to avoid claims of denial of FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education).</p> <p>So now, it is curious, can these special ed families file due process for denial of FAPE as it is now documented the California Teacher's Association doesn't recognize a student in a classroom, supervised by classified employees/instructional aides and taught via Zoom by certificated employees as “certificated instruction”?”</p>

Name	Comment
Eshaan Kansagara	<p>I, Eshaan Kansagara, a student of SDUHSD, support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda between the SDUHSD and the SDFA.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Tanvi Shah	<p>Hi, My name is Tanvi Shah I am an alumni in the District.</p> <p>For item #4: I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Tanvi Shah</p>
Anonymous	<p>I am a Friend and PTA mom with kids in Capo Unified School district, in Orange County. We have 47000 students and have been open in person since Oct 1 with very low transmission. Our kids are thriving and our staff is doing an amazing job keeping our schools safe. Please, we urge you to go back to in person learning, our kids' futures depend on it. Teachers are essential and the unions are using our kids as political pawns. The union is just pushing their political agenda, they have no regard for learning or even the teachers' well-being.</p> <p>Please do the right thing!!! Please reach out to our Super Intendent if you need help. If we can do it, you can do it!</p>
Anonymous	<p>Hi, my name is XXXX. I am a student in the District. I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. Thank you for your service to our community. Sincerely, XXXX.</p>
Brian Shay	<p>Hello board, thank you for taking the time to listen and learn about what a safe reopening should be. I am an award winning and respected math teacher at CCA. I am a math guy, so I love data and logic. I also yearn to be back at CCA with all my students, yet I know that returning to school physically should happen when it is safe, and be gradually phased in. Within the past few days, our community has seen a significant rise in COVID19 infections and a big drop in ICU availability. The guidelines from CDPH are clear: SDUHSD is not considered open and therefore cannot open under your December 15 rushed resolution. Our region is deep in the Purple Tier and will not be out of it for at least a few more weeks. Against CDC recommendations, many families are still traveling during this vacation, and should then quarantine afterwards to make sure they are COVID free. Starting a one-day hybrid model immediately after this break seems unwise and reckless. Our neighbor districts (Poway, Carlsbad, etc) realize this folly and voted to stay virtual for the beginning weeks of January. The doctors who spoke at your meeting last week praised the 1 day/week learning, not the full return which you hastily adopted against the strong recommendations of staff and your colleagues on the board. UCSD and Dr. Prather did NOT review and praise your reopening plan, despite what district leadership state. They are very critical of your proposed safety measures for students and staff. Please allow school to remain virtual till the health experts deem it is safe to reopen. And then please have a gradual, phased in reopening plan. You have made it very clear that students and families who want to stay with virtual learning for the year are welcome to do that, so please extend that same courtesy to the staff that make this district the number one district in the region if not the state. The staffing issues all schools are experiencing can be alleviated if staff is given the option to telework. The only logical, safe, and fiscally prudent action is for you to vote to rescind. Thank you.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I am a student from CCA. I support the ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. Thank you for your service to our community.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Our schools have prepared for a 1 day per week return on campus starting January 4th. About 50% of all students wish to come back to school and feel it is safe enough. Those students were happy and hopeful to get some normalcy back. Their hopes have been crushed once again - and last minute! - by a selfish and reckless teachers' union who does not care about the students in our district. What a disgrace. Unfortunately our school district is not stepping up for these students. Empty promises since August. Clubs, athletics, extracurricular activities on campus? Zero! Not providing anything for our students is such a failure and this award-winning school district should be ashamed.</p>
michele macosky	<p>Thank you for putting the focus back on both safety and maintaining academic integrity through the end of Q2. Your decision to approve this settlement demonstrates that you value and listen to our community – the many voices of students, parents, teachers, administrators and scientists who have repeatedly pleaded not to physically return immediately following the holidays during the height of the pandemic. For months, you have heard repeated concerns that disrupting the academic model on the lead up to exams would cause stress and affect permanent grades. Approving the settlement means that you understand that litigation will waste money, time, and focus that is better spent collaborating on solutions to reopen safety. Thank you for listening to your many stakeholders and approving this settlement.</p>
Anna McCormick	<p>You have repeatedly gone back on your commitment to reopen schools - appearing to waffle in the face of pressure from the vocal minority or doing surveys that are biased from a skewed population - what hard, scientific data and metrics are you using to drive the decision so this is objective and not subjective?</p>

Name	Comment
Laurel Schechter	<p>The CTA and the SDFA should be ashamed of themselves. The risk of kids being out of school is a national emergency, and rather than wielding their clout like a loaded weapon, the CTA and SDFA should be collaborating with the district to implement solutions that have already been identified to open schools safely. It's becoming increasingly clear that school closings are not protecting us from coronavirus spread. They are instead a particularly awful form of coronavirus safety theater. In-person classrooms pose some risk, and these risks can be managed. But the consequences of not re-opening schools are devastating. Community transmission rates within our district are very low, and should be looked at separately from the entire San Diego County. While there are individual teachers who have put great effort into distance learning, the fact is that for every one of those teachers, there is another one who hasn't. And for every student who is doing "fine" with distance learning, there is at least one other who is falling behind, suffering mental health consequences and/or losing out on key social-emotional development opportunities. My daughter desperately wants to return to in-person school, and should be afforded that opportunity, along with the thousands of others who also want this option. Having a learning disability puts her at an even further disadvantage, despite the limited time on campus more recently, for which we are incredibly grateful. Nothing about distance learning can replace the in-person experience for a child who learns differently, needs kinesthetic opportunities, and active engagement with others. She cannot adequately access the curriculum in the current model. This doesn't need to be done at the expense of those who prefer to remain in the distance learning model. Both can be accommodated, as is being demonstrated on a daily basis by many other districts in our state and around the country. Please stop destroying our children's lives! Please start acting responsibly. Not prioritizing our children ultimately hurts all of us.</p>
Priya Garcia	<p>Hi, My name is Priya Garcia. I am an alumnus of San Dieguito Union High School District and am now an educator myself.</p> <p>I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Priya Garcia</p>
Anonymous	<p>Please open the schools for one day a week. With 25% capacity or less, we could keep it safe. My son is struggling in distance learning beyond what is acceptable. He was an A and B student and now he barely cares that he's getting D and F grades. Distance learning is failing our children emotionally and academically. When top voices in health and science keep reinforcing that kids are better off in school and it's safe for schools to open, why aren't we listening to this science? Parents: If you don't want your children attending, keep them in the distance learning program but don't make decisions for children you know nothing about. Teachers: please think of what your actions are doing and know that parents will not forgive and forget if you put your desire to stay home over your desire to make a difference in children's lives. I'm an essential worker and I stepped up when my job became a more risky - why can't you for the sake of the children in the community?</p>
Open the classrooms up for	Please allow the students that want to go back to school the option
Carol Chang	<p>These are unprecedented times. After the holiday break, hospitals expect the peak hospitalizations to be during the first few weeks of the new year. Already, they have cots, as part of the Federal Medical System, set up at Palomar hospital to prepare for the onslaught.</p> <p>A December 11 CDC survey reported that more than 16% of tested school-aged children (between 5-17) were Covid positive, a higher rate than every other age group.</p> <p>With positivity rates this high among teens, I thank you for considering the impact on the teachers, the greater community, and the burden on our local hospitals. I would like to thank the board for listening to the voices of many concerned parents, students, and teachers.</p> <p>I ask you to please ratify the settlement agreement, and rescind the Dec 15th resolution. I believe this will maintain the academic integrity and finish out a great start to the fall distance learning model. Our junior at TP, and our even our SPED child at CCA have both been doing really well under distance learning. My SPED child has overcome his anxiety to speak in class because he is familiar with the online communications format.</p> <p>I appreciate that instead of spending resources on litigation, we can instead spend those funds on fortifying our safety measures and educational needs for an eventual return to school.</p> <p>Moving forward, in consideration for a future reopening date, parents, teachers and students would appreciate transparency in the reopening process. We all would feel that the district had done due diligence if they consulted with the experts at UCSD Return To Learn experts, and heed their advice.</p> <p>Can you please consider an alternative plan which would fortify our safety measures, and which would allow some teachers to teach from home. Again, I thank you so much for listening to the community and safety concerns.</p>
Margie Smith	<p>Students and their parents who wish for at least some in-person learning should have that opportunity, now that so many other local schools are back in session. The DL camp gets remote learning and nobody is trying to take that from them. Those of us who want some in-person learning should have that option as well. The CTA's position is horribly misguided and unprofessional—at best. I entrusted my three children to this district and its teachers and am terribly disappointed in what I see as willful disregard for children's best interests. We're not being unreasonable to demand at least a partial in-person learning option. That you're taking out taxes and not delivering instruction (you're not delivering with DL) is beyond infuriating and should be illegal.</p>

Name	Comment
Melanie Espindola	We must let these children back on campus. The choice for them to attend class has to be an option. They have only been offered one day a week, how can you even consider not moving forward with opening plans.
Shiva Kansagara	I, Shiva Kansagara, a student at Canyon Crest Academy, support the ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda.
Kylie Hayase	Hi, my name is Kylie Hayase. I am a CCA senior in the District. I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. Thank you for your service to our community.
Anonymous	Please give a voice to the students who are deeply struggling. We will never get to a 100 percent safety guarantee. Look at the schools around the world, the country and state who have gone back even part time. Why are our teachers more special than those teachers? What makes our students LESS important than those who can go back? The students who need to go back are losing themselves and feel as though adults could care less about them. My kids get a daily dose from teachers of how dangerous and terrible school will be for all. My kids tried to speak up at the beginning and were bullied and pressured into silwnce. Most other industries have had to figure out how to make it work. Why can't we?
Donald Collins	Thank you for taking a sensible course approving the settlement agreement, rescinding the December 15th resolution, and working with teachers and principals to come up with a safe reopening plan that protects our community. I appreciate that you are making the right choice on maintaining the rest of quarter two status quo to maintain consistency and academic integrity thru the end of the grading period. Thank you for listening to students and parents who have expressed their concerns. I appreciate that we are not spending district resources, including our time, our funds, and our focus, on litigation when these things are better spent on working together to create a safe, sustainable plan to reopen.
Anonymous	I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda.
Anonymous	Please vote to reopen the schools. Our children are all suffering immensely. There is no evidence that with the proper PPE it is unsafe. I work in an essential business..aviation. I have to go to work everyday and with the proper protection it is a safe place to be. I'm not sure why teachers think they are exempt from these rules. They are supposed to provide the most essential service in my opinion. The harm you are causing by keeping schools closed far outweighs the risk of being open. It's getting to the point where myself and many others are being forced to look into private education. I've lose all hope for the SDUHS.
Matthew DAVIS	I strongly support ratification of this settlement agreement. In the short term, on approach to Q2 exams, ratification maintains academic consistency and integrity. It suggests that the Board is becoming aware that student voices are worth listening to and that teachers' commitment to educational excellence is worth supporting. This is encouraging. Ratification is an important first step toward a transparent, equitable, and safe re-opening plan.
Anonymous	To hear that the board members (and superintendent) continue to exclusively serve the interests of the The California Teachers Union, above our students and community, is both appalling and unconscionable. The boards actions since March have proven to be both ineffective and unprofessional. Our students are being left behind, and the children struggling in this district are being forgotten. I find it insulting as a parent that the district continues to portray here, and in the media, that the students are being represented as a whole, because that is absolutely false and extremely damaging to the children listening who feel unseen and unheard. Distance Learning is in fact a failure for many students. As students watch the rest of the United States (and world) re-open their schools, engage in sports and attend IN PERSON learning FIVE days a week, our "top rated" schools remain closed for instruction. Instead, our children are being used as legal pawns in an inappropriate lawsuit which threatens the rights and freedoms of those children who DO wish to be back in school. In every other district, state and country educators have had to make the personal and professional decision about whether they would return to their jobs teaching in person, teach in distance learning, retire or take medical leave. Why are California educators not expected to do the same? Why haven't we been working tirelessly since last March to get our kids back to school? Why are we suing the schools? Why is the district willing to allow thousands of students to be ill -prepared for college and the workforce? What example are we setting for facing challenges in life? Where is the leadership in this district? Is this the best we can do for our children?
Anonymous	Students protesting reopening plans or publishing letters in the media as well as student representatives said that distance learning is working for our students. How can they generalize? Did they survey all students? Why then do 50% of students want to come back on campus for in person school? Obviously those students who are against reopening schools for in person learning are NOT representing all students. How do you explain to your students that their younger siblings are back in school full time since September without transmissions at school and without risking the health of their teachers? How do you explain to your students why their friends and neighbors who are in private schools are back in person safely since September? How do you explain to your students who were looking forward to coming back on January 4th that you truly care for their well being if you give up on them? You would lead by example if you would find solutions for your students. After 9 months of forcing our students to sit in their rooms in front of their screens you need to find a solution for a return on campus. Step up, follow other schools districts, states and countries around the world (a lot of them with less financial resources) to support our children.
Anonymous	I would like to thank the board for listening to the voices of students and parents who have shared concerns regarding the reopening plans. By approving the settlement agreement, you will be signaling to us that you are serious about collaborating with teachers in order to maintain the academic standards of which our district is so proud. Thank you for not spending precious resources on litigation that would be best spent on creating a safe and sustainable plan for reopening.

Name	Comment
Anonymous	I am a sophomore at TPHS and I was really looking forward to being back in school in January. Since March I am waiting to be back. I understand there are different opinions on reopening. I want to be back in school as soon as possible and I want to keep my family, my friends and teachers safe at the same time. I think it is possible. My little sister is back in school full time since September. It's working. Our principal said we will have classes with a maximum of 10 students in one room. This seems safer than many other situations my teachers are in in their everyday's life. Also - many of my teachers told me they are looking forward to seeing me in school.
Anonymous	When my mom told me a couple of days ago I will be back in school in January I was so happy. I am waiting for this since March. Please try hard to bring us students back as soon as possible. I am a junior and I am missing out on so much. Thank you.
Tracy Henderson	<p>My son is a freshman at SDA and is one of the many who have been and continue to suffer from the at home learning. A bit of background, thanks to his caring and experienced second grade teacher, his learning disability was identified and caught early. Working in conjunction with the help of the principal, teachers and professionals, my son's learning disability was diagnosed and an appropriate IEP was put into place.</p> <p>My son was able to thrive with this IEP plan, along with the additional education focus, included extra help and front row seating. My son learns by being able to ask questions immediately and staying after class or going in during lunch and working with the teachers to receive one on one clarification and learning.</p> <p>In the current learning environment, many of my son's teachers utilize videos, rather than teaching subjects in person. The videos hinder my son's learning because there is no opportunity for him to ask clarifying questions or receive the help he requires to succeed. Additionally, when he does message the teachers, their responses are not timely and the entire lesson is lost on him. My son's grades, attitude towards learning, and overall well being is at an all time low.</p> <p>Your vote to have the students return to in person learning five days a week will have an immediate positive effect for my son in so many ways. The simple process of having the structure of waking up, showering, eating and going to in person class will provide the learning structure he is missing in the current learning environment.</p> <p>Please continue to focus on our children and the positive impact it will have by allowing them to learn with in person learning five days a week. Please stand strong and maintain your position of in person learning five days a week. So many children and families are counting on you.</p>
Anonymous	Please approve the ratification of the settlement agreement. Work with the teachers and school principals to come up with a safe reopening plan. Right now the medical situation is getting worse and delaying reopening in person will save many lives. We are in a stay at home order and hospital beds are not available. Please spend resources of time, money and energy on creating a safe plan and NOT on litigation. This is an amazing district with fabulous teachers, principals and students. If there are students in need of additional support due to poor grades or depression – please work to help those students find support. Jeopardizing lives during a pandemic is not the way. Thank you!
Anonymous	Thank you for reaching a settlement agreement and agreeing to dissolve the Dec 15 resolution. Thank you for listening to the concerns of the Teachers and community members.
Anonymous	<p>Thank you for taking a reasonable course approving the settlement agreement, rescinding the Dec 15 resolution, and working with teachers and principals to come up with a safe reopening plan.</p> <p>We appreciate that you are making the right choice on keeping Q2 status quo to maintain consistency and academic integrity at the end of the grading period.</p> <p>On again/off again remote learning is not good for education.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to students and parents who have expressed concerns.</p> <p>Please don't spend resources on litigation that are better spent on other needs such as creating a safe plan to reopen.</p> <p>Please approve the settlement agreement.</p>
Heather Keith	Please stand up to the teachers union. Once we cave to their bullying they will completely control this board. Stopping the reopening of schools one day a week on January 4 is the wrong thing to do. This boards job is to put students first not teachers. The union has clearly showed It does not care about all of our students. It only cares about the teachers. Many many children are counting on you. Not just in our district but in the other districts trying to open. Somebody needs to be the first. Someone needs to stand up to the unions in California and get our schools reopen. My children are falling behind for no reason. There is no science to support that schools should stay closed. Please put our children first. They need you.
Anonymous	<p>I am a parent of prior CCA student, community member of district and practicing physician. I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda.</p> <p>Thank you for your service.</p> <p>Sincerely, XXXX</p>

Name	Comment
Anonymous	<p>Why would the students and parents for reopening want to settle for nothing in return? There is no proposed date for reopening. Schools should of been open in August 2020. Having children/teens in front of a computer all day with little to no interaction has been retarding their development, but also has been damaging them emotionally, physically and mentally. We cannot continue to postpone any reopening of any kind. This district has been in distance learning for 10 months. Construction never closed during the pandemic, isn't building our children's future more important than building a house or office building? Grocery, medical and first responders never closed. Additionally, schools in other states are open and haven't had any absentee issues. Schools in England are open and researchers have noted that despite the pandemic surging there, students have missed only an average of 6 days since August. Many schools districts within California have at least been in hybrid mode. To have the SDUHSD in 100% distance learning is an embarrassment. Currently there are two different vaccines (Pfizer & Moderna) that have been FDA approved and administered to healthcare workers; within a few weeks all California teachers (are considered "essential workers") will have access to these vaccines. There is no reason to postpone the opening of our schools. The schools solely exist for the children's benefit. The children's welfare must be of paramount importance, any other considerations are secondary at best.</p>
Austin Dilley	<p>Hi, my name is Austin Dilley and I graduated in 2017 from San Dieguito highschool academy. I support ratification of the settlement agreement between the district and the union.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Why would you do this? Why are you letting the CTA bully your decision making? I'd like to remind our board that ALL students matter. Not just the ones who would prefer to continue to distance learn, but also those who want to return 1 day a week. They all matter. You must provide a choice. Remember who you represent. Give ALL students a choice. Please! This is degrading our district. And why is it not even equitable from school to school? (Ie, SDA can open but TP can't?) Other districts around us have been open for months. Our district must do the same or else risk losing enrollment.</p>
Amy Bryan	<p>I'd like to sincerely thank the board for your willingness to adapt in this ever-changing situation. Please approve. Much appreciation is due for your choice of a reasonable course approving the settlement agreement, rescinding the Dec 15 resolution, continuing to work with teachers and principals to come up with a safe reopening plan.</p> <p>Our family, our students (one at Torrey, one at Earl Warren and even the one out of district at Skyline) and our community appreciate that you are making the right choice on keeping students as they currently are at distance learning to maintain consistency and academic integrity at the end of the grading period.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to students and parents who have expressed concerns.</p> <p>It is wonderful that you recognize that spending resources (your time, our funds, your focus, teacher focus) on litigation is a waste of said resources and that these are resources which are better spent on other needs such as continuing to develop a safe plan to reopen.</p>
Anonymous	<p>It is unsafe to reopen secondary schools at the height of our rates of infection, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. The board must act in the best interest of the community, and serve their staff and students by choosing to close campuses u til artes are lower. Rates should be in the red tier before reopening in-person learning should commence.</p>
Lisa Richey	<p>This agreement does not specify or replace the date for reopening the schools. All we are doing is just saying we aren't going to open the schools. 2) This is only becoming a delay tactic to reopen the schools there is no other date and nothing is provided for our students to reopen. 3) There are currently 2 vaccines (1 from Pfizer and 1 made my Moderna that are currently being distributed, both of which will be available for all California teachers (which are considered essential workers) within the month of January. 5) Any disputes or Litigation should be decided by the courts.</p>
Michelle Horsley	<p>As a 25 year Encinitas resident, district alumni parent, and teacher, I support a vote to ratify this agreement. Thank you for supporting the health and safety of our entire SDUHSD community.</p>
Beth Anne Baber	<p>Hi,</p> <p>My name is Beth Anne Baber. I am a parent of two high school students in the District.</p> <p>For item #4: I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda.</p> <p>For item #5: I support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Beth Anne Baber</p>

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Brinda shah	<p>Hi, My name is Brinda. I am a parent in the District.</p> <p>For item #4: I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. Thank you for your service to our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Brinda Shah</p>
Kristen Janis	<p>Kids need to be in school. Health officials, specialists, and well informed politicians (in Florida and Texas) have made this clear. Do we really want California to sink to the bottom; or can we rise to the top? In person learning can be done safely and the right thing can be done for everyone. Good teachers know this is the best thing for our kids. Our daughters 5th grade teacher in DMUSD loves being with her students. There must be high school teachers that want to be back in the classroom and our community supports those teachers. Please make in person learning available.</p>
Mitchell Truelock	<p>In reopening schools (which should have been done long before now), we should be concerned about students and admin contracting COVID in schools, not them just having it at school. One of the largest studies on this matter, led by Brown University economist Emily Oster, PhD, analyzed in-school infection data from 47 states over the last two weeks of September. Among more than 200,000 students and 63,000 staff who had returned to school, Oster reported an infection rate of 0.13% among students and 0.24% among staff. Another smaller, but more recent study in Iowa found that at the worst, there was a 3.5% positivity rate among school staff. This was at the same time the county was experiencing a positivity rate above 20%. In addition to the evidence that in-school spread is nominal, every study I've read states that in-school learning should be allowed if the rates in the community are not out of control. Encinitas, and not San Diego County, is our community. It is not and never has been out of control. Frankly, I think our district has completely failed our students, both in the distance learning model as well as in failing to reopen. A hybrid model should have been that those who want to return full-time can, and those who don't can be matched with teachers to do online learning. With an estimated 0.3% mortality rate that primarily affects those over 65 and with pre-existing conditions, I'm more than willing to take the risk for myself, my family and my children. Those who are at risk should have the choice to have their kids continue online learning. Please stop playing politics with our childrens' lives, follow the data as everyone promised to do and get our children back in school where they belong.</p>
Kristin Demarest	<p>Thank you for not upending our kids' education three weeks before the end of the semester. Thank you also for listening to our students. Please get official feedback and help from the people handling UCSD's Return to Learn Program. Also please allow all teachers who put in for leave to return if they so choose.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I am a member of the SUHSD community, having a graduate of SDA living at home .</p> <p>I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda.</p> <p>Please approve this in your vote.</p> <p>I thank you for taking a reasonable course approving the settlement agreement, rescinding the Dec 15 resolution, and working with teachers and principals to come up with a truly safe reopening plan. I appreciate that you are making the right choice on keeping Q2 status quo to maintain consistency and academic integrity at the end of the grading period.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to students and parents who have expressed concerns. I appreciate that you are not spending resources of time, funds, and your attention on litigation that would be better spent on other needs, such as creating a reasonable, safe plan to reopen</p>
Anonymous	<p>Let's be reasonable and follow state law. We are in the purple tier and hospitals are at capacity. Schools need to be out of the purple tier for 14 days before reopening. A surge is predicted with the holiday travel; we will not be out of the purple tier nor 14 days beyond until at least March. Vaccinate teachers first. Focus on students with the most need and improve online engagement for the rest.</p>
Steve dilley	<p>Please protect our teachers. By voting yes on both.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Please approve this. I thank you for your reasonable decision on the Dec 15 resolution. So many in the community appreciate you working with teachers and principals and giving them the respect to come up with a safe reopening plan. You are making the right choice on keeping Q2 status quo. It is so important to have stability and consistency for academic integrity. It is also important to listen to students and parents and we appreciate that you are not spending our resources on litigation that are better spent creating a safe plan to reopen.</p>
Patricia Lee	<p>Thank you for listening to the voices and concerns of students, teachers, and parents. Thank you for moving away from litigation and towards what I hope is a crucial step towards building trust and collaboration in our district. I urge you to ratify the settlement and use district resources to assist students who are struggling and implement robust safety measures so that teachers, staff, and students can be assured that their health and safety are valued.</p>

Name	Comment
Anonymous	I want to express our family's appreciation of the board and district to reconsider the reopening on January 4th. Thank you for listening to concerns about the growing COVID crisis, concerns about teachers who would be unable to return to in-person instruction, and for maintaining the continuity of our students' instruction. I believe that with the continued collaborative work between our district administrators, teachers, parents, and school board, our students' return to in person learning can occur in a way that is thoughtful, safe, and supportive of their academic and social emotional growth.
Anonymous	<p>I would like to thank you for listening to science, for putting health of students, teachers and staff members ahead of some loud voices. Not sending everyone back to be in enclosed classes together at the height of a deadly pandemic and right after New Years is so much more responsible. This is not easy on anyone (especially some students— our hearts go out to them!) but we have to do our part to keep people from getting sick (potentially leaving them at risk for lifelong terrible symptoms) and leave room in the ICUs. Thank you, board members, for looking at the evidence in front of you and ratifying this agreement.</p> <p>I would also like the board to consider re-examining the safety standards that are in place for the teachers and students who are already back on campus. Can teachers easily and safely keep 6 feet of distance while helping our highest need student populations? Many would say they cannot. And should teachers be punished if they cannot? Should these students also wait some time after New Years before coming back to on-person learning?</p> <p>Thank you for keeping schools and our communities safer.</p>
Julie Bronstein	I am a taxpaying parent with two kids attending schools in the district. Thank you for taking a reasonable course by approving the settlement agreement, rescinding the Dec 15 resolution, and working with teachers and principals to come up with a safe reopening plan. I urge you to approve the ratification of the settlement agreement and appreciate that the board is making the right choice on keeping Q2 status quo to maintain consistency and academic integrity at the culmination of the grading period. Thank you for listening to students and parents who have expressed concerns. I greatly appreciate that you are not spending resources, including time, funds and focus, on litigation that would be better spent on other needs such as creating a safe plan to reopen.
I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda.	<p>I am Anoosha Ghodsi-Shirazi, MD. I am a parent of 2 high school students in this school district.</p> <p>As a medical professional dealing with COVID-19 pandemic issues daily on the front lines, I have serious reservation in regards to students and teachers returning to school. We are currently in the midst of the worst of the outbreak. The numbers are expected to rise even more after holiday season. It is important to consider that even though teenagers might not be quite as effected by the virus, they could still become asymptomatic carriers which could not only affect their teachers ,but also parents or older, more vulnerable family members. It is best to avoid increasing the numbers until vaccines are more commonly available.</p> <p>I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda.</p> <p>I support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our community in this extraordinary times.</p> <p>Be safe.</p> <p>Sincerely Anoosha Ghodsi- Shirazi</p>
Kimberly McSherry	Thank you for listening to community concerns and ratifying the settlement agreement, so that we can move forward together on a path for student success. For my kids, it is an enormous relief to not have to face a disrupted end of semester, and now they are going to be able to focus on their final projects and preparation for their final exams. I am also so appreciative that there will be equitable grading these final crucial weeks. To yank the rug out of under our students, after nearly an entire semester of hard work, would have just been cruel, and so needlessly stressful. Ratifying this agreement is the right thing to do, for our students, staff, teachers, and community.
Anjali Gupta	<p>Hi, My name is Anjali I am a parent of two students in the District.</p> <p>For item #4: I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Anjali Gupta</p>
James Stiven	As a parent of a teacher and a grandparent of students in the district , I urge you to do the right thing and ratify the settlement agreement reached a few days ago to rescind any action aimed at a January reopening of schools in the district. As the pandemic continues to rage and San Diego mired in the Purple Tier, it would be foolish and potentially dangerous to rush reopening. Use you good judgment to wait until the crisis subsides and schools can safely reopen for the benefit and protection of teachers and students alike. Thank you. James Stiven

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Heidi Maretz	Thank you for taking a reasonable course approving the settlement agreement, rescinding the Dec 15th resolution, and working with teachers and principals to come up with a safe reopening plan. My junior and senior daughters and I are grateful that you are choosing to keep Q2 status quo to maintain consistency in their teachers, teaching platform and curriculum to allow them to complete this grading period. Thank you for listening to students and parents who have expressed concerns. I also appreciate that you have chosen to settle rather than spend resources on litigation that can be better spent on formulating and implementing a safe plan to reopen either sometime during Q3 or Q4, as it may be deemed to be safe.
HEIDI J WELSH	<p>I am a member of the SDUHSD community and reside across the street from SDA, have a District teacher in my family, have an SDA graduate living at home who is forfeiting a year of college to stay safe, care for a 92-year old with grandchildren at LCC and have another family member at home with preexisting conditions.</p> <p>I am writing in support of ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda.</p> <p>Please approve the agreement as originally proposed.</p> <p>Thank you for taking a reasonable course approving the settlement agreement, rescinding the Dec 15 resolution, and working with teachers and principals to come up with a safe reopening plan.</p> <p>I appreciate that you are making the right choice on keeping Q2 status quo to maintain consistency and academic integrity at the end of the grading period.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to students and parents who have expressed concerns.</p> <p>I appreciate that you are not spending resources (time, funds, focus) on litigation that are better spent on other needs such as creating a truly safe plan to reopen</p> <p>I believe schools should not rush reopening during the current surge in COVID-19 cases & severe shortage of ICU beds and medical care. I urge you to continue to listen to the voices of the students and families as well as teachers and staff who take seriously the safety of all members of our community during this pandemic. No one should be working against the efforts of the greater good of stemming the spread of COVID-19.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our community.</p>
Anonymous	Schools should remain virtual until it is safe to reopen fully, with a vaccine and how it was prior to covid.
Dawniel Stewart	<p>Our failure to protect ourselves has caught up to us.</p> <p>Bottom line: The community caseload level determines across the board the safety of kids in schools and ultimately the community at large.</p> <p>We would be in a very different place if this were handled differently from the start. If schools were prioritized. We are now in such mess with this virus that any discussion of opening schools is nonsensical and utterly ridiculous.</p> <p>San Diegans have not been sufficiently using recommended mitigation measures such as socially distancing and masking; therefore, our numbers continue to hit record levels of cases with only increasing #s in upcoming weeks to come due to holiday gatherings and travel.</p> <p>It is simply not safe to consider reopening schools right now.</p> <p>Thank you for considering the health and safety of our entire community!</p>
Anonymous	I am appalled that the board would cave to the union's "settlement agreement" which is no settlement at all! It's just an agreement not to open, without any concessions from the union at all! Why are you kicking the can down the road? Thank you for ruining my son's excitement at going back to school and returning to normal life after ten months. You should be ashamed.
Hamzah Kerdi	Hi my name is Hamzah Kerdi I am a student in the District. I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the public agenda. Thank you sincerely, Hamzah Kerdi
Anonymous	My name is Dean and I am an eighth grader at PTMS. I was really looking forward to going back to school and finally seeing my teachers in person and getting to know them better. It's really unfair that the district is giving in to the union's demands without fighting. I haven't been to normal school since March and I really miss it. Please open the school five days a week. It would mean so much to me and to everybody.
Andrew Gao	Hi, my name is Andrew and I am a junior at Canyon Crest Academy. I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. Thank you for listening to the voices of community members.
Renee Sowers	I am so grateful that you are considering an agreement with SDFA. Please approve this agreement. It's imperative that we provide students, especially high school students, consistency for the last three weeks of the semester as they wrap up earning final grades. In addition, this agreement provides our experts to work collaboratively to create a viable return to campus that will be in the best interest of all parties. We will best serve our students when we can get back to the collaborative spirit that our district is best known for and that we have been so proud of. Spending money and time on litigation only distracts us from doing the most important job we have - providing high quality education and a safe place for all of our students.
Bill Vice	Do the right thing. Postpone opening until it is completely safe and we are out of the purple tier. Thank you.

Name	Comment
Marissa Goswami	Hi, my name is Marissa Goswami and I am a Junior at CCA. I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. Thank you for listening to the voices of community members.
Anonymous	Hi, my name is XXXX and I am a Junior at Canyon Crest Academy. I support ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. Thank you for listening to the voices of community members.
Jenny Richards	I can't believe I'm submitting yet another comment begging for families to have a choice for their kids to get an education. Our family 100 percent supports the safe reopening of schools. Schools all across the US are managing to offer some form of in-person learning. How are we different? How are we at any greater risk? How is this fair to students who are competing for spots in colleges with students from other states? Distance learning is not providing an education to many, many students that are unable to learn in DL format and mine is one of them. And sadly, academics are only one way in which teens are suffering from being out of school for 9 months. A strong amount of data confirms that schools can operate with low risk, a much lower risk than that which is being taken with our kids mental and emotional health and development. Not to mention the disproportionate damage to lower-income students. This situation is unfathomable. Imagine being a senior and never setting foot on your high school campus your senior year!? There has to be a way to make this work.
Jane Woltman	When will the district put the children it serves needs first? Is the district so afraid of the unions power that they will not take into account mental health that is diminishing, all time records of teens admitted for alcohol and drug incidents at our local hospitals since the pandemic and distance learning started, more teenagers on suicide watch than ever before at Rady's Children's. The continued message has been that their voice doesn't count. Is the district not concerned with those who do not have the resources to hire tutors and outside help who are struggling with distance learning? A survey has not gone out offering students a choice of either online learning or in person. I'm not talking about a survey done by ASB students. We need an outside survey done by a professional company that has not affiliation to the district or union. I urge the district and the board to have a professional survey done that offers in person and not distance learning in the classroom with a minimum of three days a week in person or distance learning full time. It's time to get real data that doesn't come from a select minority. As a parent of a senior and a sophomore this entire process has been both appalling and disheartening from start to finish. The union has pushed the district around to the pin they look foolish. This is about the students, their future and their well beings. It is time to get back to school and academics. Most children are not thriving with distance learning. I have one who is glued to a screen all day and frankly it is depressing to walk in when room with the shutter shut so she can avoid glare on her screen. She is literally sitting in a dark room hour after hour. It's depressing! Our senior has the system down to a fine art as he spends more time working on his golf game even during class time than studying or online. This educational model was not meant to be a long term method and frankly it isn't working and the district needs to put the MAJORITY of the students needs first. Thank you.
Molly Schneider	To our board members and superintendent, we want to THANK YOU for taking a reasonable course. Approving the settlement agreement, rescinding the December 15 resolution, and working with teachers and principals to come up with a safe reopening plan is a prudent and collaborative start. Thank you for being committed to consistency in learning for students and academic integrity. I hope that our district can spend precious time, focus and funds on creating a safe, thoughtful, community minded plan to reopen. Respecting our public health leaves us no choice. We appreciate feeling that the expressed concerns of teachers, students, state and local government were heard. Our hope is that all of this will be in our rear view mirror soon and that we can be the district with the best students, families and teachers that we pride ourselves on. Again, thank you for the necessary pause.
Anonymous	I am a parent of an LCC Senior and am strongly against ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. Our students need to have a Choice and they need to be allowed to get back to in class teaching and learning. While so many other schools have gone back to in person learning safely and with a plan, there is absolutely no reason our school district can't do the same. You are failing our students by not making a choice available.
Anonymous	<p>I am a special education teacher and, more importantly, a mother of two boys who attend Earl Warren and Torrey Pines. I understand the unfortunate state of COVID in San Diego County and the world but our kids need to be in school. They are stifled; the pause button has been pressed academically, socially and emotionally.</p> <p>Parents talk to their kids about making a pro and con list for decisions and the pro column for going back to school, in some capacity, far out weighs the cons. The negative effects on these children during such crucial developmental milestones is going to have detrimental impact.</p> <p>I worry for the quiet child who needs social interaction, I worry for the child who needs direct visual instructions with a teacher, I worry about the happy go lucky child who is loosing his/her luster, I worry about kids that would form a connection with their teacher, I worry. And for good reason.</p> <p>With safety precautions put in place to the highest most strict level, we can make this work. We have to.</p> <p>My heart goes out to all that have unfortunately been touched by COVID and jusy because I want our children back in school does not mean I am overlooking this scary horrendous pandemic.</p>
Anonymous	As a high school senior in the SDUHSD district, I absolutely support the ratification of the settlement agreement. We are currently in the height of the pandemic. Please keep students and teachers safe. Thank you.

Name	Comment
Clint Gile	<p>The purpose of my comment is to encourage the rejection of the settlement agreement to be considered under Agenda item 4.</p> <p>I am the parent of a current senior at La Costa Canyon, and I am in favor of providing students a choice to return to campus for in-person instruction beginning on January 4, 2021.</p> <p>I also want to record a serious objection to the student/teacher/parent survey results published in the Coast News and other forums which purported that the approximately 300 responses were representative of the thousands of students, parents, and teachers in the district. None of my daughter's friends or parents received this survey, and the fact that a small, cherry-picked set of responses is being presented as a representative sample that reflects the majority view of SDUHSD constituents is blatantly misleading.</p> <p>I encourage the Board, Administrators, Teachers and Staff to use all available resources to plan for and implement in-person instruction for any students desiring to exercise their choice to return to campus in January 2021.</p> <p>Thank you for your efforts to date and please continue to work toward the goal of returning our students to campus for instruction as soon as possible.</p> <p>Thank you, Clint Gile</p>
Anonymous	We need to open our schools up. Our children are suffering with horrible consequences. Please give us a choice. Someone needs to fight for our kids.
Sergey Lutsenko	<p>We find it disturbing that small group of students and teachers (spouses of teachers!?) are imposing their desire to study remotely - on all students, including those who want to go back to classrooms. Those having underlying conditions and old people in households were provided with option of distant learning.</p> <p>Please understand teaching is not remote job and never should be. Please open schools in safe manner!</p>
Jennifer Lucero	We have been told continuously throughout the last board meetings that we are OPEN. Haley has made sure that this was reflected constantly. The lawsuit from the teachers union is very offensive. The schools are open and we should continue to expand our opening as already approved. This lawsuit is just another stall tactic by the union while they negotiate their political agenda. We need to continue to focus on what is best for the students who choose to go back. Again - this is a choice that should be given. If some students choose to stay home (or a teacher needs to medically stay home) - that is their option. I PLEAD WITH YOU NOT TO TAKE THE CHOICE AWAY FROM OUR KIDS WHO WANT/NEED TO GO IN PERSON. If our tax payers are directly or indirectly fighting to stay closed, they should be equally used to fight to stay open. The decision to stay open is a county/state decision and should not even be heard from by the court from the teacher's union.
Alison Truelock	<p>The decision to rescind the expanded reopening decision and commit to distance learning for the entirety of the semester, perhaps indefinitely, is short sighted and puts the needs of our students last. Despite best efforts and promises, flexibility and stability are not being maintained through distance learning. The distance learning model is a stop-gap measure, a band-aid on a bleeding wound. It's not an acceptable stand in for a year of learning. We were promised a robust and rigorous education, but the reality we face is a reduction in learning, comprised of long days spent in front of screens. We must do better. We need a choice to allow our students to learn in person, back on campus. The time is now.</p> <p>There are smart people in this district that are able (if they are willing) to create solutions for reopening. Students and teachers know how to wear masks and practice physical distancing. Safety measures and PPE are available and the science is on our side. Our community case rates are low, despite Southern California's arbitrary "purple tier" classification. Furthermore, there are already alternate options in place for students and teachers that wish to continue with the current learning model. I stand with thousands of parents who want their kids on campus, learning in person. In our district, we've lost more students to suicide than to Covid, and the lingering effects of isolation and uncertainty are leading to increased depression and anxiety among our student population. Our teens are untethered. Most of these kids are not at risk for Covid, but there are at risk for depression and anxiety and stress that goes along with being alone in your room on a computer for hours a day. Other districts have rolled out plans with transparency and kids are back in school all over the country. The SDUHSD has a responsibility to the students and parents to do the same. Why should the demands of the union overshadow the needs of our students? Something has to change.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Congratulations, Teachers Union. You have made this liberal Democrat depressed and dejected. I know now that you really don't care about the students. If you did, you would have been working since March to get the schools ready for students to return to in person learning. Instead, your posting instagram stories about your awesome walks on the beach before "school" starts. And now you've hired lawyers to keep our children and teachers who want to go back from doing so. You have effectively kept our children out of school for 1.5 years. No connections. No sports. No real learning. At this rate, they won't even be back next Fall. Thanks SO MUCH. Thanks for caring. Thanks for doing the right thing for all of the kids. Almost every other state is back in the classroom. And they're all doing okay. But not us! Hope you're happy. Because we aren't.</p>

Name	Comment
Anonymous	As a concerned parent of SDUHSD I appreciate all of your hard work in trying to come up with a reopening plan to best suit the health of our students, teachers, classified employees and community. In this ever changing covid world I ask that you delay in person re-opening until the post holiday surge has passed. I know this has been a heated issue and there are no winners in this long, emotional 10 month obstacle...that is something I think everyone can agree on. I respectfully ask that you look at the data, hospital capacity (or lack of), CA health mandate, teacher & sub availability etc and make a decision to keep our community safe. Covid 19 is here to stay, but reopening during a surge & without a vaccine available to the general population just yet it seems too risky. Thank you
Anonymous	<p>This will be completely anonymous comment. I am afraid of retaliation to my child. My child is in PTMS (I think all other schools are the same if not worse).</p> <p>We see number of teachers teaching from elsewhere! From Switzerland, Florida etc - what are they doing there??? They are supposed to be here in San Diego!</p> <p>Some teaches often do not show up for classes, leaving kids with to-do lists. They call it 'asynchronous learning' What???</p> <p>Pretty much all teachers (with very few exceptions) teach first 15-20 minutes of 90 min classes. And call it good.</p> <p>Pretty much no one shows up for their scheduled office hours.</p> <p>They all have to be forced to work from classrooms and has to be supervised and some sort of QC has to be in place.</p> <p>How convenient is that to work from All Inclusive resort from Mexico for your full salary. My dream job.</p> <p>Sincerely.</p>
Jennifer Daniel-Duckering	I am encouraged by the announcement of the settlement agreement and believe it is a step in the right direction. Our family is thankful that you have chosen to resolve the issue expeditiously so as to avoid wasting taxpayer money and District resources on a legal battle, when those monies and resources could be used to improve the safety measures and protocols that will enable a safe re-opening of our schools. Additionally, by not reopening a few short weeks before the end of quarter 2, you are making the best choice -- to maintain instructional consistency and academic integrity at the end of the grading period. We are also very thankful that you have decided to not force teachers into making the impossible choice between their/their families' safety and returning to campus on January 4th. We are hopeful that, with the additional time, the District will choose to work in a truly collaborative fashion with the administrators, teachers and students to develop a revised reopening plan that will provide our students and teachers with a safe learning environment to which they can eventually return. Thank you for making a safe choice and not re-opening our campuses on January 4, 2021.
Jake Woltman	My name is Jake Woltman. I am a senior at LCC. I would describe myself as your typical high school student. I do well in school, however am not an Ivy League type. I have played both basketball and baseball, attend dances & football games and have lots of friends. I am not a member of ASB or the National Honor Society. I fall more into your average student. All of my friends want to go back. We are all bored and have way to much free time. For some people I know that's not a good thing. Our senior year has been ruined by distance learning. Almost everyone cheats and doesn't do the work. Even though it is so much harder when we are in school, I still want to go back to school. I miss the interaction with people I don't regularly hang out with and with teachers in the classroom. I never thought I would say I miss school, but I do. If you had asked me two years ago I would have told you this would be a dream come true and the fact is it is so far from it. All my friends feel the same way. I don't see how anyone could say their teenager is thriving during distance learning. I don't know anyone who isn't bummed out over this. I feel sorry for some kids who don't have things as good as me since some of them absolutely hate being home. Please open up our schools and give us back our senior year and life. I have lots of friends at Santa Fe Christian, Cathedral and Bishops who are all back in school. You're taking away our youth and childhood for a virus that has over a 99% survival rate. It doesn't make sense, especially when everyone I know wants to be back in school. Thank you for your time.
Anonymous	Covid spread is way too high and dangerous to open schools anywhere in San Diego County. Please keep SDUHSD in distance learning until the transmission rates in the county decrease significantly. Keep distance learning for Q2 and for Q3 until we reach the red tier. At that point, please be ready with a much safer plan.
Cynthia Rajsbaum	<p>Thank you so much for keeping the community, our students, our teachers and our parents safe by not opening the schools while we are in a purple tier surge. Thank you for listening to us parents and students and also your teachers. We are grateful for your willingness to consider the changed circumstances and work with your community.</p> <p>And thank you for not wasting education dollars on pointless litigation to break the stay at home orders and force a dangerous illegal situation on our school campuses. While I have a child that is desperate to be back on campus the timing in a surge is just wrong. We want to keep quality teachers and keep our families safe. And while in person schooling is obviously the ideal, staying in distance learning keeps our entire community safe and our ability to teach our children intact.</p> <p>I urge you to ratify the settlement agreement and repeal the December 15 resolution. I know we all want to get back to normal but the state regulations are in place to try to keep our community safe and to keep our medical system from imploding. An even more dramatic surge is expected to take place starting in January as people gathered for the holidays. Thank you for not contributing to what will already be a dangerous situation and for keeping as much stability in our children's lives by allowing them to stay with their teachers. I hope all the teachers that were forced into taking leave will be able to return.</p>

Name	Comment
Anonymous	As a district teacher for 20 years and parent of 2 ASB students in the district, I would like to thank you for collaborating to approve the settlement agreement, for rescinding the December 15th resolution, and for working with staff to focus on a solid plan to reopen when deemed safe. This will allow a seamless finish for the first semester and help students focus on academics rather than a disruption to their schedules. I am grateful you are working quickly to resolve the issue of reopening and not spending taxpayer dollars on litigation. I am appreciative you are working hard to protect the health and safety of staff, students, their families, and the entire SDUHSD community at the height of the pandemic. Thank you for considering the concerns of staff, parents, and most importantly, our students.
Seema Burke	<p>I am saddened that the SDFa and the CTA believe that bullying a school board with legal threats is the only way to have their voice heard. I would have hoped that they could have engaged in out of the box thinking to address the medical issues and anxiety of its members. For example, what about asking the community to help proctor inside a classroom and have a teacher that needs to work from home, projected on a whiteboard as they teach remotely? Wouldn't that cleanly and completely address the medical risks, fears and anxiety of teachers, as well as the anxiety of students and parents worried about those teachers? And then for those teachers who choose to teach on campus, of their own free will and without pressure from either the SDFa to stay home or the District to come back, they can do so safely. Students still have their choice to learn at home or on campus. I ask parents and students who are worried for their teachers, including the student reps to the Board: would this not solve the biggest concern that has been expressed by those against school reopening? The answer is obvious: it does. And by the way, members of the SDUHSD community HAVE implemented a substitute recruiting program, which you can find at sandiegotorecruits.com. We encourage all interested parents and any others to get your emergency substitute permit NOW.</p> <p>And to those of you who may still want to speciously argue that it's somehow still unsafe for the community because we are in the purple tier, are you also going to call for all the elementary schools and private schools in the SDUHSD boundary areas to be closed, as well? How do you argue with the low North County infection rates as well as the compelling evidence that schools are not the vectors of transmission? The answer is simple: you cannot. Any effort to still try and keep schools closed sounds like a hidden agenda. Teachers and parents and students worried for teachers, ask yourself, if everyone had CHOICE, what would be left to argue?</p>
Adam Fischer	<p>Please approve the settlement agreement, as it is the best course of action for everyone involved. Thank you for taking a reasonable course in recommending the settlement agreement, rescinding the Dec 15 resolution, and working together with students, parents, teachers and principals to come up with a safe reopening plan. It is especially appreciated that you are making the right choice on keeping Q2 status quo to maintain consistency and academic integrity at the end of the grading period.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to students and parents who have expressed concerns with the plan and stood up for themselves and their teachers.</p>
Anonymous	Do not give into the bullying of the SDFa and sign the forced agreement! Duncan Brown only represents the teachers' interest in his negotiations, it is unbelievable that we as taxpayers are actually paying his salary so he can fight against the mental health, education and well-being of our children. If the teachers will not look out for the interests of our children, our last hope falls as the responsibility of the board. Never again will I believe a teacher in this district who says they are in their profession to help children, if they were, we would see active support for proven science in favor of re-opening and educating the students in person, not for contemptible lawsuits against the school district!
Minna R	The CDC, Fauci, scores of data, science, research, modeling and our own respected Drs from San Diego have said it's safe to return with the established district measures. This is a very sad day for our kids. The Union clearly does not represent their best interest and only cares about adults/teachers. Picking apart the board's decision on twisted technicalities further harms our kids. Safe does not equal zero cases -period. It's hard to fathom why one group of people is "owed" or "deserves" more protection than our medical workers, our grocery store workers, meat packers, famers, pharmacies, Walmart employees, etc, or anyone else who is back at work. Maybe all of our health care workers should simply stop going to work because they aren't "safe" either - they are the ones getting exposed. Next time my MD brother (who has underlying health conditions) needs to do a life-saving triple by-pass on a union member, he'll say it's not "safe" for him to go to work. Sound good? Maybe grocery store workers shouldn't go to work either because they aren't being provided half of what the district has agreed to give to teachers for their safety. They don't get 6ft from anyone at checkout, plus they touch everything everyone else has touched. Maybe the Union should get their food elsewhere. The board needs to do what is right for the kids - 80% of surveyed families responded with the desire to return to school. All of those other referenced surveys are ad-hoc individually driven pieces of inaccurate data that doesn't reflect any valid form of survey research, or the majority of our community. The Board is more worried about a lawsuit than educating students and this is a fundamental failure of its function. Where are the teachers who supposedly want to be back in the classroom? Good luck getting any kind of parent funding in the future. Step-up everyone and stop being bullied by the Union – it's destroying our kids' emotional health and education, and erodes any remaining confidence in leadership. Protect and serve our kids first – they deserve better!
Lisa Wood	Please do the responsible thing and approve the settlement while also not reopening schools until teachers are vaccinated and mitigation factors in your schools are deemed appropriately safe. We still have a little ways to go with this pandemic but are getting closer to reaching more normalcy given availability of the vaccine (despite what some of those ill-informed doctors told you a few weeks ago). Recklessly opening while COVID rates continue to exponentially rise and while there is no space in our ERs and ICUs is a terrible decision that puts many teachers, parents and grandparents at home at risk. Expand limited in-person learning for those who are falling behind and struggling, but do not bring everyone back en masse. The good does NOT outweigh the bad with such a dangerous decision.

Name	Comment
Anonymous	<p>SDUHSD board, Thank you for all that you're doing to help get the students who need to be learning on campus back to school. Pre covid my daughter was a straight A student and super engaged academic with dreams of being a doctor. I've watched this light and love of learning die in her as SDUHSD imposes more distance learning. Her grades have suffered, but more importantly she has become a shell of the child she used to be battling anxiety at a level I've never seen...I understand teachers are scared but they need to be the heroes our children need and go to work like all essential workers do, because education is essential. Accommodations should be made for those teachers who need it, leave of absence, early retirement, maintaining a role as distance learning instructor, etc. But do not stop the entire return to school effort for these few teachers. I BEG you and the teachers union to allow children like my daughter who are visual and tactile learners back on campus. These children are being left behind while an enormous number of their friends who can afford private school are simply leaving the district. I've never felt like more of failure as a parent because I can't financially send my kids to private school...What the union is doing to our children is the most vile and selfish act of self preservation I've ever seen. It's against all medical rationale and hurting the children they promised to educate and care for. Please stay the course and reopen.</p>
Mathuradas Kansagara	<p>Hi, I am a concerned citizen. I am writing to thank you for ratifying the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. I also want to thank you for your decision to rescind the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to the community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mathuradas Kansagara</p>
Anonymous	<p>Hi, I am a concerned citizen. I am writing to thank you for ratifying the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. I also want to thank you for your decision to rescind the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to the community.</p> <p>Sincerely, XXXX</p>
Jen Charat	<p>Thank you for taking the reasonable action to approve the settlement agreement, rescind the Expanded Reopening resolution, and work with teachers, principals, and experts to create a transparent and safe reopening plan. It is the right choice to keep Q2 status quo; this way teachers can maintain consistency through the end of the semester, and the district can ensure academic integrity at the end of the grading period.</p> <p>I am grateful to the school leaders for listening to all stakeholders, to the students demonstrating outside your meetings, to the parents who have submitted letters and public comments, to the teachers who have used every avenue available to them to communicate with you. A settlement here is the best beginning to chart a course to creating a truly safe plan to reopen when permitted by law. Thank you again.</p>
Leonardo Altafani	<p>Reopening as of today is the appropriate course of action to take, where more than ever students have considered suicide, where we have an extremely reduced curriculum to follow, and have learned so little during the course of this year. Reopening would ease many of the anxieties and doubts held by the students.</p>
Michele Saidy	<p>To say I'm disappointed is an understatement. Our kids have been let down again. I thought we were finally at a point where our school board was fighting for our kids, but sadly our kids come last. Many experts have said that the safest place for kids is in school and teachers are not at risk. A lot has changed since March when we first shut down. Schools are open around the world and doing so successfully. It's a shame that this is happening because of the Union and small percentage of teachers who refuse to return to work. Accommodations should be made for teachers with underlying conditions and the rest need to get back to work. Teachers are essential workers. What would happen is doctors and nurses refused to go to work? Please reconsider your decision to cave to the union and put our kids first! Please fight for our kids - that is your job.</p>
Joshua Charat-Collins	<p>As a student attending Canyon Crest Academy, in which many of our teachers would have left if not for the ratification of this settlement agreement, I want to express my gratitude towards the Board. You have listened to the voices of the community, as we have asked, and although it took a lawsuit to do it, you have considered fully the situation of teachers in this pandemic. Ratifying the settlement agreement shows not only the strength of the democratic process, but the Board's commitment to empathy and compassion towards its constituents—teachers, parents, and students alike. I hope that this empathy is reflected in the Board's decisions during this stressful period moving forward, as well—it should not take a lawsuit to bring it forth. We the students are grateful for the change in position, for the myriad of reasons supporting this change, and we will fight for change like this in the future if necessary.</p>
Beth Dunford	<p>Our students need to be in school. Follow the science—schools are not the super spreaders. If teachers are out in the community, and not quarantined at home since March, they are safe to teach in the classroom. This isn't even about the pandemic anymore—it is political. Get our students back in school!!</p>

Name	Comment
Anonymous	Our children are suffering immensely. Distance learning is not working. The isolation, monotonous routine is not engaging and is creating a perfect storm for disengaged and depressed students. The numbers show Covid is not rampant in our community. Also the science shows Covid is not being spread in school. My kids switched to private school so they could learn in person and the masks/social distancing and sick protocols are working! We have had two cases and neither of them caused an outbreak. Also my daughter has been in a large facility cheer gym all year and their safety measures of temp checks, masks and washing hands has been working! We can safely get our kids back on campus where they belong. Children belong in school and are missing a huge part of their normal healthy development by being deprived of an on campus learning model. I think there should be a choice for both teachers and students to learn in person if they choose to.
Anonymous	<p>REOPEN OUR SCHOOLS!!!!</p> <p>Well, I don't even know what more to say. I can't believe our kids don't have the option to go back to classroom instruction. Please don't tell me you are looking at the science because you will be proved wrong.</p> <p>If kids want to go back to school...let them.</p> <p>If teachers want to go back to school...let them.</p> <p>If teachers want to take leave...let them or let them find a new job.</p> <p>How long are you going to keep schools closed? How long are you going to let a generation of children be left behind? How long are you going to keep teachers who don't "want" to teach? How long are you going to fear-monger? How long are you going to over reach your power and control? How long are you going to bend to the grip and not stand stand for what is right? How long....?</p> <p>REOPEN OUR SCHOOLS!</p> <p>99.98%</p>
Andie Gately	My name is Andie Gately, and I would like to voice my support for the Board's agreement with the Teachers' Union. I am one of the students who organized the protests against the unsafe reopening plans. We protested because the Board put our teachers in an impossible situation, one where they had to choose between a dangerous work environment and unpaid leave. We protested because the reopening plans did not abide by safety regulations. We protested because we were told our voices were valueless. We wrote letters, we chanted, we signed petitions; we fought for our teachers, because they would have fought just as tenaciously for us. And it worked. Thank you for listening to our teachers and to science. Thank you for choosing common sense and decency. Thank you for making the agreement with the Teachers' Union. And, on behalf of all the students that organized, thank you for proving that our voices matter. I hope we have proved that we are mature, educated, and passionate enough to stand up for what is right. A final thank you to our teachers: thank you for teaching us the importance of empathy. We hope we made you proud. Thank you.
Anonymous	Please open our schools for in person learning and give families a choice.
Sara Shirazi	Hi, my name is Sara Shirazi. I am a student in the district. I support the ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. Thank you for your service to our community. Sincerely, Sara Shirazi
Anonymous	My son is devastated that the board even considered reversing its decision due to pending litigation. He asked me why we are not even going to a hearing. I had no answers, so hopefully you can answer that question when it's posed to you by your constituents. When so many support reopening and fighting with our tax dollars, why are you caving to the union? What do you hope to achieve by delaying opening without any assurances from the union that they commit to returning? Why are you taking away our choices? When legislation passes in California forcing teachers to go back when not in the purple tier, your constituents will remember that it wasn't the board that got our kids back to the classroom. It took state legislation to do so because you did not stand up and fight. I pray you do not agree to this "settlement", which implies the district gets something out of the deal. We are getting NOTHING. There is no deal so don't call it a settlement. Call it capitulating to bullies. Do the right thing and vote against this! You have so much support from the public.
Anonymous	<p>****Someone has to be controlling the speakers selected "at random". There are far more families that want schools to reopen than there are ones that want them to stay closed. But you continue to select speakers that want the schools to stay closed. We are onto you and we are extremely suspicious. Please make sure you are not controlling the narrative to serve yourselves****</p> <p>If you all vote to not return even one day/week, I would like the teachers to start getting their pay reduced. A PE or math or English teacher that records one lesson per week and simply replays it 5 times is not teaching! Her hours are reduced! Give me my tax dollars back. I have to go back to work in an office. I am not requiring my bosses to promise 100% safety from the virus. Work just needs to get done! You all go to work for in-person meetings. Stop speculating and make these teachers get back to work. The learning loss is real! No dissecting is happening! All tests are open book?!?! Teachers need to stop their "vacation" and get back in the classrooms.</p>

Name	Comment
David wojtkowski	<p>As a parent of two kids in the District I have watched the last 9 months here with utter dismay. We can see now that it was clear last summer there was never any real intention of planning for a return to in person learning this school year. We had a return committee in the summer with no parents and finally after reluctantly restarting a committee in the fall made up of all parties, it was quietly abandoned after only two meetings and zero reports.</p> <p>COVID relief funds were wasted almost solely on unneeded chromebooks (which we have yet to receive) instead of the necessary PPE and equipment to facilitate in person learning.</p> <p>A passed board resolution requiring teachers to return to campus in October (modeled after a signed agreement with the SDFa saying the same) was wantonly ignored and no further action from the board was taken.</p> <p>A planned return to school for 1-2 days a week in November , when we were in the red tier, was abruptly cancelled after district leadership discovered we actually didn't have the proper PPE on campus - the very PPE that COVID money was supposed to be used for.</p> <p>And now our schools are being sued by our teachers. It's sad it has come to this. The five day a week return during this spike seemed ill advised but this settlement doesn't just get rid of that, it also gets rid of the one day a week plan and by tying any movement to our tier which is now linked with Los Angeles, likely will result in zero in person learning for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Current district plans do NOT provide in person learning for struggling students. You are failing them. You must do better. Please consider modifying the settlement to get buy in from all parties for a future return to school with hard parameters and language that will not be ignored.</p> <p>It is said to see this once great district crumble before my eyes. The pandemic is incredibly challenging but we know other strong districts, many in our region, have managed to thrive during this time. I hope you can at least give some hope for those families that really need a return to in person learning.</p>
Brandi Wol	Open the schools. Don't be bullied by the unions. Listen to the students and parents. They're the ones you serve. Not the staff or the unions
Anonymous	Please do not allow the Unions to dictate when we the students can return to school. My friends at private school are in the classroom with their teachers and everyone is safe and learning well. We are not doing well with distance learning and we need to get back on campus with our teachers. We will wear our masks and be safe. We just want to learn.
Adam Taich	<p>With all due respect, I'll keep it short. It's very clear that the District long ago lost sight of what's best for the students. Distance Learning compares in no way to what they'd experience in a class room.</p> <p>For a district that wants to consistently speak about 'social and emotional' issues - you're clearly missing the mark.</p> <p>Evidently, when it comes down to listening to the wisdom of our medical professionals in the area, the District isn't interested. I thought we all were interested in following the science - evidently not.</p> <p>It's shameful - and sets a horrible example for my 4 children in the District. It's so clear that getting the students and teachers back in school safely CAN happen - which is what makes the situation so appalling.</p> <p>Make the right choice. The District serves the Students and their needs first and foremost.</p>
Anonymous	On December 15, this board gave me hope of being able to walk onto the Torrey Pines classroom, meet my teachers and some of my fellow freshmen and most importantly, LEARN from a teacher who is standing in front of me instead of over a screen. Distance Learning is HARD and we have been doing it for almost a year now. My friends at private school and my younger sisters are back in the classroom. It is safe. They wear their masks and keep 6 feet apart from their friends. We high school students can do this too. We don't want our teachers to get sick but they can be safe as the doctors and Principal Coppo have explained. Please do not sign this Settlement with the SDFa. It ruins our hope of going back to school. Why don't the teachers want to teach us? We want to learn.
Mike Tanghe	Please have the courage to put our students needs first. They belong in the classroom. Their emotional well being is suffering. I see first hand in my 7th grader who should be on campus at EWMS. The board should be finding a way to get this safely done as so many other districts have already proven. Please stand up to this lawsuit and lead for our kids.
Ana Carder	My name is Ana Carder and I am a parent of a SDUHD student. I support the ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. Thank you for your service to our community.

Name	Comment
Anonymous	Please consider implementing a 1 day a week return. Many of the kids are struging with online learning. My son has A's and B's in his classes- doesnt mean he is ok- he is not ok. He has had many meltdowns because he is having a hard time learning- he has a learning disability that he works so hard but still struggles. He has threatened to quit school many times and often i find him taking naps at lunch and when classes are let out early- which is often. We are in this position because we didnt move intonhybrid in the fall. The Capistrano Unified District in Orange County has had high school kids on campus 2 days a week since the fall- we have family that go there so have direct info. They had a solid plan developed in the summer. They have not delayed or returned remote. The case #s in our district are 1/2 of what the SD county average is. The hospitalizations and deaths are less than 1/3 of the county average- why had this not been talked about by the district or the board? These numbers are updated daily and in the Case Rate by ethnicity report on the countys covid site. And most importantly the asb reps have not surveyed all students so they cannot say they represent the views of all students. And this supposed google form that is referenced in a local newspaper as the voice of the students was only completed by 300 students and was not even sent to all students - we have 13,000 in the district. 1 day a week is a start- please consider.
Anonymous	Remote learning is NOT working, and the continued threats of lawsuits shows that the union has no interest in returning to school. Teachers are not invested in distance learning, and it shows in the quality of their instruction. Their plan is NO plan. That isn't acceptable. "Wait and see" continues to erode our educational system to the point where we have no faith in any official (Board or Faculty) to "do the right thing". We have so many other professions that have been deemed essential employees. How are teachers not deemed essential?? And if they are so cautious that they don't want to return to school, then I imagine they're living in total isolation these last 9 months. According to the health agencies, they are deemed essential and are in line for vaccinations before the general public. The failure of our state and federal governments to have a unified response to this pandemic has exposed this Board's inability to do the RIGHT thing. To do ANYTHING. OPEN THE SCHOOLS. HAVE A PLAN. GET KIDS THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT THEY NEED BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.
Anonymous	Why is the only answer no? You need to work to tell us how. This is no longer a yes or no question about getting kids back in school. How do we get them back? Use outdoor space? Use other buildings like hotels that have larger spaces? It's silly that a band class can't perform together outdoors. There is no talk of how to move forward. Parents and students are frustrated and depressed. We see no path forward. If there is no in person school at the new semester I am removing my child from the district. You all are a joke.
Anonymous	Please consider the 1 day a week option. Many kids- even those with good grades are struggling. Our district case rate is half of the county average, hospitalizations and death rates are 1/3. Another district in Orange County- Capistrano Valley has had high school kids in person 2 days a week since the fall. Please take a look at their plan- they have had very low case numbers per school and have not gone remote. Our kids need something to start- why not give the kids a choice.
Ann Cerny	Thank you for working with S DFA on a settlement to the lawsuit. I urge you to ratify it with a unanimous vote. That would do a lot to repair tense relations that have developed. S DFA are our teachers. Much has been said about support for teachers but individual board votes matter much more. I hope each of your votes return us to our normal state of true collaboration, true respect for staff professionalism and on-the-ground experience, and true belief that we ALL want what's best for students. I urge you to think carefully about how you will officially communicate this to the public. Will the message promote reflection, unity and confidence in the future? Our families need that right now. Those families who desperately adhered to open schools as a beacon need to be taught why that isn't is the best path yet. Leaders are teachers too. Please be very careful not to contribute to union bashing, no matter how lightly veiled—union blaming IS teacher blaming, the public needs to hear that from YOU. You represent our schools. Please be a partner. Continue on this path to rebuild that partnership. Please work toward a unanimous statement of support for this settlement agreement AND discuss the necessary language to communicate with our community to bring all to the path of unity and strength.
Brian Robert	<p>This pandemic has changed and disrupted our lives on so many levels. I listen to my wife day after day with her students - engaging them, being so positive with them, working late into the evenings to craft excellent lessons and connecting through the history content and the valuable skills I hear her teaching. She dresses up for every "spirit day," celebrates every student's birthday, hosts the student Culinary Club at lunchtime for budding chefs, takes time to meet with students who need extra support, makes phone calls and writes emails responding to students and parents, but mostly checking on them or sending encouragement. She makes it look easy, but I know it is not easy.</p> <p>Thank you for helping to keep her safe. Thank you for helping to usher our community through this pandemic until conditions are safer. My wife dedicates so much to her job and her family. I am grateful to the board for not putting my wife at risk while she does her job. I am grateful to the board for listening to the students, teachers, and parents who recognize that, while none of this is easy, remaining SAFE is the right thing to do at this time.</p>
Anonymous	Thank you for taking a reasonable course approving the settlement agreement, rescinding the December 15 resolution, and working with teachers and principals to develop a safe reopening plan. We appreciate you are making the right choice in keeping status quo to maintain consistency and academic integrity at the end of the grading period. Thank you for listening to the students and parents who expressed concerns about changing their mode of learning. We appreciate you are not spending time, funds, and litigation that are better spend on other needs.
Anonymous	Our children's education is an essential business. Teachers are essential workers. Please open up our schools.

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Ronette Youmans	<p>Thank you, Supt Haley and board members, for reconsidering your call for teachers to report to their classrooms in January. By rescinding this plan, you will be showing respect to the importance of consistency this last month of the term. Students will certainly benefit academically by not having disruption at the end of the grading period as they meet deadlines and study for finals. I am grateful that you have listened to the sincere concerns of the students, their teachers and families and the community.</p> <p>In the spirit of collaboration, I hope you will approve ratification of the settlement agreement. By rescinding the Jan 4 plan, the month of January can be spent working with teachers and principals to come up with a safe reopening plan. Your decision to rescind will also save money on litigation that would be better spent on what is needed to create a safe plan to reopen.</p> <p>I predict that you will you will hear a great collective sigh of relief once your decision to rescind the decision has been announced. A very happy new year indeed.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Be a HERO! Stand up to the Teacher's Union. Stand up for the silent majority of teachers who want to teach our children. Be the voice for our children who want a choice to be back in school. Do not bow down to the Union pressure. The science has spoken. Teachers across the country and around the world are safely teaching in the classroom. Our plan is safe. The science has also spoken. Real damage is being done to the students every day. They are not learning – except perhaps how to cheat. They are suffering – why are the schools so concerned with “Social and Emotional Well Being?” Because distance learning is not working. Students need the choice to return to campus to the one place they know they are safe and cared for. Where they can be part of a community. Where personal connections can be made where they can blossom into great leaders. Please be a HERO! Give those that want to return the option. Those that want to remain at home can but everyone does not need to suffer to appease the few!</p>
Anonymous	<p>Bravo – you have successfully placed the wants of the few ahead of the many. You have successfully created an apathetic student body with no hope for the future. You are likely not hearing much from the students who want to return to campus. We can report first-hand, from talking to our teens and many of their friends (in the car, overhearing conversations with their peers, etc.), that at this point in the year, students are apathetic and fear teacher retribution. In case you wanted to know what is really going on in distance learning (not the rosy view you are hearing):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cheating is easy and widespread – “why would anyone go back to school when it is this easy – if we go back to school it will be hard again” “My AP classes would be impossible if I had to attend in person.” •In having honest conversations with our children's friends, both male and female (who are all very good students), they indicate widespread apathy and severe lack of motivation. They are just getting by and know they are not learning. “Going to campus would require effort.” <p>Since this is probably not news to you all, and you still choose to keep students away from the classroom, this shows exactly how students and the quality of their education is valued in this district. Congratulations, SDF, you have successfully taken a top tier district and made it mediocre or less. People are too afraid to speak up at this point, which was your plan all along.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Thank you for taking a reasonable course and approving the settlement agreement. With this decision, the consistency and academic integrity of the current distance learning model will continue.</p> <p>I appreciate that you have listened to students, parents and teachers who have expressed concerns and do hope that you will continue to do so.</p>
Gil Saidy	<p>Spirit, independence and educational growth are vital needs of all children as they push through adolescence. I understand safety. We take precautions every day of our lives. But, after 10 months of isolation and reduced learning capabilities, it's time to move forward. Our district like to “play it safe” and see what others do first before making a move towards reopening. I suppose I have to accept that, although I've always considered real leaders are those that make the first step, and not just follow. Given that premise, it is obvious other districts have found a way to successfully reopen. Private schools are open. Other districts are open. Are they magically immune? Of course not. They simply use the CDC and NIH guidelines – mask, distance, and hand-washing. Given SDUHSD's thinking, the virus would be spreading like crazy at those schools – Only it's NOT. Your decisions are affecting everyone from parents to kids. It will take a long time for children to get back in the swing of things and start learning properly again. They are falling far behind their peers. They won't be spreading the virus more at school. Even the CDC and NIH are saying this. They still go to the store with their parents, skateboard with friends and practice sports with their teams. We have massive fields and outdoor possibilities. We don't live in the snow. Get creative, get outside if you feel we have to, but get the students out of the house and together with their fellow students. You are killing their spirit with this isolation. What could be worse than that? Teachers need to teach in front of their students. Kids need to interact with each other. Creativity? I haven't seen one signal from SDUHSD's “leaders”. Find a way, or find new leadership. As my father was wont to say, “Don't tell me how it can't be done, tell me how it CAN be done.” It's time to go back – NOW!</p>

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Anonymous	I support the ratification of the settlement agreement as proposed in the agenda because it is the safest option in the current state we are in regarding the pandemic. This will allow us to decrease community spread and move to an expanded reopening later this semester. This option will also maintain the "new academic normal" that students have been in since the beginning of the school year and prevent students and teachers from abruptly having to readjust. Thank you.
Ginny Merrifield	Being an elected official responsible for the education of 13,000 students requires courage. Thousands of families in SDUHSD were hopeful when a majority of you found the courage in November to pass a Resolution to reopen schools in January for those students who need to or want to go back to campus. Don't lose your courage in the face of a threat from SDFA and CTA. There are many teachers who've reached out to parents to say they want to go back to the classroom too, but are intimidated to say so. We can do this, other schools in our area are doing it, and if they can make it safe so can we. Please continue to press forward with reopening plans in January. Stay the course, do what is right and fair: Lead the district with courage and conviction that it is safe to offer a choice to go back to school and learn on campus.
Anonymous	The Settlement Agreement that the SDFA is asking you to ratify today is useless. It is giving a 3 week reprieve from legal action in exchange for agreeing to not implement expansion of the current on-campus presence of students. This is not in the best interest of your students and the education being provided them. Distance learning is not working for MANY MANY students. We need to get them back in the classroom with their teachers in a safe and productive manner. This needs to happen soon and the Union should not be attempting to delay timelines through threat of litigation.
Duncan Brown	<p>The proposed December 15 plan to reopen while the County is in the Purple Tier is unlawful under both state CDPH reopening rules and the December 10 San Diego County's Public Health Order.</p> <p>This move is particularly reckless and dangerous from a public health perspective with the record levels of community spread. High school districts throughout have postponed or canceled their reopening plans. We are asking for that same measure of prudence.</p> <p>This community has asked you to oversee their children and manage a well- respected and highly functional educational entity.</p> <p>In almost no time, you have alienated the children you were elected to serve, made proposals to recklessly jeopardize the safety of your workforce and our students, ignored the experts that you pay to guide your decisions, dangerously exposed the district's liability, and illegally attempted to open schools putting the entire community at a greater risk in the deadliest phase of the pandemic.</p> <p>With little or no educational experience, you have indicated that you know best. Clearly, this is not the case.</p> <p>Our community, our students, and our educators have entrusted you to serve all of us - not a portion of us. You were elected to serve not simply a minority who shares your beliefs, but all of us for the greater good.</p> <p>It has been truly disheartening that SDFA has had to take legal action to be heard by the district. Under the current local public health conditions, you left us with little choice.</p> <p>Vote to ratify the agreement between SDFA and SDUHSD, rescind the December 15 proclamation and allow us to continue to educate our students from a distance learning model while we remain in the Purple Tier.</p> <p>There are still many things that need to be resolved and worked out. Let's get the educators back at the table to move this forward, together.</p>
Anonymous	from a HS teacher: How did we get here? Last minute decisions based on personal opinions have put us here. We have allowed 5 board members to decide, derail, and destroy our reopening plans. I AM ASHAMED. There are plenty of intelligent leaders to advise us and there are numerous, easy-to-understand benchmarks and safety tiers provided by our state. This is not a political game for teachers and students. We are in DESPERATE need of leadership. Please educate yourselves on the issues and LISTEN TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE YOU REPRESENT. We need you.
Anonymous	<p>Thank you for stopping to listen more to teachers, students and parents. I know this is not an easy task. What I am asking is that you not rush into the reopening plan, ensure you follow all safety guidelines (vs some and reinterpreting others to fit one agenda), and PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do not spend our money (and your time) on legal battles. Come together. Collaborate. Use your time and all of our money productively on finding a safe reopening solution that meets the needs of students and teachers and safety guidelines. The plan I saw for January 4th didn't meet those nerds. It also seems like a massive academic disruption to try to implement this in the middle of a semester, particularly for the high school students.</p> <p>Thank you for working collaboratively and representing the needs of everyone.</p>
Anonymous	Please settle this suit. Please spend money do not spend resources (time, funds, focus) on litigation that are better spent on other needs such as creating a safe plan to reopen. It is time to place the health and well being of our our community and the excellence of our academic programs ahead the individual desires. Taking this reasonable action will allow teachers and principals to work together to maintain academic integrity in Q2

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Anonymous	Until teachers are vaccinated, schools should not open. Legally, ethically, and morally, it is the Districts responsibility to create a safe educational environment for our students and teachers. I have extreme concerns with the District reopening plan not being based on science. The idea of our children bring packed in a classroom a meter a part, with no more protection than a mask, is not ok. I want nothing more than to have my child back in school, but it is not safe for them or teachers with the spoke in cases, lack of hospital beds, and SD being in purple tier!
Kathy Stenger	Please approve the settlement agreement and continue negotiating a solution that all stake holders will approve. Thank you for your attention.
Item 5 - CONSIDERATION OF RESCISSION OF SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT RESOLUTION – EXPANDED SCHOOL REOPENING, DATED DECEMBER 15, 2020	
Diana Spragg	Please make the socially and fiscally responsible decision to delay an expanded opening of SDUHSD schools. This decision would send the message that both the perspectives and the health and safety of your staff, students, and community are of paramount importance. This would be the first step towards healing the rifts between SDUHSD and SDFA and between SDUHSD and its students, would avoid a staffing and health crisis, and would help to ensure that your high quality staff will continue teaching this year and in years to come.
Lori Larocque	I would respectfully request that SDUHSD fight for the students who wish to return to campus. Many are not thriving at home and when following the science and metrics of the SDUHSD community, we are well below the Purple tier in numbers. I would ask the SDUHSD Board to fight for what is right and take this to court. Distance Learning as a continued model of education is hampering students' ability to flourish academically, socially and emotionally. It is time to start learning to live with the virus and not hide from it. Somehow the elementary schools and local private high schools have been able to overcome this hurdle successfully. I would respectfully urge our district to follow suit.
Anonymous	<p>The SDUHSD board should not sign the agreement with the SDFA to withdraw their lawsuit in exchange for not re-opening our schools. Do not give into the bullying tactics of the SDFA and CTA because that is what they are, bullies. The vocal wishes of a minority of teachers, students and parents are over-riding the support of a majority of teachers, parents and students who want to get back on campus. Learning, arts, music and athletics are all best done in person, not over the a computer.</p> <p>The science is overwhelming that a return to campus can be done in a safe manner but the board is throwing out advice by actual medical doctors, including Dr. Fauci, who all agree that students need to be back on campus. They are doing this in favor of bowing to a lawsuit from a teacher-centric union who has never prioritized student learning or emotional development. Stick to your plan for getting the students back on campus, litigate the lawsuit and let the courts decide. The current environment in California courts has favored science over panic, the district has nothing to lose by going before a judge and jury who may well find in their favor.</p> <p>SDUHSD trustees - keep fighting for our students and a safe return to campus, they all deserve better than what they are currently getting.</p>
Anonymous	<p>In person education is essential to the social, emotional and academic success of children of all ages. While Covid presents risks to our community, I am confident that precautionary measures can be implemented, at reasonably low cost, to provide a reasonably safe learning environment.</p> <p>As a long-time, professional risk manager, managing down to ZERO risk is almost, always, never an attainable, preferable or practical and cost effective course to pursue. The cost of the current approach of total risk avoidance, is the multi-dimensional health and wellbeing of the children in our community. These children need strong leaders, who will model to them well-reasoned action that is based on critical thinking and risk based pragmatism.</p> <p>DMUSD has demonstrated that protective measures in school work to stop the spread in a school environment. Private schools serving the older students have also demonstrated this in the same age range. Masks, social distancing and scheduling work arounds are inconvenient, but are the necessary and reasonable pathway to better serving the San Dieguito students and community at large.</p>
Alyssa Sepinwall	Thank you for listening to students, parents, teachers and the public health experts in our community in rescinding the idea that we would open to the general student population while we are in Purple Tier, in contravention of the State's guidance. I urge you to ratify the rescission of the Dec. 15 resolution, and to work collaboratively with teachers, school principals and the community, to ensure that when we reopen beyond the current limited cohorted model, it is in a truly safe fashion. Thank you!
Anonymous	<p>I appreciate the Board and District hearing the many voices of our students, concerned parents and teachers in the past few days. Our students showed their leadership by contacting the news medium, speaking up and advocating for their education. Beyond that, we also witnessed public criticism, and statewide scrutiny of SDUHSD governance.</p> <p>As we approach a new year, I hope we can now work in a true collaborative fashion, promoting unity with all stakeholders: students, parents, teachers, principals, and the community, so we can come up with the best plan for reopening when it is deemed safe to do so.</p> <p>I am grateful to you for listening to the students, parents and teachers.</p>

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Ryan Pingree	<p>Dear SDUHSD Board Members and Dr. Haley,</p> <p>Our daughter is a freshman at SDA and is struggling terribly with the distance learning program. It is not working and it is not sustainable. She faces greater emotional and educational setbacks every week. Her friends and classmates are also experiencing similar issues. Our children require an at-school education immediately to avoid causing permanent impacts to their emotional well-being now, and potentially for the rest of their lives.</p> <p>Enough of the fear mongering from the Teachers Union! Bending to the Union sends an indirect message to our kids it's ok to back down from adversity and let fear-based irrational interests dictate their future. So much for the American ethos of not fearing fear and overcoming challenges.</p> <p>We elected you to make decisions in the best interests of the students, not the Union. Get the teachers what they need to feel safe so they don't have excuses to do the job they committed to do. You have the resources and authority you need to make it so. The education and mental health of our students must be foremost in all of your decisions.</p> <p>Please get the teachers and those students willing to go to school back at school immediately. Not everyone needs to go back to school but those who want to be there must have the option to do so.</p> <p>Other districts are making at-school happen. Studies and on-going successful student returns have shown us it can happen safely. SDUHSD must do so too.</p> <p>If you are truly "Committed to the Future" then you will immediately take the steps you need to take to get the future back at school where they can thrive and not waste away!</p> <p>We are Sincere, Frustrated, and Very Concerned Parents, Ryan and Jaime Pingree</p>
Anonymous	<p>You are kidding, right? Bullies win? What message are we sending our youth? You CANNOT ignore the TRUTH from the initial survey that SDUHSD first sent asking if we wanted our students back in school. Families said YES!! Then their desires were dishonored by creating convoluted plans to return. Many were disheartened and disgusted and chose not to return for onsite distance learning once a week. However, families like mine know how important even ONE day is for our children. Teens need to be AT school. Distance Learning is NOT the same quality of instruction as in-person, and our children deserve a QUALITY education. For goodness sake, states all over the country have been open for months, and everyone has stayed safe. No more cowering before fear mongers! You've made a plan to keep teachers and students safe, so there is NO REASON to rescind the plan! KEEP YOUR PROMISE. OPEN ON JANUARY 4, the schools and administrators are READY!</p>
Anonymous	<p>Please rescind the expanded school reopening from the 12/15 board meeting. It was rushed, and parents were not even surveyed at-large on whether we'd want our students in school 5 days a week. Please be guided by the current health conditions of our community, and the guidance from the medical community at large (not a select few, who seem to be cherry-picked outliers). We want our schools to open only when it is safe to do so. This would be a good time to step back and re-evaluate how to achieve safe re-opening. It should be a measured and thoughtful approach, guided by health officials, and in collaboration with the students, parents, teachers and staff, site administrators, and the community. Thank you for listening to students, families, teachers, staff, and public health officials. Rescind the expanded school reopening resolution from the 12/15 board meeting.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Why are we trying to 'recreate the wheel'? At this point, there is enough data and examples out there, to show that we can (and should) get these kids back to the classroom. Pick a plan and stick to it, for more than a week ... in an OPEN and TRANSPARENT manner. Everyone is really sick of the back and forth, the gamesmanship, and the repeated statements about "safety first". We all GET IT. Make a plan, any plan, and get the kids back to school.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I would like to ask the board to not rescind the re-opening resolution. As mentioned in my public comments for Agenda #4, there are a lot of families that truly believe the teacher's union do not want teachers to return at all even after everyone is vaccinated. We are not convinced the teacher's union is acting in good faith. It feels like there will always be some reason to not return to in-person teaching. The parents and students are losing hope. They are going to have to find other more viable solutions to help their students thrive and it won't be at SDUHSD. It is sad the teacher's union has put a stronghold on the board majority that voted to re-open. It is sad the teacher's union wants to spend taxpayer dollars to INITIATE a lawsuit. It is sad proponents for the teacher's union are blaming the board for wasting taxpayer dollars for a lawsuit that the TEACHER'S UNION INITIATED. That's gas lighting at its best.</p>

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Randy Gupta	It is sad that it has taken this much to get the board's attention. The association was correct in pushing this issue, it is not "moving the goal posts," it is prudent for student safety as well as for the community. Student and public scrutiny of the plan has demonstrated the need for revision and for moving into Q3 with more than the bare bones minimum levels of protection for students and staff. Covid has created 12 community outbreaks at campuses that are open across the county. There are no testing requirements for students and there are multiple mixed cohorts in the SDUHSD plan. The district needs to consider true input and honest attempts at collaboration to implement a safer plan for Q3. Continuing with this court fight will only take resources and time away from implementing a better plan. As responsible citizens of the community, we owe it to the community at large to limit the possibility of more outbreaks.
Anonymous	<p>I cannot believe that the re-opening on January 4th is no longer happening. Each classroom would have had no more than 10 students at the most. The largest number I've heard (based on what teachers said in class) was 6 students at any given time. How is that dangerous? I know teachers who have traveled to Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and Switzerland since March. Yet it is unsafe to teach a small group of students? Please stop looking for excuses as to why it isn't time to re-open yet.</p> <p>If the schools do not fully re-open by next school year, at the very least you need to let go some of your teachers. You don't need all of your PE teachers. We all know what kind of "PE" our children are getting - watching a video, do exercise and maybe write a report. You don't need 30 PE teachers for that. The least the district can do is to not waste our tax dollars any more on the education that is NOT happening.</p>
Nikki Estabrook	<p>Hi. My son, Bode, is a freshman at LCC. He was so happy to learn the board members finally voted to allow our kids to return to in person learning. I have recently learned that the board is now considering revoking that vote and prolonging DL. I have not told my son. He will be absolutely devastated. I cried when I read the news Christmas Eve.</p> <p>I can't seem to convey to you all how terrible this is for our children. Not all, I understand some kids are doing fine with DL, but mine and many more are not. These days and months they will never get back. My son is isolated and depressed. He has gone from having a happy and social life to one where he literally spends 8 to 10 hours a day in his room doing DL and homework. This is an unbearable experience.</p> <p>I don't understand why teachers get a free pass. Everyone else whose job requires them to be in person has gone back to work. I'm a nurse and I work with hundreds of other nurses, doctors, technicians and support staff that are by no means HEALTHY!! There are so many health care professionals who are overweight, diabetic, cancer survivors, asthmatics and they ALL SHOW UP EVERYDAY AND DO THEIR JOBS!!!</p> <p>And please don't forget the doctors who said SCHOOL IS THE SAFEST PLACE FOR TEACHERS.</p> <p>I beg you to let our kids have the choice to return to in person class.</p>
Kerily McEvoy	On December 15, our Trustees passed a very important and inspirational resolution to allow our students who have been suffering under the Distance Learning model a glimmer of hope that they could return to on-campus learning in Jan 2021. Please do not rescind this resolution under threat of legal action by the SDF. Our students and our district deserve better. Senate Bill 98 requires our district to "offer in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible". Our district has invested considerable time and effort in developing a plan to offer in-person instruction in a safe and reasonable manner. Please continue to move forward to bring our students back on campus. By working together, we can make it happen and provide better educational opportunities for all our students.
Anonymous	SDUHSD needs to fight the union and open the schools immediately. The continued school closure will have detrimental effects on our children's already fragile mental health. This should be paramount when weighing the risks to reopen. Is the union willing to take responsibility for loss of lives from teen suicide and long-term academic loss? Time is up. Essential workers have gone back to work or been working this entire time. Teachers are essential. Our kids academic careers and mental states are essential. Stop playing with our kids' futures.
Anonymous	I am so disappointed in our school district, who waited on releasing a plan and then finally made a plan and is now wanting to change it. Our children NEED school! All experts are saying that to be the case. With safety measures, they are stating that school is the best and safest place for our kids to be. Please offer this to those who want that option. There is always the option to continue distance learning if you want, but for those that need in person interaction, instruction and socialization, please offer them an opportunity. We love our school and are proud of our district, but feel no support for our students. Students need to be able to go to school. And it can be done safely. They do not deserve to continue to be neglected.
Brian Shay	Hello board, thank you for taking the time to listen and learn about what a safe reopening should be. I am an award winning and respected math teacher at CCA. I am a math guy, so I love data and logic. I also yearn to be back at CCA with all my students, yet I know that returning to school physically should happen when it is safe, and be gradually phased in. Within the past few days, our community has seen a significant rise in COVID19 infections and a big drop in ICU availability. The guidelines from CDPH are clear: SDUHSD is not considered open and therefore cannot open under your December 15 rushed resolution. Our region is deep in the Purple Tier and will not be out of it for at least a few more weeks. Against CDC recommendations, many families are still traveling during this vacation, and should then quarantine afterwards to make sure they are COVID free. Starting a one-day hybrid model immediately after this break seems unwise and reckless. Our neighbor districts (Poway, Carlsbad, etc) realize this folly and voted to stay virtual for the beginning weeks of January. The doctors who spoke at your meeting last week praised the 1 day/week learning, not the full return which you hastily adopted against the strong recommendations of staff and your colleagues on the board. UCSD and Dr. Prather did NOT review and praise your reopening plan, despite what district leadership state. They are very critical of your proposed safety measures for students and staff. Please allow school to remain virtual till the health experts deem it is safe to reopen. And then please have a gradual, phased in reopening plan. You have made it very clear that students and families who want to stay with virtual learning for the year are welcome to do that, so please extend that same courtesy to the staff that make this district the number one district in the region if not the state. The staffing issues all schools are experiencing can be alleviated if staff is given the option to telework. The only logical, safe, and fiscally prudent action is for you to vote to rescind. Thank you.

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michele macosky	<p>Rescinding the resolution shows that you are listening to all stakeholders, especially the students who have been outside the past two board meetings protesting for a different direction. Rescinding the motion means that the Board can now create a more realistic plan by working in partnership with principals and teachers who understand the unique situations on each campus regarding safety and academic equity and integrity. It shows respect for both the spirit and letter of the law. Rescinding the resolution eliminates confusion and stress around Q3 and allows for a more transparent, collaborative process. Thank you for listening to your community and voting to rescind the resolution.</p>
Robyne Ruterbusch	<p>I am writing to emphatically request that you rescind the Expanded School Reopening Resolution that was passed on December 15, 2020.</p> <p>We are a retired Navy family with two children in the SDUHSD district—a senior at CCA and a 7th grader at Earl Warren. We therefore have very high expectations of district leadership and ask that EVERY decision be: 1) based on facts, 2) negotiated in the spirit of collaboration, and 3) made with the long-term wellbeing of the students put first, always.</p> <p>The December 15 decision to rush school reopening in the height of this pandemic has brought an unprecedented level of student protests and activism, public criticism, media attention, and statewide scrutiny of SDUHSD governance. Certainly, it has awoken the rage of parents like me who have enjoyed six years of responsible leadership from past SDUHSD Boards. This should tell you that something has gone very wrong in district leadership, and the majority of constituents are now feeling unheard.</p> <p>It is imperative that the Board reject authoritarian tactics such as late-night, high-pressure votes. Instead, the Board must work in collaboration with epidemiology experts, teachers, principals, students, and parents to develop a reopening plan that is academically, emotionally, and physically healthy for our students, teachers and families. This includes following CA state health laws developed by medical experts—not sideline anti-union teams made up of unelected parents and political operatives. Transparency is not only expected of public servants; it is the law.</p> <p>I believe that SDUHSD Board should be proud that our incredibly bright students have learned how to listen to the science and are able to advocate for themselves, as well as their families, their teachers, and their community. Gaining agency for oneself is a critical life skill needed to ensure future success. Clearly, this district and our amazing teachers have nurtured such critical thinking and are doing something right. Let's show our kids that we can work together as a community to address this important challenge.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Please delay the reopening of SDUHSD schools. I urge the SDUHSD leadership to work WITH students, families, and teachers to come up with a plan to reopen, and NOT AGAINST them.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Thank you all for reconsidering plans to re-open our schools. It can be done. But as it stands, your plan won't protect your stakeholders. Despite what some of you think, students CAN get COVID, they can pass it to others, and they have every right to be afraid of the outcome. Your teachers have every right to be afraid of what you are subjecting them to – safety measures that don't meet basic standards. We can't be successful without being collaborative. Please listen to student and faculty fears, listen to the experts (COVID experts, perhaps?), work with your district team. Not everyone will be happy in the end, but at least working together, your stakeholders will see that you are keeping in mind what is best for the whole. That's not what we believe right now. Your teachers don't believe it, your students don't believe it. Students need their teachers. There is no school without them. While I'm grateful for their support, substitutes cannot take their place. Please ratify the settlement agreement and rethink your plan on how to safely open our schools.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I am hopeful that the board will agree not to physically reopen our schools on January 4th and open full-time on January 27th. I just spoke with my doctor, and he is hopeful that teachers can be vaccinated in February or March! I also hope that when we do return, we can develop a better plan than the model currently being presented. Having students sit in our classrooms while we teach a majority of students online, seems to shortchange both groups of students, especially since we will all be wearing masks. Why not place all students who choose to remain online together and allow them to be taught separately? This will allow us to give both groups of students the attention they deserve. We need to get creative! During this time, I've been so proud of my students and the amazing educators with whom I work. I teach middle school, and most of my students are thriving. Attendance is close to 100%, and students are participating and learning. They have read short stories, novels, and non-fiction. They have written narratives and analyzed literature. They have engaged in meaningful small group and class discussions. I had no Fs at the semester and just three Ds. That is no different than what I normally have. My colleagues and I have been working tirelessly to create engaging, rigorous curriculum for our students, as well as learning new ways to keep them engaged. Some of us worked all summer. Many of us are working 12+ hours a day and weekends. Some of us are even working during our vacation. I am not complaining; I love what I do. However, a few people seem to believe we have been on an extended vacation since March. Is online learning the ideal situation? No. Having to have a telephone appointment with my doctor is also not ideal. Having one son doing high school online and another doing college online is not ideal. Not spending Christmas with my family is not ideal. However, this is our current reality, and we need to make prudent decisions. Going forward, I hope our board will partner with teachers and listen to our voices. We need to work together.</p>

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Anonymous	<p>I truly appreciate you hearing the students' requests and resolving the issue quickly so as not to waste taxpayers' resources on legal battles.</p> <p>We still need to continue working on completing our safety reopening plans. I have reviewed all the medical personnel speakers at the December 15th meeting. Some clearly expressed their recommendation that the district needed to consult with epidemiologists and infectious disease specialists to review our current plan in order to secure our children and the school staff's safety. Needless to say that we are dealing with a pandemic caused by a novel deadly virus, indeed, we should be consulting with professionals who are specifically trained in the field. We need their expertise.</p> <p>Our neighboring districts have been consulting with UCSD Return to Learn specialists and have been developing their plan carefully. It should not be difficult for UCSD to develop ours since they have already worked for the other schools. I urge our district to do the same, especially the world-renowned doctor Kim Prather has expressed her concerns about our current plans and stated, "It is not good. It is so disappointing." Now is the time for us to develop a plan that is approved by the specialists in writing so that we are ready to have our children and school staff safely go back on campus when the time comes.</p>
Anonymous	<p>No more students or staff on campus until strong safety plans are achieved. Instead focus on our district plan to get vaccines for staff as soon as we can so we can return to our wonderful district that sends off amazing students to wonderful places. Keep us ALL safe for now so that we DO NOT disrupt the learning that is taking place. For students and staff that need extra support during this time focus and place energy on resources. Don't burn the candle at both ends. The light is at the end of the tunnel. Our community, students and staff have ingenuity and creativity to make this work until it is safe to do so. No more contentious board meetings with disarray and confusion. Instead let's be united and get back to the drawing board of efficiency to keep our district world renown.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Please, Mr. Allman, Mrs. Mossey, and Mrs. Muir, get off your secret facebook group and please start doing your job representing everyone. Shame on you for allowing the things said on your private group about our teachers. Please listen to your entire community. It is time to start working in a collaborative fashion, promoting unity with students, parents, teachers, principals, and the community. It has almost been a year since your many hasty decisions began to drive division and tear up this community. We all want what is best for our kids, and now is your chance to show them how true leadership works. Let the kids stay the course for quarter two.</p> <p>You have award winning schools, taught by award winning teachers, and attended by award winning students. It is far past time to start valuing their contributions, and stop minimizing teacher and students role in our schools. Collaboration moving forward is needed, and now is your chance to make that happen. Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. Divided we fall.</p>
Anonymous	<p>My family and I would like to express our deep gratitude to the board for rescinding the Expanded School Reopening Resolution. This resolution has caused our family and everyone we know in the community a tremendous amount of stress during the holiday season of an already stressful year. We have talked it over with so many other families with teens and none of us understood why the district would commit to a full reopening under the current circumstances. For the past several weeks, our trust in the beloved district that we all moved here for has been gravely shaken. We have been heartened, however, by the student activism and the valuable input of seasoned district staff. It is our sincere hope that by rescinding the reopening resolution, our district can begin a process of healing and find a path forward that can unite our community. Please continue to serve our school community by proceeding with a formal collaboration with UCSD, as San Diego Unified is doing. Trust can be restored in our district by working closely with UCSD on creating reopening criteria and safety protocols that are formally supported by UCSD experts. Thank you.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I am an SDUHSD parent and I'm eternally grateful that the board is reconsidering the speed with which you are expanding reopening. I desperately want my daughter to have a normal senior year. I ache for all of the students who are missing their friends, their teachers, and all the activities that come along with the high school experience. I hear other parents pleading for the opportunity to have a choice and to send their students to campus, even if other parents think it's safest to stay home for now. The fault with this reasoning is that the freedom to choose ends with the students. The teachers, counselors, administrators and support staff would have to be on campus full time and their exposure to hundreds of teenagers necessitates changes in instruction that affect ALL students...those on campus and those at home. So much is lost when a teacher instructs while wearing a mask. Additionally, the concurrent instructional model requires much more than just tweaking the distance learning model. To teach students in two locations (at home and at school) effectively requires training and practice. Let's give our teachers time to ramp up to this. Let's keep moving in the direction of reopening, but please do so with intention and care. Let's keep expanding the Learning Hub support to more at-risk students and keep expanding the extracurricular opportunities to break the isolation of distance learning. Let's support teachers as they pilot concurrent teaching endeavors. Slow and steady will benefit all students.</p>

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Tracy McCabe	<p>I have taught in this district for 20 years, at three different campuses, from the north end to the south, and have marveled at how we have grown over the years yet maintained the warmth I felt when I joined EWMS in 1999. Having transferred from a larger district south in San Diego, I remember being shocked the first time a Board Member or our Superintendent came into my room to visit, let alone knew my name, and have never taken for granted that teachers in SDUHSD are seen as partners in our district's educational endeavors. To be treated not only as a member of the communities where I teach and welcomed into families, and then also treated as a professional by District Leadership, has always caused me to count my blessings.</p> <p>COVID has affected so many things, but watching it chip away at the collaborative relationship our Union and Board have had for so long has been especially upsetting. Every teacher I know is working harder than we ever have and wants life and teaching back to normal. I am hopeful that with the Board rescinding the 12.15 Expanded School Reopening Resolution today, we can nurture back our shared vision and restore the once extraordinary collaborative spirit that has long been a hallmark of our district.</p> <p>None of us like where COVID-19 has put us nor how our lives have been affected, but we must be diligent in slowing the virus' spread. The news of today's Board Meeting Agenda on Christmas Eve was the best present I could have ever asked for; I am, along with many of my colleagues, at high risk for COVID, and did want to have to take leave. Now perhaps the disruption of teachers taking leave and/or having to quarantine can be avoided</p> <p>The arrival of a vaccine, the New Year, and the Board's agreement to wait to open schools all give me hope that the darkest days are behind us. Thank you for listening to the students', parents', and teachers' concerns and for rescinding the 12.15 Expanded School Reopening Resolution.</p>
Anonymous	<p>It is of utmost importance that our children be in school five days a week with no restrictions. No masks, no social distancing, no plexiglass, and no liberal indoctrination. Those families who wish to ensure the entire wellbeing of their kids should be afforded the opportunity to do so. Those families who wish to continue to isolate their kids can continue with distance learning. The long term impacts of isolation, masking, distancing, and raising our kids to believe they, their friends and peers, and instructors are diseased will have have ever lasting mental and emotional impacts that in many cases may require long term psychological treatment. There are a multitude of studies which state that the spread of covid in schools is minimal to nonexistent. The rate of false positives has been documented as being as high as 97% due to over amplified PCR tests. The unions are using the virus to promote their own agenda rather than truly caring about quality education.</p> <p>I implore you to stand against the tyranny and the bullying. Kids have a right to an education in person. Give parents the choice in how their kids are educated.</p>
Laurel Schechter	<p>The CTA and the SDFa should be ashamed of themselves. The risk of kids being out of school is a national emergency, and rather than wielding their clout like a loaded weapon, the CTA and SDFa should be collaborating with the district to implement solutions that have already been identified to open schools safely. It's becoming increasingly clear that school closings are not protecting us from coronavirus spread. They are instead a particularly awful form of coronavirus safety theater. In-person classrooms pose some risk, and these risks can be managed. But the consequences of not re-opening schools are devastating. Community transmission rates within our district are very low, and should be looked at separately from the entire San Diego County. While there are individual teachers who have put great effort into distance learning, the fact is that for every one of those teachers, there is another one who hasn't. And for every student who is doing "fine" with distance learning, there is at least one other who is falling behind, suffering mental health consequences and/or losing out on key social-emotional development opportunities. My daughter desperately wants to return to in-person school, and should be afforded that opportunity, along with the thousands of others who also want this option. Having a learning disability puts her at an even further disadvantage, despite the limited time on campus more recently, for which we are incredibly grateful. Nothing about distance learning can replace the in-person experience for a child who learns differently, needs kinesthetic opportunities, and active engagement with others. She cannot adequately access the curriculum in the current model. This doesn't need to be done at the expense of those who prefer to remain in the distance learning model. Both can be accommodated, as is being demonstrated on a daily basis by many other districts in our state and around the country. Please stop destroying our children's lives! Please start acting responsibly. Not prioritizing our children ultimately hurts all of us.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I am a parent at CVMS. Thank you for making a great choice to consider rescinding the expanded school reopening resolution! This is absolutely a correct choice at this time that many parents, students, teachers, and the community at large would appreciate. Your decision will contribute to refrain the spread of virus and make important good impact on the community in the midst of surging pandemic.</p> <p>We all earnestly want our kids to go back to school as soon as possible. We are new to this area and the district. My kid has not been able to meet any of her teachers and classmates. I know learning on campus will be so much better. However, this is NOT the time to go back to school. I want to thank you for considering rescinding the resolution so that my kid can focus on her study instead of worrying about keeping distance from others or sanitizing her personal items at school.</p> <p>Please approve this item! Your decision will promote consistence and efficiency in learning and potentially save lives.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
Anonymous	Please reopen the schools for kids that want to go back. The ones that don't don't have ton

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Gwenna Snider	<p>We have one child in SDUHSD and one in VUSD, (RBV, 2,100 students) which successfully reopened, full time, 5 days/wk, with flexibility for the students (80% "in person; 20% virtual)AND accommodations for certain teachers choosing virtual. It has worked very, very well. ZERO instances of covid transmission on campus. Students socially distanced (except in class, where all wear masks). In-Person students were permitted to leave campus for virtually-taught classes. It really is the best of both worlds.</p> <p>I believe that you all should contact Principal Joseph Clevenger at RBV (760-727-7284), who led the VUSD committee to reopen the whole district. He has the respect of the teachers, students, staff, and parents. It went very smoothly!! The kids complied with the mask mandate! This SDUHSD board cannot seem to effectively strike the balance between addressing CERTAIN teachers/parents fears, and find the FLEXIBLE accommodations needed to make EVERYONE satisfied. The superintendent (and the board as well) needs to *lead* by confidently planning, and then executing by solving problems and addressing fears. If this was done from the beginning, then the leaders wouldn't be facing the backlash from both sides at this point!!</p> <p>Those who have fears, should stay home. Those who are confident in attending, should be permitted to attend. People should decide for THEMSELVES, but also MUST be permitted to decide for themselves. SDUHSD stands alone in its freakish bowing to the winds of the politics.</p> <p>Finally, if it is true that our current superintendent doesn't live within easy commuting distance of district headquarters, then that problem needs to be addressed. It is inexcusable, during a national, statewide, and local crisis such as this for a superintendent to be (a) living so far away from the people/students suffering in the crisis, and (b) travelling back and forth from NorCal to SoCal when the state has shut down/discouraged non-essential travel. It is actually despicable and that behavior puts others at risk. Let's not deny that!</p>
Dipul Kansagara	<p>I, Dipul Kansagara, a parent of two students in the SDUHSD, support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I appreciate that you are listening to the many voices of our students, community, and staff members who have so many valid reasons for not re-opening our schools on January 4th. San Diego will be near the height of the pandemic following winter break. Waiting until our county's daily COVID positivity rates are much lower and our ICUs are not at capacity is the smart choice to make. I hope that our school board will unanimously approve the rescission of the expanded re-opening plan from the Dec. 15th school board meeting.</p>
Tanvi Shah	<p>Hi, My name is Tanvi Shah I am an alumni in the District.</p> <p>For item #5: I support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Tanvi Shah</p>
Eshaan Kansagara	<p>I, Eshaan Kansagara, a student in SDUHSD, support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Shiva Kansagara	<p>I, Shiva Kansagara, a student at Canyon Crest Academy, support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Studies have shown that kids are less at risk at school for COVID-19 and that we should not be in distance learning. It should override by politics instead medical professionals declare if it is safe. There is another pandemic, mental health. Kids are going suicidal and becoming depressed because of not seeing peers in person.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I am student at CCA. I support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020. Thank you for your service to our community</p>
Anonymous	<p>Inspired - engaged - prepared? I don't see it. This school district did not take the responsibility for its students seriously enough. Together with the teachers' union they did not live up to the challenge of providing meaningful academics for our students in the middle of a pandemic. Other school districts found creative solutions to bring students back on campus and at the same time keep the whole school community - teachers and students alike - safe. After the emotional rollercoaster of the past days we know now that the majority of the trustees and the teachers' union don't care about students' mental health or their academic success. We hear them preaching about building resilience. How can our students learn to be resilient if they see their school district giving up on them - over and over again?</p>

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Lisa Fitzpatrick	<p>Before everyone blames the employees, let's recap. It's taken the district nearly to go court to listen to their own public, students, staff, and employees. SDUHSD spent the summer planning with staff members, while other districts were able to complete entire and more comprehensive K-12 plans, only to shelve the plans. (That wasn't the employees fault)</p> <p>The same district that has started committees only to disband them, without ever considering their input. (That wasn't the employees fault)</p> <p>Here's what we've only recently found out: If your student in class has another student test positive you will not be notified as long as your student is 2 meters away (sorry, 6 feet)? How does that work with lunch and passing periods, no one has been able to answer this question. Who will investigate social distancing of students in the district? There are no testing requirements of students. By the district's own admission, there are no ways of having substitutes fill in for teachers taking unpaid leaves due to medical conditions. A leading national infectious disease expert, Dr. Kim Prather of UCSD who consults with Dr. Fauci etc. on school openings has called our plan "crazy," and "so far behind the state of science?" (None of this was the employees fault)</p> <p>There have been 12 community outbreaks among the limited quantity of students at county schools so far. Is it wrong that district employees seem to have more interest in the safety of our students than the district? It's time to stop the politics, roll up the sleeves, work together and figure out how other districts are able to provide safe plans more than just barely the minimum.</p>
Matthew DAVIS	<p>I strongly support rescinding the 15-Dec resolution for expanded school re-opening. I am optimistic the Board recognizes it's been given a gift of time to start transparently preparing and building consensus for a safe, legal, data-driven re-opening plan that is eyes-wide-open to the likely that Q3 COVID reality is shaping up to be even worse than Q2. I appreciate the Board recognizing that such a plan distances it and the District from a resolution that was most notable for launching public criticism, media attention, and State-level scrutiny that all reflected poorly on a District that had been better known for being the State-wide standard bearer of excellence.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I am grateful that the board has put on the table a rescission of this resolution -- a resolution that had put our district in a most unfavorable public light. The rescission of this resolution would give me hope that our community can begin the process of healing, and that the board can work collaboratively with teachers and principals to come up with a safe, sustainable reopening plan. Thank you for listening to the voices of our eloquent students and our concerned parents.</p>
Lawrence Lee	<p>One particularly disturbing aspect of the State of California's response to COVID-19 has been the politicization of the pandemic by taking an approach of pitting various groups against one another and choosing winners and losers. The approach should instead be balanced to keep everyone as safe as possible while placing no one's future at risk. The reopening plan for SDUHSD is measured and takes the necessary precautions of screening, distancing, wearing of masks, etc. Yet, we are now receiving news that SDUHSD administrators are contemplating a rescinding of its reopening plan. The students in the district have already been deprived of six-plus aggregate months of in-classroom instruction—with potentially devastating and irreversible consequences in many cases. This includes mental anguish atop academic disadvantage. To further delay what is by any reasonable standard a responsible, measured plan to return to in-classroom instruction would serve only to exacerbate the damage which has already been inflicted. Please stand firm against the special interests and work instead for the best interests of the students. Reopen the schools on January 4, 2021 as originally planned.</p> <p>Very truly yours,</p> <p>Lawrence Lee Torrey Pines High School Class of 1985 Parent of three SDUHSD students</p>
May Tsai	<p>The decision to open the school on 4. Jan was a bad one. The fact that you rushed this decision without even listening to your public made it worse. There are many intelligent people in this community. Why do you insult us with such bad behavior? Calling student input "less than zero." Mocking a doctor's son who doesn't like the plan, "kids don't get sick." Yelling at a woman representative to vote. What shame on our community. You are supposed to provide examples of leadership. Our students are very smart and even they can see this opening is a bad idea. Why do other school districts have better opening plans? Include the intelligent people in this community, not the loudest with false information. This is our chance to get it right, while there is still time for new semester. Changing schedules again is also bad idea. Do you not see from kids point of view? Please fix these mistakes.</p>

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Anonymous	<p>Hi, My name is XXX. I am a parent of prior CCA student, community member of district and practicing physician. I support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, XXX</p>
Donald Collins	<p>I want to thank the Board for voting to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, families and recognizing the greater impact on our wider SDUHSD community.</p> <p>This resolution brought student activism, extensive media attention, public criticism, and statewide scrutiny of SDUHSD governance.</p> <p>This is a good time to work in a truly collaborative fashion, promoting unity with students, parents, teachers, principals, and the community, to have the best plan for reopening when it is deemed safe to do so by the medical experts like Dr. Prather who is a member of our community and an aerosol expert advising other school districts in San Diego county.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to students, families, staff and teachers to create a safe and sustainable reopening that enables us to continue the high-quality learning happening in classrooms across the district.</p> <p>We appreciate how your vote protects our community from the very real pain and suffering hundreds of thousands of families are experiencing with loved ones sick, hospitalized or lost because of COVID19.</p> <p>Earlier this week Kaiser Permanente released a short, powerful video called "Don't Share Your Air" that really highlights how our behavior impacts other people. I hope you are able to watch the like below. Thank you. https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR1t0FITn8B9NmcFsYsV0Ka16S2wSkG0PLru_s9F39LT3MCKn0_34_Z-Vcc&v=XbJmhXFoVhM&feature=youtu.be</p>
Kylie Hayase	<p>Hi, my name is Kylie Hayase. I am a CCA senior in the District. I support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020. Thank you for your service to our community.</p>
Allison Stratton	<p>Thousands of SDUHSD families were stunned and saddened on Christmas Eve with the news of more reversals, more delays, and more harmful tactics. I implore the staff and the board to be poised with a resolution to return to in-person learning with a safe, measured approach on Jan. 27th. I, along with a group of dedicated parents, will do our part to help by creating and promoting a tutorial and a website that will help people get their 30-day substitute permit. We applaud the effort to give students and teachers the choice to return to the classroom and for those teachers who wish to teach from home, we will do everything we can to help to create a pool of substitutes/proctors. We will also do our best to raise awareness that tying tier status to school reopening does not take into account the very low incidence of school transmission especially in an area like ours where the case numbers are already relatively low. The population of Encinitas, Del Mar, Solana Beach, Rancho Santa Fe, South Carlsbad, and Carmel Valley is just over 250,000. Last week there were 509 new cases in this area, which is 58 fewer cases than the previous week. Please don't forget the students who are suffering. Please, Trustees and Staff, work your hardest to find a way to put forward a plan that the entire community can support.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p>
Victoria A. Ahumada	<p>We all absolutely want a safe opening of SDUHSD school, once the county is out of the Purple Tier. We're asking that you Ratify the resolution that rescinds the Dec. 15 Resolution that called for the 1/4/21 (1 Day) and 1/27/21 (5 Day) reopening. Let's not damage our national reputation by this rash and reckless action.</p>
Anonymous	<p>It's simply unbelievable that our school district and our schools are still telling us they are working hard to bring students back on campus. At least be honest with your school community. You have not been working hard enough, you did not prepare anything over the summer and since then you gave your students one date after the other for a return for in person learning just to crush all their hopes again and again. This school district is not a role model for innovation, for finding solutions or for living up to the challenges of this situation. It is now know for empty promises and for being held hostage by politics and the teachers' union. It is simply disappointing.</p>
Erika Daniels	<p>The fact that this meeting is occurring at all is horrifying. The Governing Board of SDUHSD has proven that--just like SDFa and Robert Haley--it has no backbone and no interest in the well-being of the 13,000 students that it purportedly serves. The resolution that passed on December 14 to return to in-person schooling was the right thing to do for the mental and emotional health of our students, and it is grounded in what the science says about the virus. CTA and SDFa have not once mentioned students in their arguments, and it is abundantly clear that they are not at all interested in what students need. I am horrified and disgusted that the Governing Board has allowed itself to be bullied by the union. What kind of union sues because its members are expected to actually do their jobs? Teaching is not a "work from home" profession. With this resolution, the Board has shown that it is no better than the union. Kids don't matter at all. Board, Robert Haley, Bryan Marcus, SDFa--you should all be ashamed of yourselves. The community will not forget the choice you have made here, and we will not quietly sit by and watch you continue to do genuine damage to our children.</p>
Delaney Daniels	<p>I am a 7th grader at OakCrest and really, really want to go back to school. I was so happy when my mom told me that the Board had voted that we could go back to school. Why did you change your mind? It doesn't seem like you care about what the kids think. Please let us go back to school.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I am a sophomore at TPHS. I missed my fall sport season and I am not in school since March. My friends who are in other school districts or in private school are back in school and I think they are so lucky. I think you should offer those teachers who would be at risk in school a safe way to teach from home. Thank you.</p>

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Kathleen Seemann	I am a grandmother who has watched my five grandchildren struggle, suffer, and cry since March. The teachers' union never mentions the well-being of students in its arguments, and it is evident that Duncan Brown disrespects and dislikes young people. It is time to do what is right for students and expect educators to actually provide in-person instruction. Do not give into a union that has no interest in what students need. Please, please do not rescind the resolution from December 14.
Anonymous	I am a junior at TPHS and I just wanted to let you know that those students who are against in person learning are NOT representing me. I don't like to be home all the time. I miss my friends, I miss my fall season, I would like to get to know my teachers and I can not wait to be back on campus. I think the students who want to be back should get an option too. Thank you.
Brinda Shah	<p>Hi, My name is Brinda Shah I am a parent in the District.</p> <p>For item #5: I support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Brinda Shah</p>
Crystal Thakkar	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing in regards to the recent decision to not open onsite attendance of school. I have a middle school daughter who has been a high performing student. She has always been the model student and given all the challenges in our current situation, is doing fine. But the problem is she is doing fine. School is not interesting, she has lost her passion and engagement. She spends most days listening to zoom calls in her pjs and just getting by. My daughter is fine if that is the case for her, I am so fearful of what others are experiencing. We need to try, we can do better for our kids. I understand it will not be normal and I'm not asking for them to go back 5 days a week. But I am asking for us to think of our kids and try to make something work. Teachers are professionals who teach because they love it. Grocery stores are making it work, restaurants are outside. There has to be a middle ground. This is not going away tomorrow, give them a chance - or give those that want a chance.</p> <p>Sincerely, Crystal Thakkar</p>
Matt Seemann	I am disgusted that the Board has proven itself to be no more interested in the well-being of children than the union is. You are clearly focused on helping teachers enjoy a year-long vacation. This is ridiculous. Open the schools. The fact that teachers would sue the district where they work is horrifying. The fact that the Board would support and reward the union by giving it everything it wants is disgusting. Teaching requires in-person interactions. People who want to go skiing on a Wednesday, or to the beach on a Tuesday, or to exercise at 1:00 on a Thursday, or not hire childcare should not be teachers. This district, the Board, and the teachers union should be ashamed of themselves.
Robert Seemann	CTA and SDFAs have not once mentioned students in their arguments, and it is clear they do not care about students at all. People who go into the teaching profession do so with the understanding that it requires in-person work. It is not acceptable that the union is lobbying, intimidating, and suing to try and keep schools closed. Someone needs to stand up to these strong-arm tactics and put students first. Please abide by the December 14 resolution to re-open schools.
Anonymous	Our kids deserve to be in school. We need to offer our kids a choice: they return to school or remain in distance learning. Same for teachers. It is being done everywhere else. Time to do what is right for these kids.
Anonymous	<p>This resolution brought extensive scrutiny of SDUHSD governance.</p> <p>This is a good time to work in a true collaborative fashion, promoting unity with students, parents, teachers, principals, and the community to have the best plan for reopening when it is deemed safe to do so.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to students, families and teachers.</p>
Gabe Daniels	Please stick with your resolution to reopen schools in January. The ASB reps have never asked me for my opinion, nor have they asked any of my friends. We want to go back to school and not be stuck on computers for the rest of the school year. In December you told us that we could go back to school. Now it seems like you are going back on that promise. Why aren't you listening to what students want?
Anonymous	Thank you for listening to the Teachers, Parents, Students and the Community. Please continue to allow stakeholders to invest in the success of our District as you move forward with a Safe Reopening Plan that includes qualities the entire community can endorse.
Austin Dilley	Hi, my name is Austin Dilley and I am a 2017 graduate of San Dieguito Highschool Academy. I support the recession of the SDUHSD resolution dated December 15, 2020.

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Anonymous	Please STOP... Why would you create a resolution of an Expanded School Reopening? This is not the time. Please read or watch the news. Maybe you should visit a local hospital. The medical doctors you listened to at the last meeting were not the experts on infectious disease transmission. PLEASE listen to the real UCSD experts Kimberly Prather Ph.D in Atmospheric Chemistry and Robert T. Schooley MD infectious disease specialist. They have written papers and are doing extensive research on transmission. This district is made up of amazing students, teachers and staff. This is the time to work in a true collaborative fashion. Listen to the people impacted - the teachers and students! If there are students in need of socialization due to depression or having a hard time academically, then please work to help those students. This is not the time to reopen further. The Pandemic has gotten worse, please let the vaccines arrive and be distributed. Things will get better, but reopening to soon will be a disaster for our district.
Cristinag	Please enough is enough, stop this non sense....the only ones losing are the kids..the time won't come back...make and reach an agreement that is favorable for everyone..think "win win"
Cindy Burns	As a parent that grew up in the Solana Beach School District and SDUHSD I have advocated for years at how our public schools are outstanding and there is absolutely no reason to send your kids to private school. My mom taught for 20 years in the public Encinitas school district and felt the same. I couldn't wait to have a child and have her go through the same districts I had. I've never spoken anything but positive about these districts until today. To watch and witness the absolute downward spiral of the academic, mental and social lives of all of our kids is devastating. I thought finally there was positive movement towards a gradual (1/4) and then full scale (1/27) back to school for our children. To have "that rug pulled out" yet again and to stay in the distance learning only mode any longer is ridiculous. I am for the first time ever, regretting the choice we made to put our daughter in a public highschool and as a proud TP alumni that is very sad to say. Please do not change course from the only path that makes sense and that is one of choice for all. The choice to return and the choice not too if that's what you prefer. All done in moderation and with all the safe aspects that have been and are in place. Please don't let down our students and the future of America by changing course from the plan approved 3/2 just a few weeks ago.
Dawniel Stewart	<p>Our failure to protect ourselves has caught up to us.</p> <p>Bottom line: The community caseload level determines across the board the safety of kids in schools and ultimately the community at large.</p> <p>We would be in a very different place if this were handled differently from the start. If schools were prioritized. We are now in such mess with this virus that any discussion of opening schools is nonsensical and utterly ridiculous.</p> <p>San Diegans have not been sufficiently using recommended mitigation measures such as socially distancing and masking; therefore, our numbers continue to hit record levels of cases with only increasing #s in upcoming weeks to come due to holiday gatherings and travel.</p> <p>It is simply not safe to consider reopening schools right now.</p> <p>Thank you for considering the safety and overall health of our students, teachers, staff and families when making decisions regarding the safety of all involved during this global pandemic that has taken the lives of over 331,000 Americans—nearly 24,000 of which are our fellow Californians—and more than 1.76 million worldwide.</p>
Anonymous	Protect your staff, students, and the families of both. Do not reopen in January when COVID-19 is surging and ICU beds are dwindling. This is not a safe time for in-person instruction to restart.
Michelle Horsley	I am thankful to the board for choosing to slow down, reset, and move forward on a safe and workable path to reopening. I support rescinding the December 15 resolution. We are stronger together and our community will benefit from this decision.
Anonymous	<p>I am writing to try and better understand why this board is yet again changing their mind after making a commitment to re-open campus to all students one day a week. Why didn't the district administration try and negotiate with the teacher's union back in August, and any time since then, so that you could meet the demands the teacher's have for returning to school and avoid this catastrophic situation.</p> <p>I find it incomprehensible that you have notified parents and students not once, but now twice, that they will be returning to campus only to change your minds a few weeks later. It shouldn't come down to guesswork on how many teachers will return and whether you can staff your schools. There should not be moving targets on what criteria needs to be met for schools to reopen safely. Get the necessary parties on the same page for the sake of the 13,000 students that attend your schools, make a decision and do the right thing. At this point, you have all the data, and public comments you possibly need. The decision was made 3-2 to open schools just last week. If you are not opening because of a lawsuit, you should notify the parents what the unlawful act was and there should be transparency as to why you've caved to this situation. So many other districts have been able to find middle ground, you have not.</p>
Anonymous	Let's be reasonable and follow state law. We are in the purple tier and hospitals are at capacity. Schools need to be out of the purple tier for 14 days before reopening. A surge is predicted with the holiday travel; we will not be out of the purple tier and 14 days beyond until at least March. Vaccinate teachers first and focus on students with the most need. Improve online engagement for the rest.

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Julie Bronstein	I am a taxpaying parent with two kids attending schools in the district and one who graduated from the district last year. As the board is aware, the December 15th resolution inspired student activism, extensive media attention, public criticism, and statewide scrutiny of SDUHSD governance. Now is a good time to work in a collaborative fashion, promoting unity with students, parents, teachers, principals, and the community, in order to develop the best plan for reopening when it is deemed safe to do so. Thank you for listening to students, families and teachers in order to make sure that our district remains #1 in San Diego.
Brian Lawhead	Our daughter in law works for Scripps Hospital system, there are teens being treated there as well as young adults just a bit older than our granddaughter who attends your schools. This is a bigger matter than you think. Listen to the hospitals, listen to the community. Do NOT open schools within the purple tier. To even consider this is insane.
Kimberly McSherry	<p>I'm incredibly grateful that the board will be rescinding the Expanded School Opening Resolution. This ill-conceived resolution was unrealistic and polarizing, and district staff bluntly warned it couldn't be implemented. It was such an overreach that it brought major news coverage (and not positive coverage either), community fear and outrage, and spurred extensive student activism towards the board. And of course, this resolution brought the scrutiny of county and state officials on our district leadership. I am very relieved and grateful the board is listening now.</p> <p>With this divisive resolution rescinded, the board can move forward with a focus on healing the rifts in our district, and getting our kids back in school with the best plan possible, as soon as is safe and legal to do so. It is stressful for everyone to be in such a state of conflict, and I'm sure that is doubly true for our board members. By moving forward and out of legal conflicts, the board and district can direct resources towards outreach to students in need, enhancing distance learning to be equitable for all students, and developing a thorough and safe plan to return to in-person learning by working together with principals, teachers, parents, and professionals ready to advise the district.</p> <p>This is our way forward to a more hopeful and collaborative district in the future, and key to ensuring success for our students.</p>
Shane Baum	<p>Hello. My name is Shane and I am a sophomore at La Costa Canyon High School. I urge the board to sternly acknowledge the voices of students, parents, staff members, and the constituents that you serve.</p> <p>The California Department of Public Health mandates that a school may reopen if it was previously opened before being classified as a "Purple Tier," instilled by Governor Gavin Newsom.</p> <p>I ask the board to conserve district resources and taxpayer dollars, instead of funding litigation that could have been prevented. Tax capital should be directed to the improvement district COVID-19 safety measures (ex. screening and ventilation). Why spend thousands of dollars on attorney fees, while those funds could be used on future safety measures?</p> <p>The coronavirus pandemic is only worsening and it would be irresponsible to open at the U.S.'s peak of cases and deaths. On December 22nd, the last special board meeting, there were 3,239+ reported deaths from COVID-19. Conserve taxpayer money for improving reopening plans and safety, instead of wasteful legal battles.</p> <p>I ask you to consider the contributions made by teachers, medical experts, and student voices. Our voices have tremendous value.</p>
Anjali Gupta	<p>Hi, My name is Anjali I am a parent of two students in the District.</p> <p>For item #5: I support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Anjali Gupta</p>

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Anonymous	<p>I am a member if the SDUHSD community. I support the Rescission of the Resolution dated December 15, 2020. This resolution brought student activism, extensive media attention, public criticism, and statewide scrutiny of SDUHSD governance. This is a good time to work in a true collaborative fashion, promoting unity with students, parents, teachers, principals, and the community, to have the best plan for reopening when it is deemed safe to do so. Thank you for listening to students, families and teachers. I appreciate your service to our community, particularly at this important time.</p> <p>Sincerely, XXXX</p>
Anonymous	<p>My son is a freshman at SDA and is one of the many who have been and continue to suffer from the at home learning. A bit of background, thanks to his caring and experienced second grade teacher, his learning disability was identified and caught early. Working in conjunction with the help of the principal, teachers and professionals, my son's learning disability was diagnosed and an appropriate IEP was put into place.</p> <p>My son was able to thrive with this IEP plan, along with the additional education focus, included extra help and front row seating. My son learns by being able to ask questions immediately and staying after class or going in during lunch and working with the teachers to receive one on one clarification and learning.</p> <p>In the current learning environment, many of my son's teachers utilize videos, rather than teaching subjects in person. The videos hinder my son's learning because there is no opportunity for him to ask clarifying questions or receive the help he requires to succeed. Additionally, when he does message the teachers, their responses are not timely and the entire lesson is lost on him. My son's grades, attitude towards learning, and overall well being is at an all time low.</p> <p>Your vote to have the students return to in person learning five days a week will have an immediate positive effect for my son in so many ways. The simple process of having the structure of waking up, showering, eating and going to in person class will provide the learning structure he is missing in the current learning environment.</p> <p>Please continue to focus on our children and the positive impact it will have by allowing them to learn with in person learning five days a week. Please stand strong and maintain your position of in person learning five days a week. So many children and families are counting on you.</p>
Cynthia Edgerly	<p>Thank you for your willingness to consider rescission of the expanded reopening resolution. The fact that you are listening to teachers, students, and parents as they implore you to make prudent decisions that prioritize safety and community responsibility, as well as a consistent educational model, is very encouraging. It bodes well for all involved parties to work collaboratively and rebuild a sense of unity, which our district so desperately needs right now. Thank you.</p>
Heidi Maretz	<p>This resolution brought student activism, extensive media attention, public criticism, and statewide scrutiny of SDUHSD governance. This is a good time to work in a true collaborative fashion, promoting unity with students, parents, teachers, principals, and the community, to have the best plan for reopening when it is deemed safe to do so. Thank you for listening to students, families and teachers.</p>
A Khazemi	<p>Please do not open the schools at this time. Suggesting this now is ridiculous. There's a reason why every other district in the county is being pragmatic. The same trustee who in one evening called student representative voice's value "very near zero," has forgotten his own words in his recent failed congressional bid. "Representatives have forgotten what the word "representative" means. It means to lead the people by listening to the people." (La Jolla Light) So Mr. Allman, why are you not listening to your entire community? That you said "kids don't get sick," underscores your misunderstanding of the nature of this disease. That you ridicule, mock and expect people to have private communications with you off the public record, shows who you really are: a thinned skin man who only wants praise and no real feedback. In a recent online post by your own admission, 2/3 of your emails describe you as an "idiot for opening schools now." As a former CEO, you must know that 2/3 is 25% greater than the percentage of which you "won" your seat. Board, please use common sense and take back this measure. Let's get the schools open when it is more safe to do so and please stop listening to pseudoscience, and conspiracy theorists.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Distance learning is really hard on my mental health, and it's difficult to learn.</p>
John Darlington	<p>The district needs to prioritize opening the school. Medical experts support opening the schools and you are instead listening to the school union. Find a way to get this done, as the mental health of our children should not be politicized. Our children cannot go another indefinite amount of time without hope of some normalcy. Stop reacting to every threat given and lead the school, as you are hired to do.</p>

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Anonymous	<p>As a tax paying member of the community I hope this school district doesn't waste my money on lawsuits they're sure to lose in order to throw super-spreading events each day at the height of a pandemic when hospitals are already full.</p> <p>I'm also sort of astonished at how fragile these teens are. Unless we risk the lives of our community so they can sit in a classroom each day they will fall apart? They're teenagers. Colleges and workplaces are online. What will happen when they try to go to college? Get an internship? A job? Will they fall apart then? What if anything actually difficult happens & their parents aren't there to shield them from it? How are they ever supposed to become capable adults this way?</p> <p>Why is no one teaching them to be resilient? To be adaptable?</p> <p>The entire community has to risk our lives by loading up our hospitals so they can be coddled to believe that life isn't hard? To live in a fantasy world where the virus doesn't exist? Really? Who thinks this is a good idea?</p> <p>Life is brutal. Why are some people so desperate to lie to these teenagers (many almost adults)? Why not ask them to step up & do their part for the community? Why train them to be victims? Why not train them to be tough & to think about others?</p> <p>Guess it's too late to stop the community from making them into fragile snowflakes, but hopefully the board will stop the district from using my tax paying dollars to pay out a fortune to build said snowflakes.</p>
Stacey	<p>As a parent and as a conscientious human, I understand and respect the concern during this time about the virus but as a working parent who is not able to stay home with my child, and watching him struggle on a daily basis to cope with this distance learning model that is not suited for a child and puts him in front of a computer screen to do all the work of academics but to get none of the benefits of regular school attendance, I implore the school district and the teachers to deeply consider the children of working parents, the children who struggle even in normal school or even those that just do not thrive while sitting in front of a computer screen for hours on end and please allow the children to come back to school, to see their friends, to make new friends and to meet teachers who will inspire them. Take the precautions necessary to do our best to prevent further spread of COVID19 but consider the real cost on the children that this current learning model is having.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
Heather Dugdale	<p>"Be strong, for it may be stormy now, but it can't rain forever."</p> <p>2020 has tested our friendships, perseverance, hope, strength and values in a way like no other. And, sometimes we have stumbled and things have not gone quite as we hoped. But, I have hope because I know that our community and our Board are strong and they want what is best for our students and families. Partnership, Collaboration, Respect, Compassion – these are not just words, they are the values that have defined the San Dieguito Union High School District for generations. At the center of those values are our amazing students and the extraordinary, award-winning teachers who are the reason we are the number one School District in San Diego County. Prior to this pandemic our students were suffering staggering mental health challenges. For some students, Distance Learning has alleviated those challenges; for others it has exacerbated them. After the pandemic, the pendulum may swing again. But in the meantime, I appreciate that our Board is taking this step to support our health professionals as well as community members struggling to contain the Covid-19 virus. By rescinding the Resolution of December 15th you will allow our students the stability to finish the first semester strong, and can also take the time to develop a new resolution that can be supported by all as the best way forward. This space to productively collaborate with our community, and especially parents, teachers, students, principals and Executive Cabinet will ensure that WHEN our students return to their classrooms it is safe and more importantly sustainable for all. Thank you for taking this important step.</p>
G Patel	<p>There's one thing we all agree on, we want to open the schools. Once I saw the plans closer and analyzed it, I think we were sold something that is flawed. The district needs to look around what is happening in our community. To everyone who is demanding to open, please ask about what is happening at our local hospitals. Kids are getting sick with coronavirus all around us. Our daughter knows people her age who have become very sick with corona virus in her own online classes at SDUHSD. How will the schools prevent this the day after break? The kids will increase the risk to the community. The math demonstrates this clearly. I was very disappointed to find out about the lack of testing of students and the requirements to come back to school. It is disappointing after so much time to still be debating the topic. Demonstrate better leadership and listen to real experts. Stop acting on arbitrary deadlines, generate a real plan that shows leadership, or copy another school district that has thought it out if you can't.</p>
Paola Tempesti, MD	<p>According to the the COVID-19 School Response Dashboard, schools are not a significant source of COVID-19 spread. Students and staff generally have infection rates similar to the general community, meaning that schools are not driving most virus transmission. For example, in New York, where data regarding both schools and community infections are robust, Oster's data shows that student and staff infection rates generally remain at or below community infection rate levels. I therefore strongly urge the Board to not rescind the well thought out plan that is offering students who so choose to end their isolation at home.</p>
Andrew Gao	<p>Hi, my name is Andrew and I am a junior at Canyon Crest Academy. I support rescission of the SDUHSD resolution dated December 15, as proposed in the published agenda. Thank you for listening to the voices of community members.</p>

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Jason Todd	<p>If any parents would like to join in filing a lawsuit against the District and Board for keeping our kids out of schools (similar to the one now taking place in Carlsbad), I would be happy to participate as well as help fund it. There is no way any of the actions currently being done would hold up in the Supreme Court.</p> <p>The School has a responsibility to teach our children. That is in-person. Or, if it isn't, then let's video the classes and abolish school entirely. Either the teachers are necessary or they are not. If we are going to continue online, let's film the classes, stop paying for schools and teachers, and reduce my property tax burden.</p> <p>Either way, the actions being taken in kowtowing to the bullying by the Union of Board Members like Melisse Mossy is straight out of a thug manual. These are not the people I want teaching my children. So, let's hit where it counts and bring a lawsuit. Take it to the Supreme Court and be done with the nonsense. The CDC, WHO, Great Barrington Declaration, Pediatric Association, etc all have shown that children must be in school for education for their well being. When teachers are hurting their students, they no longer serve a purpose.</p>
Hamzah Kerdi	<p>Hi my name is Hamzah Kerdi I am a student in the district and I support the reconciliation of the SDUHSD resolution adopted on December 15 2020. All we ask from the district is for it just to be flexible with the teachers for putting themselves and their families at risk of being sick and dying. Students have the option to return onto campus or not, and teachers should have the same. We can have a staff member in the room supervising the students and the teacher teaching from home if needed for his or her safety or his or her family's safety. I know for a fact if your kids and your spouses were on the line you would not go back so don't force other people to do what you would not do. Thank You</p> <p>Regards, Hamzah Kerdi</p>
Anonymous	<p>Please keep schools closed as long as San Diego is in purple tier and/or local hospital beds available is back above 20%</p>
Jason Ipson, MD	<p>I would like to encourage my fellow parents to band together and sue the School District to reopen for in-person learning effective immediately. There is a similar lawsuit in Carlsbad, and I would be happy to participate and help fund one in our district.</p> <p>There is no way the actions of the Union, that the board now appears to be capitulating to, is constitutional. The teachers cannot decide to not want to teach for a year over a flu-like illness, and have the power to shut down and deny education to the Children of this country. In a sick only-in-California mentality, many students even believe it is being done for their good. Their childhoods are being destroyed over a flu that then have less than .01% risk from. Shocking.</p> <p>Please listen to the CDC which has stated emphatically that students must return to school. It is immoral to vote to keep our children out of school.</p> <p>But, since words no longer seem to matter, more importantly - let's join together NOW to bring a lawsuit.</p>
Madeleine Moon	<p>Hi, my name is Madeleine Moon and I am currently a student at Torrey Pines High School. Over these past few weeks, COVID-19 has become incredibly prevalent throughout our community. I find this particularly evident in the shocking news my father, a frontline hospitalist, often tells me after a long day of work. Just last night, my father told me that his hospital is beginning to set up cots in an attempt to serve all those who need COVID-related treatment. With COVID being so rampant within our community, I believe the most responsible thing the district can do is rescind the resolution that was passed on December 15th. In my opinion, both students and teachers should have the option to work from home over the next couple of weeks. During winter break, I have seen an astounding number of students post about their vacations to Hawaii, Mexico, among several other places; and I can only imagine how many of them must be exposed to COVID. It would be incredibly unfair for our teachers — many of whom are at risk or have loved ones at risk — to be shoved in a classroom with a bunch of students who did not take the proper safety precautions during the holiday season. Our teachers deserve so much better than that. They have dedicated just as much time — if not, more — than our frontline workers have during this pandemic.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the thoughts and concerns of our community into serious consideration. It is truly appreciated.</p>
Renee Sowers	<p>As a teacher who wants to be back in the classroom teaching students in person as soon as safely possible, I am grateful that rescinding the December 15th agreement is back on the table. While I want students to be back on campus, I worry about bringing them back for the sake of bringing them back. Thank you for listening to parents, teachers, and mostly students. Sadly, this decision brought so much notoriety to our beloved district that is so well known for being among the best in the nation. However, we are at a crossroads where we can now work collaboratively with all stakeholders to come up with a plan that is safe while also maintaining the integrity of our instruction. I know that making decisions for so many is not easy, but I am so grateful for your efforts to rethink the reopen, so that we can be a stable support system for our students, especially those who need us most right now.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I am a parent of an LCC Senior and am strongly against the recession of the decision reached in the 12/15/2020 board meeting. Our children are struggling and need to have a Choice and they need to be allowed to get back to in class teaching and learning. While so many other schools have gone back to in person learning safely and with a plan, there is absolutely no reason our school district can't do the same. You are failing our community and students by not giving them a choice available to go back to school.</p>

Name	Comment
Glenn Collins	I think I speak for many people when I say thank you to the Board for taking this action. Thank you for listening to the many students, families and teachers who were not just concerned but truly afraid for our community. I hope we can reset now and work together to plan a safe reopening, one that is guided by science and puts safety of all individuals first. If there is one good thing that has come from all of this it is that we have a new sense of student and parent involvement in our district. I sincerely hope that this spirit of engagement will live on once the current crisis has passed.
James Chun	By definition, In order to be in the Red Tier we would need 6.9 cases of COVID per 100,000 people. I challenge anyone to gather 100,000 people and not find Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, Cancer, Gerd, Obesity or some type of health issue. None of these health issues are a pandemic, it is the human condition. Can we really define 7 sick people out of 100,000 as a pandemic?? Or even the current rate of 36.3 per 100,000. The state of California would shut down a classroom if 5% of the class were infected which seems reasonable. Shutting down our schools because the defined adjusted case rate in the population is 0.0363% seems very unreasonable.
Jennifer Lucero	We have been told continuously throughout the last board meetings that we are OPEN. Haley has made sure that this was reflected constantly. The lawsuit from the teachers union is very offensive. The schools are open and we should continue to expand our opening as already approved. This lawsuit is just another stall tactic by the union while they negotiate their political agenda. We need to continue to focus on what is best for the students who choose to go back. Again - this is a choice that should be given. If some students choose to stay home (or a teacher needs to medically stay home) - that is their option. I PLEAD WITH YOU NOT TO TAKE THE CHOICE AWAY FROM OUR KIDS WHO WANT/NEED TO GO IN PERSON. If our tax payers are directly or indirectly fighting to stay closed, they should be equally used to fight to stay open. The decision to stay open is a county/state decision and should not even be heard from by the court from the teacher's union.
molly schneider	Thank you for considering the rescission of this resolution. It was heartbreaking to hear the division between voiced student, family, and staff concerns and the board resolution. With still crazy case numbers and grim news of lacking ICU capacity, and local friends/family occupying some of those beds, we are simply in a situation that, as a school district, we can't control. We can, however, control our reactions. With cool heads and ingenuity, the board and superintendent can take a big step today to promote unity with students, parents, teachers, principals, and the community by committing to collaboration and generating reasonable, realistic and the best plans for reopening when it is deemed safe to do so. Thank you for listening to students, families and teachers. Your responsiveness in proposing recession if this resolution is meaningful. The voice of reason can be hard but everyone benefits.
Anonymous	I support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution from Dec 15, 2020. We must prioritize keeping our students and teachers safe.
Clint Gile	The purpose of my comment is to discourage the rescission of the Board resolution on expanded school reopening to be considered under Agenda item 5. I am the parent of a current senior at La Costa Canyon, and I am in favor of providing students a choice to return to campus for in-person instruction beginning on January 4, 2021. I also want to record a serious objection to the student/teacher/parent survey results published in the Coast News and other forums which purported that the approximately 300 responses were representative of the thousands of students, parents, and teachers in the district. None of my daughter's friends or parents received this survey, and the fact that a small, cherry-picked set of responses is being presented as a representative sample that reflects the majority view of SDUHSD constituents is blatantly misleading. I encourage the Board, Administrators, Teachers and Staff to use all available resources to plan for and implement in-person instruction for any students desiring to exercise their choice to return to campus in January 2021. Thank you for your efforts to date and please continue to work toward the goal of returning our students to campus for instruction as soon as possible. Thank you, Clint Gile
Cynthia Rajsbaum	Thank you for rescinding the December 15 resolution for an expanded school reopening. That last minute questionable resolution is clearly a mistake in our current circumstances. While I hope that our kids may be able to be back on campus soon, trying to reopen and then expand that reopening in the middle of a surge within a surge, while we are in purple tier, when we are getting an 11% positive rate in Covid tests, against state orders, and in violation of the standard of care as shown by all the schools around us was just the wrong move. I really appreciate the boards willingness to repeal this resolution and work with your parents, students, teachers and administrators to do the right thing. Thank you for repealing this and keeping our communities safe and our teachers teaching. The teachers have provided such an emotional support for our students this year. I appreciate this being repealed and not wasting district dollars on the losing end of misguided litigation. Thank you for allowing our teachers to return and not have to take leave to protect their health. I hope we use this time to improve our plan for reopening so that we can do so following all the available guidelines when case numbers come down.

Name	Comment
Anonymous	Our students are really suffering in this online platform, and as a parent and teacher I beseech you to not hold our kids back further. We have put so many safety precautions in place, it's time to use them to support our students. Thank you for your time.
Anonymous	PLEASE vote to rescind the proposal to open 5 days a week starting in January. This defies rational logic. Districts around us are delaying and the virus is surging at an all time high. The argument that kids don't spread COVID is just untrue. Locally we are currently experiencing a surge due to blatant disregard for CDC guidelines. Christmas & NYE are destined to cause further issues. Why even consider starting school at the very end of Q2? Our local ICUS are at and above capacity. The local defiance to Stay Home/restaurant take-out only and even mask wearing in public, should make it clear that many people in this community do not take COVID seriously. The fact that there will be no cleaning between classes, some classes have windows that don't open, there has been no proposed change in bell schedules - and that kids will still congregate, hop in cars, and go to lunch feels that much of this "safe reopening plan" is just theatrics. To see comments about how disposable some feel our teachers are is heartbreaking. I am not interested in having unqualified substitutes teach students advanced courses, because a beloved and qualified teacher is choosing to stay safe. Distance Learning is hard for everyone involved, but this is an unprecedented time. The staff at SDA has done a great job of providing quality education, even while online. Students who are truly struggling are permitted to be on campus right now. To rush an opening due to a loud and vocal minority is unfair. I recommend anyone who argues that we should "get over this", that the survival rate is incredibly high etc. - go actually talk to any local healthcare worker. Better yet - take a visit to a local hospital. They are overwhelmed and devastated. We need to be teaching our kids to care about the community at large, and sometimes putting the needs of others above themselves - a concept that is so clearly lacking in a neighborhood I used to love.
Anonymous	Please vote to rescind the 12/15 resolution. The current COVID spread in the community is way too high to consider even a partial reopen, much less a full reopen. SDUHSD needs a better, safer, hybrid plan based on the work of administrators, working collaboratively with teachers, grounded in the distance learning model and allowing both teachers and students a real choice. Thank you for following a new, more cautious path.
Anonymous	Given the current amount of Covid cases in our area, I do not feel that it is safe for my kids to attend in person. I would like them to go one day a week when we drop to a lower tier. We aren't there yet. This decision should be delayed.
Adam Fischer	<p>This Expanded School Reopening Resolution, passed on Dec. 15, elicited a huge negative reaction from the community – it drove student activism, extensive media attention, public criticism, and statewide scrutiny of SDUHSD plans. Let's start the healing process of bringing the community together by first rescinding this divisive resolution.</p> <p>This is a good time to work in a true collaborative fashion, promoting unity with students, parents, teachers, principals, and the community, to have the best plan for reopening when it lawful and safe to do so – a plan that follows both the letter and the spirit of the law. A plan that heeds the safety advice of the experts and involves input from all stakeholders. A plan that preserves instructional quality and academic safety. And in the meantime, let's work together to bring back to campus those students who are struggling and are most in need, in a way that is safe and not disruptive.</p> <p>Thank you again for listening to students, families, teachers, and district administrators.</p>
Jennifer Daniel-Duckering	As a parent and a member of our community, I have to admit the Board's passing of the December 15, 2020 resolution -- at the 11th hour and in the manner in which it was done -- was truly a discouraging and sad moment for our District. As you are no doubt aware, the December 15, 2020 resolution sparked student activism and protests, wide-spread parental criticism, and attracted unwanted and not particularly favorable attention from the media as well as state and county health agencies. As such, I was encouraged to see the resolution on today's agenda to rescind the December 15, 2020 resolution. A clean slate is what is needed now. I believe the settlement agreement the District has reached with the SDFA signals hope to many parents, families and students in the District. It signals that the District is ready to go back to its roots -- of working as equal partners with its certificated staff and listening to their valuable input, the foundation of which is decades of experience in classrooms teaching students. So, please, please use this "pause" in the re-opening plan to work in a truly collaborative fashion with site administrators, students, teachers, real experts (like those with UCSD's Return to Learn), and our community, to develop the best and safest plan for reopening of our campuses. Working together will take us further and faster than continuing along the contentious and divisive path that lead us to this point. Thank you.
Jen Charat	<p>Thank you to the board for rescinding the resolution that sparked such concern that SDUHSD became a focus of public criticism, of student activism, of statewide scrutiny of the governance of SDUHSD, and of local media outlets in television, print and online media, letters to the editor, opinion pieces, and more. In approving rescission, the board and district open an opportunity to continue to focus on populations of students most in need of campus access. I hope the district will work collaboratively toward creating a safe plan supported by aerosol scientists, epidemiologists, infectious diseases experts, and specialized researchers.</p> <p>There are no simple solutions to the complex problem of bringing all students and teachers on campus in a safe, controlled fashion. Thank you for hearing the voices of district families, students, and teachers.</p>

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Susan Heiman	<p>Keeping schools virtual is the right decision to make for now. We all wish our students could go back to school to be able to learn in person and socialize with their friends, but it just isn't safe for anyone to do so right now.</p> <p>The teachers are doing an amazing job. They're working harder than they've ever worked and it shows. My daughter is engaged in her learning and thanks to very concerted efforts from the teachers, she has made new friends in her classes and in clubs.</p> <p>There will be an end to this pandemic. The vaccine will take us much closer to a normal that we can all still remember. We just aren't there yet. We can all hang on a little longer to keep each other safe. Keeping our kids and teachers at home is the right decision.</p>
Ruth Baurle	<p>The SDFAs constant reopening stall tactics and clear lack of regard for our students' emotional health are shameful. This lawsuit confirms the union will go to any lengths to continue using our kids as pawns in the much bigger game being played by the CTA. Small, outspoken, student groups have even been subtly encouraged to advocate against CHOICE, having been subjected to anxiety ridden personal narratives from select teachers. At the same time, numerous teachers tell our kids they wish to teach in person, thus reassuring the majority of students who want the CHOICE to return. I'm sure these teachers are not lying to their trusting students, so what's holding them back? It's very confusing. Mr Brown, while you're supposedly busy protecting "most" of your members (although we have yet to see a district-wide teacher survey to substantiate this claim), shouldn't you also be advocating for the rights of those teachers who want to come back? Shouldn't they, like students, have a CHOICE to return, free from intimidation or the pressure to stay home? If the district can provide teachers with a CHOICE, will you at least let THEM make it?</p>
Anonymous	<p>Dear Board Members & Dr. Haley, Thank you for taking the time to reconsider expanded opening and making shifts based on current public health data. In last week we have seen too many days where the new Covid cases surpassed 3000. Even in our bubble of Carmel Valley the cases are increasing. While many teens don't suffer severely from Covid, they live with and interact with those who may not fare so well if they contract Covid and that concern is very real. We all desperately want to move on and get back to "normal", but to do so under current circumstances is not wise and I am glad you acknowledge the need to slow down a full reopening. Our family would like to see the board and district continue to seek expert advice on Covid 19 from the county, state as well as local doctors working on the front lines. Most importantly we would like to see the board and district work in conjunction with teachers to revamp the plan for reopening to include a testing strategy and better filtration and plans for safe lunches on campus. The vaccine will not become widely available until late spring and is not currently approved for minors. While minors do not typically succumb to the disease, minors do not live alone or only spend time with other minors. We still need to press forward and I hope that can be done with a spirit of unity. Our district still needs a reopening plan that includes monitoring for Covid cases, especially the asymptomatic ones to avoid outbreaks at school sites. Again, our family thanks you for considering that the rise in cases needs to slow before we return to school safely. We wish you all a better 2021.</p>
Tara Curley	<p>As a parent in the district, I wanted to thank you for your recent decision to ensure a stable, safe, and quality education for our children as they conclude their second quarter of classes. I appreciate that you are not spending valuable resources on litigation that is better spent on other needs. I hope this decision signals a turning point to work collaboratively to ensure a safe plan for the remainder of the school year.</p> <p>I encourage the board members that have not toured our SDUHSD campus this year to make it a priority to do so in January. Observe classes and learn about all the after-school programs that are allowing students to gather safely on campus connecting students with their classmates, mentors, and school.</p> <p>Ms. Muir in one meeting you spoke of students only wanting to return to campus if they could do so with their classmates and friends- so why not encourage schools to offer clubs or safe outdoor after-school activities based on classes Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior? With all the strict guidelines that make socialization difficult during classroom instruction, clubs are a great alternative.</p> <p>Online learning is the safest, most stable, and equitable education we can provide at this time. It is also teaching students vital digital collaboration skills that will benefit their futures. For those students that are struggling let the administration spend their efforts and time expanding to get those kids safely back to on-campus learning.</p> <p>As a family, we have been doing our part to act responsibly for ourselves and our community. Believe me, it's not easy with teenagers who know other friends aren't doing the same. But I want my family to be able to look back and know we did our very best to stop this deadly disease. I want my children to know that there are times we need to sacrifice for the greater good. I hope as board members you decide to do what's right for our community as a whole to help keep our students, families, and faculty safe throughout this pandemic.</p>

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Brooke O'Neill	<p>Let me start by saying thank you for being here this morning to rethink the plans previously set into action. On my TV and internet I see ads from Kaiser and CDC warning " don't share your air". As of today San Diego County had 2,686 NEW cases and 0% ICU capacity. Every ounce of data to date shows opening schools right now will cause an even greater surge of covid in our community.</p> <p>Some parents are so stressed that they are dellusioned to the reality of what returning to campus will really be like...no sports, no socializing, no direct interaction with staff. In addition they are blinded to the high risk of covid infecting their children and their own families. As a parent I understand their stress and struggle, I feel it too. Everything is difficult now for us all, but its important we follow the governors guidelines to help end this madness so we may return to some normality in the future. Make the right choice, teachers are next in line to get vaccines, wait until we are out of the purple tier just like every school district around us...the move you make now can either save lives and your reputation or harm an entire community.</p>
Mathuradas Kansagara	<p>Hi, I am a concerned citizen. I am writing to thank you for ratifying the settlement agreement as proposed in the published agenda. I also want to thank you for your decision to rescind the SDUHSD Resolution dated December 15, 2020.</p> <p>Thank you for your service to the community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mathuradas Kansagara</p>
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Anonymous	<p>Please reopen full time ONLY when it is safe. To me and many others, safe is when science supports it. I have noted that many school districts that open full time are closed within weeks or less. This constant change in routine is harmful to students, rather than the intended helpful. Please give kids the chance to first go back hybrid, when we are back in the red tier, so they can remind hybrid. Give kids the chance at a normal routine that will stay in place.</p>
Jason Daniels	<p>I know that this board is getting a lot of pressure from unions and parent groups to both stay closed and reopen. But let me remind you of your duty when you accepted your current position. It was to do what is best for all children, not most of the children and not the teachers. I ask you to either open the schools or step down, because if you honestly believe that staying closed is best for all the kids. You should not sit on this board.</p>
Beth Dunford	<p>Our students need to be in school. Follow the science-schools are not the super spreaders. If teachers are out in the community, and not quarantined at home since March, they are safe to teach in the classroom. This isn't even about the pandemic anymore-it is political. Get our students back in school!!</p>
Darin Dunford	<p>Our students need to be in school. Follow the science-schools are not the super spreaders. If teachers are out in the community, and not quarantined at home since March, they are safe to teach in the classroom. This isn't even about the pandemic anymore-it is political. Get our students back in school!!</p>
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Kylie Dunford	<p>I am a freshman at LCC and I want to go back to school. Distance learning is not the same as in person. I was never polled by ASB about returning to school, nor were my friends.</p>
Ian Dunford	<p>I am in 7th grade at DNO. I want to go back to school on campus. I was never polled by ASB about returning.</p>
Chris Young	<p>I beg all of you, DON'T CAVE TO THE UNION!!! Our kids need you more than ever right now!! Look at the numbers, our district is the safest around. Nearly every other state has their schools open,, why can't California and SDUHSD? At least show enough courage to fight the lawsuit, and let this go to a judge. You have to know if you vote against letting the kids go back, you will be on the wrong side of history!!</p>

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Anonymous	I applaud the board for listening to the students and parents who expressed concerns. Thank you for rescinding the Dec 15 resolution. You are making the right decision to keep Q2 in its current state. Thank you for keeping our teachers safe and keeping them in our district to educate our children. Teachers are doing their jobs while teaching in the DL fashion, just as Doctors are using Telehealth to treat remotely. Now is the time to work in a true collaborative fashion, promoting unity with students, teachers, school administrators and the community. Now create the best plan for reopening when it is deemed safe to. Set an example to other communities. It can't be denied that some students are struggling with the Distance learning. In the interim, students having serious educational issues (Proved by showing decreased grade performance from year prior) should be given the option to return to campus. Allow those students to school on campus just as schools already have other students who are in high need. These students struggling with DL need the option to return...they are the new high need category. But remember, Teachers are not babysitters, and should not be expected to watch students as they school from a screen. Use other people (parent volunteers, substitute teachers, or campus staff) to oversee those academically struggling students. Finally, the real issue is getting teachers safe to return to teaching live in a classroom. But to do that they have to feel safe. So, the battle the Board should be fighting is getting our teachers Vaccinated so that they can return to school safely. If you can do that, then all parents, students and teachers should be satisfied with that action. My hope is to get our teachers what they need...safety of their health. Work together and make this the priority. If you want to serve your constituents then do so by providing safety for the teachers to return to teach. Their safety is reliant on getting vaccinated. Teachers are next in line-work to get our teachers to the front of the line!!
Anonymous	Please do not rescind your commitment to getting our children back to school on January 27th. They desperately need school. It's up to us as adults to do the right thing and allow the families and teachers that want to return to campus that right. It has been proven that children can be successfully educated in school during this pandemic. Let us have that choice.
Anonymous	Thank you for rescinding the decision to reopen schools on January 4th and 27th. My son is in 7th grade in the district and he has been working extremely hard, learning a lot and thriving under the distance learning model. He is connected to all of his teachers and it would be a great loss if any of them had to go on leave and be replaced by an inexperienced substitute. Please wait until we are out of the Purple Tier and teachers are vaccinated before reopening. Please respect and value the amazing teachers we have in this district and keep our community safe. Thank you for doing the right thing and listening to all of the stakeholders in this community.
Anonymous	<p>Be a HERO!</p> <p>Stand up to the Teacher's Union. Stand up for the silent majority of teachers who want to teach our children. Be the voice for our children who want a choice to be back in school.</p> <p>Do not bow down to the Union pressure. The science has spoken. Teachers across the country and around the world are safely teaching in the classroom. Our plan is safe.</p> <p>The science has also spoken. Real damage is being done to the students every day. They are not learning – except perhaps how to cheat. They are suffering – why are the schools so concerned with “Social and Emotional Well Being?” Because distance learning is not working. Students need the choice to return to campus to the one place they know they are safe and cared for. Where they can be part of a community. Where personal connections can be made where they can blossom into great leaders.</p> <p>Please be a HERO! Give those that want to return the option. Those that want to remain at home can but everyone does not need to suffer to appease the few!</p>
Anonymous	I really want to go back to school! Please don't change you mind and not open the school in January.
Anonymous	Please open the school. I am finding it really hard to learn and keep up with my work at home. I really want to come back and get back to normal.
Zachary Moon	<p>My name is Zachary Moon. I am a freshman at CCA and in spite of me being part of the SPED program, I have been fully distance learning with success. I see the effects of this pandemic in the number of tireless hours my Dad works treating COVID patients. I see how he is being called in on his days off; and the posture is all-hands-on-deck during these unprecedented times.</p> <p>I thank you for listening to all of the students, parents, and teachers that have expressed their concerns about our district's reopening. I strongly urge you to rescind the resolution passed on December 15th.</p> <p>From what I have observed, my teachers have been putting in an enormous effort to make distance learning successful. My English teacher has office hours every day which I have attended to catch up on work. My academic support teacher sent me Star Wars playing cards in the mail because he knew I liked Star Wars! What caring and dedication!! They have gone above and beyond during this pandemic so that students are engaged, and do not fall behind.</p> <p>Can you please consider the safety of the teachers. We cannot afford to lose these teachers. Again, I thank you so much for listening to the community and our safety concerns.</p>

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Laura McCormick	<p>San Diego County is solidly in the purple tier and shows no sign of improving, especially with the number of people who are choosing to travel during the holiday season. The Southern California region ICU capacity remains at 0%. Our community is not immune from COVID-19. Opening schools after winter break is not safe.</p> <p>As long as I have been a part of this district, both as a parent and a teacher, the teachers have never had to bring a lawsuit to keep students, teachers, and the community safe. We need to work together and listen to each other as this pandemic affects us all.</p> <p>Reopening should only be considered once we are safely out of the purple tier. At that time, we need to collaboratively create a plan to introduce in-person learning in measured steps, protecting the emotional, physical, and academic wellbeing of everyone who spends time inside a classroom.</p> <p>Thank you for listening to students, families and teachers.</p>
Robin Cull	Board: Follow through with your resolutions and do not fold in the face of a challenge - fight the lawsuit!
Anonymous	<p>Thank you for listening to the SDUHSD community and rescinding the December 15th resolution to reopen for in person learning in January 2021. I have a son at Oak Crest who, despite everything, is thriving. He is challenged by his teachers and feels connected to them. At dinner he talks about what he is learning in class. He is getting straight A's and looks forward to going to class. While he misses his friends, he understands this is a temporary disruption in his life, and the decision to continue remote learning is a decision made for the greater good. He also understands a return to normal is right around the corner as the vaccines become more widely available.</p> <p>I am so grateful his education will not be disrupted by a rushed and chaotic return to campus. I am so thankful he will continue with the teachers he feels connected to and who are doing such a great job.</p> <p>Thank you for doing the right thing.</p>
Anonymous	<p>www.schools.forhealth.org, has tons of science backed, data driven information on why we need to reopen our schools ASAP with proven safety measures. Please look at it and read the articles! We can not keep damaging our children! Kids out of school is a national emergency, and it is not being treated as such. The conversation on schools has gotten very reductionist in terms of in-classroom risk. That risk is important, but it actually can be managed and very few are talking about the risks of kids being out of school. The consequences are devastating. We have virtual dropouts. According to UNICEF, kids in school are less likely to suffer from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence. Over 30 million kids rely on schools for nutrition, so there are food-security issues. There's a risk from COVID, but that can be managed in the classroom.</p> <p>Six feet should be the default minimum for adults, but it's past time we recognize that kids are different and the importance of schools is different, especially for the youngest learners. Three feet should be the default distance for schools. Please look at the website I linked above and read the many articles on how to reopen schools safely AND DO IT NOW! WE CAN'T KEEP FAILING OUR KIDS.</p>
Tricia Neill	Please allow our children to go back to school. Staying home is causing considerable damage mentally and emotionally to my child. The isolation has created social anxiety and depression for my child who has never had any issues in the past. I understand the teachers are scared, but the CDC recommends children go to school, and your own panel of medical experts at the last board meeting said our school reopening plan was safe. According to an article published by KPBS last week about San Diego's November coronavirus outbreaks going to big box stores, grocery stores and church are much more risky behavior than attending school. If teachers are leaving their homes in any way during the day currently for these types of activities, they should be able to safely teach according to the reopening plan. There is risk in anything we leave our homes to do currently, but I believe the school's current plan of masking and social distancing while children are allowed to attend is safe and a win/win for students who are really struggling.
Ana Carder	My name is Ana Carder and I am a parent of a SDUHD student. I support the rescission of the SDUHSD Resolution dated Dec 15th. 2020. Thank you for your service to our community.
Mike Tanghe	Our family went from elation at your long delayed approval of back on campus instruction on Dec 15 to utterly gutted at the latest news that you are considering rolling back instruction before its even started. The job of the board is to figure out a way to get kids back on campus. You've had 9 months to figure out what so many other districts, including in SD county, have already done. The latest 180 is embarrassing for you as leaders and sacrificing the needs of our children. The board had a well thought out plan that accommodated the needs of all. Please reconsider and follow the 12/15 adopted resolution to get our kids back where they belong - on campus.
Anonymous	Why are you doing this to our kids? This yo-yo back and forth? The carrot gets dangled and then swiped away. Do you not realize the fragile state these kids are in? Can we for once think about the kids and what is best for them? They need to be in school. Period. They have lost all motivation, any spark and are basically zombies that wake up 5-10 min before class and just go through the motions. Zero spark. Very little meaningful learning. Please please don't fail our kids. Give them a choice to be back in school after the semester. Even a 2 days per week hybrid would be so so beneficial.
Christina Warmerdam	Please don't take away the one day a week that you promised my daughters. They have been so excited about going back to school. They hate online school and have been depressed and unmotivated. Look at Cathedral and Santa Fe Christian. If they can do it safely, so can we. The tug of war for power between the unions and 80%+ of the community in favor of reopening is horrible. My kids are caught in the middle.

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Anonymous	<p>Bravo – you have successfully placed the wants of the few ahead of the many. You have successfully created an apathetic student body with no hope for the future. You are likely not hearing much from the students who want to return to campus. We can report first-hand, from talking to our teens and many of their friends (in the car, overhearing conversations with their peers, etc.), that at this point in the year, students are apathetic and fear teacher retribution.</p> <p>In case you wanted to know what is really going on in distance learning (not the rosy view you are hearing):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cheating is easy and widespread – “why would anyone go back to school when it is this easy – if we go back to school it will be hard again” “My AP classes would be impossible if I had to attend in person.” •In having honest conversations with our children’s friends, both male and female (who are all very good students), they indicate widespread apathy and severe lack of motivation. They are just getting by and know they are not learning. “Going to campus would require effort.” <p>Since this is probably not news to you all, and you still choose to keep students away from the classroom, this shows exactly how students and the quality of their education is valued in this district.</p> <p>Congratulations, SDFA, you have successfully taken a top tier district and made it mediocre or less. People are too afraid to speak up at this point, which was your plan all along.</p>
Ann Cerny	<p>Please vote yes to rescind the Jan 27 expanded reopening. I urge you all, by unanimous vote, to do so. It’s ok to look back at that 11th hour rushed 3-2 decision and want to regroup. I invite and actually urge you all to vote to rescind, while making a statement that you are each dedicated to expanded reopening- we all are! Maybe include that you have a lot to learn from district and site admin; maybe include that you’d like to protect students and staff with more deliberate safety measures; maybe include a commitment to students to insure they retain their teachers—to avoid subs whenever possible; maybe include that you’d like to more significantly visit classrooms to have more in-depth discussions about these new realities of teaching distance and concurrently. For the sake of our district, students most of all, a 5-0 vote, with statements of unity, collaboration, and strength will help save us all.</p>
Anonymous	<p>This resolution brought student activism, extensive media attention, public criticism, and statewide scrutiny of SDUHSD governance. Now is the time to work in a true collaborative fashion, promoting unity with students, parents, teachers, principals and the community, to have the best plan for reopening when it is deemed safe to do so. Thank you for listening to students, staff and families.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I thank the board for their consideration to rescind their reopening resolution. I urge the board to rescind their reopening resolution from December 15, 2020 and ratify the settlement agreement. I also urge the board to work with ALL stakeholders—students, parents, certificated and non-certificated staff, community members—to make decisions that are beneficial to everyone, not a select few. Students, parents, and community members are concerned about the dangerous spread of the virus, especially since the county is in the purple tier and available ICU beds are scarce. Opening schools at this time will increase the likelihood of infection. Please wait to reopen schools fully until all essential workers can get vaccinated, our county is out of the purple tier, and hospitals are no longer over capacity—even if that means waiting well into the third quarter. The health of our community needs your reasoned, measured leadership.</p>
Sal Khoury	<p>To the community- look objectively at what is happening around, ICU beds are disappearing due to the strain from COVID. I can't blame the teachers for fighting this measure. Community outbreaks have been linked to 16 Costcos, 14 Walmarts and 10 Targets as well as 12 different school districts just in SD alone. Please stop making false comparisons, opening schools now is not going to be good for anyone, especially the community. If our district cannot be a leader anymore because of a failure of leadership, let's at least be good followers and look at what other school districts are doing. Do not believe the numerous comments here that are flooded from FB pleas from people who do not live here or do not have kids that attend nor ever attended this district. Please use common sense, repeal the motion, we owe it to our hospitals and fellow community members.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Keeping schools open needs to be prioritized.</p> <p>Keeping schools closed comes with massive, long-term individual and societal costs. Many children cannot effectively learn, grow, engage, socialize, be active, eat healthy food, or get support until schools reopen. With schools closed, disparities are widening across racial and ethnic groups, between women and men, and across income levels. Many parents and caregivers cannot fully go back to work until children go back to school.</p> <p>Children are at much lower risk from COVID-19 than adults and a growing body of scientific evidence shows that kids and adults can be kept safe in any indoor environment, including schools, if appropriate risk reduction measures are implemented.</p> <p>What strategies should schools consider to reduce risk of COVID-19 transmission?</p> <p>Note that a risk reduction strategy is different from a goal of achieving zero cases. There is no such thing as ‘zero risk’ in anything we do, and certainly not during a pandemic.</p> <p>However, scientific evidence indicates that risks to students and staff can be kept low if schools adhere to strict control measures and dynamically respond to potential outbreaks.</p> <p>We recognize there are immense challenges. There is no perfect plan to reopen schools safely, only ‘less bad’ options. Compliance may be imperfect. Learning will be different. There will be disruption. Schools may need to change course unexpectedly depending on local conditions.</p> <p>Despite these challenges, the enormous individual and societal costs of keeping schools closed compels us, to present a range of control strategies that should be considered in discussions of school reopenings: Please read this report for science based, strategies to reopen our schools: https://schools.forhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2020/11/Harvard-Healthy-Buildings-Program-COVID19-Risk-Reduction-in-Schools-Nov-2020.pdf WE NEED THE TEACHERS UNION AND OUR DISTRICT TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET OUR KIDS BACK IN SCHOOL. WE DO NOT HAVE TO REINVENT THE WHEEL! LOTS OF SCHOOLS HAVE REOPENED SAFELY! DO IT NOW!</p>

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School should be open	<p>The students are becoming increasingly apathetic, the absent of social school interaction is creating an attitude of zero motivation. Kids who before used to be on top of all their work are lagging and feeling that nothing matters. Some Teachers are doing their effort to maintain a good online class, but it's truly impossible to keep teenagers focused on a computer for so long. This is a disgrace of the school system. Teachers should be the heroes of this story and raise up for our kids. They see it first hand how unmotivated their students are.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
K. Smith	<p>SDUHSD was finally on the right path and putting students first by offering them a choice for learning. Choice gave HOPE to many students that are struggling whether it be academically, emotionally, mentally, socially or physically, especially for those involved in school sports.</p> <p>This continuous back and forth decision making which affects our kids is downright cruel. Stop telling us why our students cannot attend in person learning on campus and start figuring out how to make it happen. The political power plays at their expense is wrong and shameful.</p> <p>Open up our schools. Let teachers who have a medically validated reason teach from home with an aide in the classroom. Let families make their own individual choices about attending in person learning. If private schools right next door and public schools both in and out of state figured it out, what is stopping SDUHSD? Stop making a mockery of our district and do the right thing and open our schools to choice.</p>
Shaunna Salzetti-Kahn	<p>You are ignoring the science and the literature by continuing to prohibit our kids from being on campus. It has been represented that the children are not comfortable returning. I have twins- one at CCA and one at Torrey- neither agree with what the student representatives said. The representatives do not know my children and have no right to speak on their behalf. All of my childrens friends want to be back on campus. We even know a teacher who is opposed to returning claiming safety yet she lets her child go to many extracurricular events, hugs her friends and has sleepovers- now- this is dangerous for the mother "teacher". Being in a classroom behind plexi glass away from her students is not. PLEASE, let these kids back on campus!</p>
Jennifer DiMase	<p>Thank you for considering a more gradual, collaborative reopening for our students. We look forward to a safe reopening for all students through a collaborative approach involving teachers, parents, students, administrators, and those knowledgeable of the virus and safety precautions. We hope the highest safety standards can be implemented in our schools and that the instructional model can remain as equitable as possible for those who are able and not able to return to school during this pandemic. Thank you for listening to our school community.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Please do not rescind this resolution under threat of legal action by the SDFA. Our students and teachers need to be back in the classroom to help those that are suffering under Distance Learning. It has been too long and COVID is not going away. We need to implement a plan that allows students the option for in-person learning while keeping our community safe.</p>
Anonymous	<p>I am teacher in another district. My students have returned. We are practicing social distancing to the extent possible and have learned to wear. The transition has been fairly easy. My students are connecting with me and I am lifting them up, challenging them, and most importantly: getting to know them. I am showing them that I care, checking in with them when I see that something is not quite right, encouraging them, and celebrating them. This can't be done behind a camera. Students are not always willing or capable of letting themselves be known. It's not cool to look too eager or engaged.</p> <p>The world may be changed forever. Vaccines may not be our salvation. We need to learn to make the best of things and move on. Those teachers, staff, and students who have underlying conditions should be accommodated. Others should be allowed to return to campus. School is where students learn far more than academics. They learn socially and emotionally too. Right now, students are not getting that learning. They are not learning how to cope, how to make new connections, or how to navigate this new world.</p> <p>Please consider starting with one day each week to get staff and faculty back into the swing of things. This will allow them to get comfortable, reconnect with their colleagues and conquer concurrent learning. This will also let us know how many subs, proctors, and other support staff are needed and in what way. By simply returning to campus, teachers will find that things become easier and more joyful. Teachers will see firsthand the difference that they are making in students' lives.</p> <p>You don't need to reopen at 100% capacity. You won't get that for several reasons: there are students who are doing better online and there students who are afraid to return. Continue to offer them the high-quality education that they are getting virtually. Let those who need more come back in January. Those who return will find ways to be grateful to return to school even amongst social distancing and masks.</p>
Kathy Stenger	<p>To the SDUHSD Board of Trustees,</p> <p>Thank you for your attention and for your willingness to continue to meet to discuss the return to school. As a parent of two high school students (SDA and LCC) I urge you to include the voices of students, parents, administrators and teachers as you refine your plan. As it stands the current plan to return in person once per week on January 4 and five days on January 27 is too rushed considering that hospitals are at 0% ICU capacity and that the plan has elicited so much response and attention. It is clear your work is to listen to more voices and proceed with caution. Distance learning is not ideal but it is working and my daughters and I would much prefer that they continue learning from skilled teachers in this platform over a hybrid platform with a substitute teacher. Thank you for your attention.</p>

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Anonymous	<p>From a HS teacher: Each of you needs to visit schools WEEKLY to talk with on-site leadership. It was embarrassing how disconnected you were with the needs and challenges of our schools. You also owe Mr. Miller and Mr. Marcus apologies for the uninformed mandates that outright discredited the countless hours of tireless work that was already spent preparing for the once/week model.</p> <p>The last minute phone calls to some teachers on Friday evening, 12/18, allowing a few to continue working from home until Jan. 27 was done in bad faith. Equitable access for all qualifying teachers wasn't provided and there is no current plan to do so.</p> <p>What happens on 1/27? Are you still hoping to bring everyone back for 5 days/week? There have been NO contingency plans this entire year. By maintaining only one focus--getting everything back to normal, which is not logical at this time, you are blocking any progress at all. Slow and steady, step by step progress could work. The teachers, students, and parents should not be subjected to this INEFFECTIVE-STYLE-OF-LEADERSHIP & LACK-OF-INFORMED-GUIDANCE.</p> <p>Even your panel of doctors was not asked questions about the 5 day/week plan which was strategically placed later on the agenda.</p> <p>Our district's covid dashboard hasn't been accurately updated and it isn't informative. Have you seen S.D.Unified's?</p> <p>Our testing & tracing plans are merely lip-service. Have you seen S.D.Unified's?</p> <p>What about the 3-feet distancing plans for the classroom? According to the CDC, the new definition as of 10/21 is: "15 minutes or more of cumulative exposure to infectious individuals, within 6 feet, in a 24-hour period, such as three five-minute exposures, regardless of masking and whether the contact was inside or outdoors."</p> <p>As the scientific facts grow, does our SDUHSD plan change? No.</p> <p>San Diego has a 10% positivity rate. How can anyone think this is a good time to increase student and staff numbers on campus?</p> <p>PLEASE EDUCATE YOURSELVES. We're all upset and exhausted by online school, but what else makes sense right now for our community?</p>
Anonymous	<p>I'm a seventh grade student at Diegueno and I haven't even stepped on campus during school sessions. I was excited at your announcement to let us back on January 4th, and disappointed when you started to remove that plan. Please follow through this time and let us go back to school.</p>
Anonymous	<p>Please reopen our schools. Some of our students desperately need help. There is an increasing divide between those students who are thriving at home and those who are not. Some students are doing better than ever, often with the assistance of tutors or study groups. They have the necessary financial and social connections to do so. Many other students do not. Worse, their social media feeds confirm that they are being left behind both academically and socially.</p> <p>Opponents of reopening are pointing to the high-quality instruction that is being offered online as proof that there is no need to return to school. However, school has always been about more than instruction. If strong instruction was all that was needed, we could all just move permanently to online schools and save the cost of buildings and other infrastructure. No, just as important are the student-teacher connections, peer connections, extracurricular activities, general movement, and even the growth that results from students leaving home to enter their own world separate from their parents. These are all essential to the social-emotional growth that is equally important as academic instruction.</p> <p>Opponents of reopening contend that most students are thriving. If you believe this, I would point you to the Reopening Facebook page that currently stands at over 1600 members. This site has become a sanctuary for those parents with students who are struggling and/or are passionate to return to school. This does not encompass all who would like to return; there are more out there who are not aware of or interested in sharing on Facebook. It is the responsibility of our schools to understand and address these students' needs. Administrators have brought back many special education students whose needs are documented and often more tangible. The needs of some struggling general education students are likely just as great.</p> <p>For now, please work together with the teachers to facilitate returning to campus for at least one day per week beginning in January.</p>
Amanda Davies	<p>I have 3 children at LCC this year. A freshman, sophomore, and senior. All 3 desperately want to go back to school. All of their friends want to go back as well. The notion that a small group of ASB students speaks for the entire student body on this matter is ridiculous. These kids need in person learning. Some may choose to stay home. That is fine, and they have that choice. However, that should not force other students who need in-person learning to be home any longer. It's been close to a year of distance learning and my kids are suffering. So many kids are suffering. They are struggling socially and academically. We cannot ignore this. Please think about the seniors. This is their last year. If we don't send them back, they will have missed the second half of their junior year and their entire senior year in high school. Just think about that for a moment. This is a life experience that can never be replaced. It's not right. So much has been taken from these kids. Please, please put the students first and give them a choice to return to campus.</p>

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Anonymous	<p>This is my fourth or fifth time addressing the Board on this matter, so I will keep it brief:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Thank you for continuing to work with the teachers, site administrators, parents, and especially the students towards a safe reopening of our campuses. Although there are multiple platforms that are communicating with various groups of parents and students, they all want the same thing: a robust education for the students. There are great ideas put forth in each of the community groups and I would like to see further collaboration with these stakeholders, as well as the experts from the CDPH, SDCOE and SD County. 2.I am relieved that the district is considering ratification of the settlement agreement, rescinding the Dec 15 resolution, and working with teachers and principals to come up with a safe reopening plan. The final weeks of a semester in which there has already been a great deal of uncertainty is not the time to make sweeping, unvetted changes that will impact the safety of people as well as the integrity of instruction. 3.Regarding expanding the reopening, please push forward with plans that lead with science and include the important voices of the students. The rash action taken in an earlier Board meeting has unfortunately put our district in the larger public eye and all action will be scrutinized widely. You must ensure that it cannot be litigated widely as well as that is a waste of time and resources. <p>SDA Parent</p>
Anonymous	<p>Thank you for all of your hard work in trying to get our students back to in person learning during this unprecedented pandemic. As a pediatrician, I certainly can see the detrimental effects of keeping students isolated during virtual learning -- social isolation, learning loss with a decline in grades due to inability to concentrate online, increase in media consumption, and a drastic increase in anxiety/depression with suicidality.</p> <p>I too was excited for my middle school student to return to school in person when it was first announced in November. However, since due to the rising number of cases of COVID 19, I have had severe reservations with the amount of community spread. Of course, I would like my student to return to school in person, but I feel a need to keep our students and teachers safe as well. As you all know, COVID 19 is an extremely unpredictable virus, that can cause serious death and long term disability in even young healthy students and teachers.</p> <p>I believe that school should not reopen after the winter break, and there should be a 2 week period of virtual learning and then the reopening should be more gradual.</p>
Anonymous	<p>As a school, students and teachers need to be able to move forward. We must start taking steps, no matter how small, to start getting students proper education. Being a 7th grader at Diegueno distance learning, I can tell I'm not being challenged enough online.</p>
Richard Moon	<p>We have two children in the SDUHSD district. Thank you for meeting during these holidays to take action on this important time sensitive matter. As you know, there has been a holiday Covid surge in the Southern California hospitals. We only expect it to get worse in mid-January. In the interest of public safety, I ask you to rescind the Dec 15th resolution.</p> <p>I thank the board members and superintendent Haley for listening to the concerns of the public.</p>
Jessica Mortensen	<p>Please consider the rescission of expanded school opening. We are in the worst moments of a still growing pandemic and are not ready to expose our communities to Covid. We have the opportunity to reach all students via distance learning, and I can tell you that it has been successful in my classes. I teach grades 9-12 and my students have all been innovative and have risen to the challenge. I am seeing no loss of learning and students are creative in how they communicate with each other and bond over the activities we do. We all miss the in-person school we last saw in March of 2020, but we just are not there yet. It is simply not the time to attempt to return to in person. It is not worth risking the health or life of a single person in our vast community. We will get there in time, but when it is safe, not now.</p>