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Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 8:29 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on March 1, 2021 about Agenda Item PUSD /Pasadena City Council joint meeting

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Name: Cynthia Lake **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

PUSD Educators have been providing students in grades TK -12 curriculum and instruction from afar for almost a year. We stepped up to pay for internet access, learn new technologies, maximize learning management systems, engage students in meaningful lessons, connect with families, deliver needed instructional supplies /devices, offer advise and counseling, write recommendation letters, host extracurricular online activities, organize fundraisers and generally provide a stable "normalized" online educational structure for our most vulnerable populations from our homes. A 10% raise will provide economic relief and an incentive to return to the classroom. Many educators will spend the salary increase on the additional instructional supplies and protections necessary to instruct students in a Covid-19 free Classroom. Teachers should earn at least as much as a babysitter earns per hour per child. ASK PARENTS, who have become unwilling educators, for the past year. They know and AGREE that we DESERVE a raise! Teachers should not feel exploited because they LOVE their job that enables others to learn more about themselves, the world and others. Those who can DO. Those who can do more, TEACH. INSPIRE us to return to the classroom through a belated monetary recognition of our value. 10% For the Children!

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Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 7:37 PM
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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on March 1, 2021 about Agenda Item Reopening Schools

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Name: Denise R Johnson **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Dr., Altadena, CA 91001

Comments:

As a school teacher in this district, I'm deeply concerned that any decision to reopen our schools at this time could put our community at significant risk for a resurgence of this virus. We just came out of a surge in November and December that put a tremendous stress on our hospitals. Do we really want to take that chance of potentially causing another surge? Wouldn't it be prudent and wise to use scientific data to inform our decision rather than to succumb to public pressure? Do we really know enough about these Covid-19 variants that are potentially more contagious and deadly than the original virus itself? We've been on lockdown for nearly a year, and I know we're all tired of it, but it would be foolhardy to risk the lives of our students, their families, and our own families to experiment with reopening schools. We need to demonstrate patience and restraint as we allow all of our school employees and our community members to become fully vaccinated.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

Entry Submitted: February 28, 2021 at 7:36 pm

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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on March 1, 2021 about Agenda Item 6

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Name: Mary **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Returning to school will create an unsafe health environment. Our minority communities are being hit the hardest. The majority of student stakeholders are minority. We are bringing them into a situation where they can contract the virus and pass it to their family members. Additionally staff can still contract it and take it home to our children. Lastly, we re creating a stressful situation. Being that we have already been through a traumatic year, should we be creating more of a stressful situation by having these alternating schedules. At this point what will be the positive effects on their education versus disrupting a schedule that they have already grown accustomed to for the last year?

It would be wisest to finish the year remotely and safely for all stakeholders. It seems as though the only people benefiting from returning to school are the politicians....

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Public Comment for Meeting on March 1, 2021 about Agenda Item 6

Name: Edward **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Magalong St, Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

Members of the Pasadena City Council and PUSD Board:

Thank you for your continuing efforts to keep Pasadena's children, teachers and their families safe during this pandemic. As a PUSD parent, I eagerly await the day that in-person learning resumes. However, I feel that schools should remain closed until August 2021. Like an out-of-control wildfire, the pandemic has not yet been sufficiently contained. Declining infection rates and the growing availability of vaccines offer hope, but reopening schools too soon is adding fuel to that wildfire. The chances of a resurgence increase dramatically.

Reopening schools at this time ignores three factors: 1) Although PUSD employees are eligible for vaccines, many of their family members are not. An inoculated PUSD employee can still transmit COVID-19 to a non-inoculated family member. 2) Some parents send sick children to school after giving them fever reducers. If these children have COVID-19, their classmates and teachers will unknowingly be exposed to the virus. 3) Students have acclimated to online learning. It would be unwise to disrupt their routine with only 61 learning days remaining in this school year.

I implore you to postpone re-opening until August. Let's ensure the fire is out!

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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on March 1, 2021 about Agenda Item 6

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Linda Chan			Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

As I enjoyed this beautiful day in our northwest Pasadena, my own children brought up a good observation. Their question was: “why during summer, do we have to drive around the city looking for a pool, when we have one in our community?”. They were referring to the John Muir High School Pool. They also mentioned the school’s open field. I am wondering as a community member and as a parent, what it will take for our neighborhood to enjoy the wonderful resources we have within? I am aware that things have to remain close due to the pandemic, but looking ahead at reopening, can this be made possible? I know other neighbors that feel the same way, I can gather signatures of support if needed. I thank you for your time.

Linda Chan

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 10:21 AM
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Name: Tarah Kennedy **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** , Pasadena, CA
91107

Comments:

Dear Board and City Council,

I'm a parent of an elementary student at PUSD. While we wait for news of the supposed return of elementary students back to their classroom, based on the latest re-opening guide and the guidance of Pasadena City Health, I am bewildered to why we do not have a start date.

The district has a strong and safe plan to return. The survey gives parents a choice whether to return to campus, not all have to return if they don't deem it personally safe. Teachers are getting vaccinated and the cases are dropping. Mental health of our students and families is declining and the longer we wait to return, the wider the gap of inequity. We need the chance to put students back in the classroom.

Please hear our voices. Please think about our children.

Thank you, Tarah Kennedy

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

Entry Submitted: March 1, 2021 at 10:21 am

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From: City Web
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Name: Neil and Shaina Tyler **Email:** **Address:** Altadena, CA
91001

Comments:

The time has come to get our students back in school. Other public and private schools in the area have successfully returned. There is no reason PUSD schools cannot do the same.

Our students are being harmed every day by being forced to stare at a screen in isolation rather than learn from their teachers and peers in-person. We were told PUSD staff and teachers would begin being vaccinated January 21. Two weeks after the first dose, people are 85% protected. With social distancing, mask wearing, and filters, the spread of the virus to any vaccinated teachers or staff will be minimized. Let's set some firm dates and stick to them. If any teachers or students (or their parents) do not feel comfortable returning to in-person instruction this school year, they can continue in a remote environment. But those who want to return to in-person instruction should not be held hostage by those who do not. The gap between public and private school students in our community is only widening. This will have deep and long-lasting repercussions for our students. Everyone cannot be satisfied in this environment. But please be bold and definitive and get our students back in school.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

Entry Submitted: March 1, 2021 at 11:24 am

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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 12:01 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on March 1, 2021 about Agenda Item 6

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Name: Kathleen Bergman **Email:** **Address:** Covina, CA 91723

Comments:

As a teacher and parent in the district, I would love things to be back to normal in schools.

Regarding reopening, I have the following concerns.

1. Risk to teachers' families: Even with being told that the risk of spread is low with being vaccinated, it is of prime concern that I may spread COVID to my unvaccinated family members. This concern is amplified by the more deadly and more contagious West Coast strain dominant in our state as well as the UK strain which has closed schools in Europe.

2. Ventilation: Although the district has promised HEPA filters and updated filters in our air conditioning, this does not address proper ventilation for our schools to fulfill state requirements. Additionally, many of our schools have outdated air conditioning systems and windows painted shut.

3. Disruption to learning: The transition to simultaneous learning will present disruption to the learning and routines that have been established in our virtual classrooms. Remote learners and in person learners alike will lose instruction as in-person learners learn routines that take weeks. Although we all want to see students back in school, let's take this time to work together to prepare for a safer Fall reopening.

Sincerely, Mrs. Bergman

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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From: City Web
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2021 12:16 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on March 1, 2021 about Agenda Item Public comment

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Name: Beth A **Email:** **Address:**
Strehl Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Mayor Gordo and councilmembers,

I teach transitional kindergarten in Pasadena unified. I am eager to get back to my classroom. My students need a lot of hands-on activities and social interaction. That said, it is also incredibly important to me and the families of my students that they come back to school in a safe environment.

As of today I have not heard any specifics on how they will keep students, staff and families safe for in person learning. We have heard broad strokes and optimal ideals, but no specifics. As the employee that needs to carry out these duties, I feel it is important that I am informed and instructed on all the protocols. Until these questions are answered, I do not feel comfortable exposing my students, their families, and my family to going back in the classroom.

Beth A. Strehl

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

Entry Submitted: March 1, 2021 at 12:15 pm

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Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on March 1, 2021 about Agenda Item Reopening of schools

Public Comment for Meeting on March 1, 2021 about Agenda Item Reopening of schools

Name: Kai Venable **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Pasadena City Council

I am trusting that you have the true health and safety of our youngest children at heart.

What you may or may not know is that Pasadena Unified has set a daily schedule for TK-2nd to attend 5 hours of school without a lunch break and wearing a mask all day.

The children would get 2 15 minute breaks within the school day. However, they will be sent home with a lunch a 12:55 PM.

I'm sure you would agree that this is not an ideal schedule for 5-7 year olds.

Most schools that have returned have a 3 hour day (8-11 am) with a second group of students arriving for the next 3 hours.

This half day schedule seems more appropriate for this age group.

I don't have enough word space to mention their health in my classroom with windows that don't open. Nor can I talk at length about how kindergartners learn through investigations,

experimenting, playing, and discovering- not sitting at a desk, which is how school will look if they return.

Please do consider their health and mental well-being. Not the governor's stimulus check.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: David Berk **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106-3620

Comments:

“...from early September to mid-November, 5,700 individual cases (in Wisconsin) were linked to outbreaks in K-12 schools and childcare facilities. That amounts to 14% of the cases connected to outbreaks in the state...schools had more outbreak-linked cases than restaurants and bars or food production facilities.”

<https://www.chalkbeat.org/2021/2/2/22262837/cdc-studies-school-reopening-wisconsin-covid-safety?fbclid=IwAR01ZtZmtqrpb0Yk7iGjcKdzhurAhRCvIm11i0RS44jS-CyxBNE3LAju24>

Israel had their schools open through January. “More than 50,000 (Israeli) children and teens have been diagnosed with coronavirus since the start of (January).”

<https://www.jpost.com/health-science/with-more-kids-sick-with-covid-can-israel-re-open-schools-656791>

“Closures have been announced in the U.K., Germany, Ireland, Austria, Denmark and the Netherlands on concerns about a more infectious variant of the virus.”

““In the second wave we acquired much more evidence that schoolchildren are almost equally, if not more infected by SARS-CoV-2 than others,” said Antoine Flahault, director of the University of Geneva’s Institute of Global Health.”

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/europes-schools-are-closing-again-on-concerns-they-spread-covid-19-11610805601>

From Pasadena Health Department Director Dr. Goh, I feel our community deserves a thorough explanation as to why it seems she feels that these and other evidence of covid-19's danger in open school buildings aren't relevant to Pasadena Unified. Our teachers, students, and community deserve more than just "trust me, it's safe."

David Berk

Teacher, Hamilton Elementary School, PUSD

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

Entry Submitted: March 1, 2021 at 12:39 pm

Iraheta, Alba

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From: City Web <cityweb@cityofpasadena.net>
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Name: Hayley Boaz **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**

Comments:

We are parents concerned about our students' education, mental health, and well-being. First and foremost, as elected City Council members we want you to publicly acknowledge that you are advocating for in person learning. Our students must return to in-person education now that the Covid positivity numbers have dropped significantly over the past few weeks. It is fear and politics, rather than science, that is now keeping kids out of school.

First, we demand that the Pasadena City Council follow the CDC guidelines and conclusions. The CDC webpage is filled with cited studies and includes the science behind its recommendation that "schools be the last place to close and the first to re-open." The overall conclusions and supporting evidence can be accessed here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/science-and-research/transmission_k_12_schools.html.

Second, the California Education Code requires school districts to adopt a learning continuity and attendance plan describing, among other things, "the actions the school district . . . will take to offer classroom-based instruction whenever possible, particularly for pupils who have experienced significant learning loss due to school closures in the 2019-2020 school year or are at greater risk of experiencing learning loss due to future school closures." Cal. Educ. Code section 43509.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Erika Foy **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Third, we ask that Dr. Goh no longer be making the decision-maker on behalf of Pasadena because she has not fulfilled her duties of protecting the health, safety, and well-being of the students of Pasadena. It is simply unacceptable that the Pasadena Health Department allows restaurants, bars, and beauty salons to re-open, yet schools remain closed. Further, Dr. Goh has advocated to reopen gyms, but is opposed to reopening schools until the unreasonable (and perhaps unachievable for another year) number of .007% of positive Covid cases throughout LA County is reached.

Fourth, we ask that you allow for any schools, including public, private, and parochial, to reopen full time for all students. It is inadequate for families who have been trying for almost a year to juggle the impossible demands of parenting, home-schooling, and working. It is inadequate for the City Council to fail to step in to fill the void left by PUSD's inaction, and the failure of the Pasadena Health Department to make decisions about re-opening schools independent from the LA County Health Department.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

Entry Submitted: March 1, 2021 at 2:11 pm

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Name: Ryan Forrest **Email** **Phone:** **Address:**, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

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Name: Mary Forrest **Email:** **Phone:** 6 **Address:**, Pasadena, California 91105

Comments:

Parents who can afford to stay home with their children or who do not feel safe returning to campus this school year should be allowed to attend school remotely, but not at the expense of the public at large.

A fair and equal education for all students in Pasadena, public, private, and parochial is of utmost importance. The toll of the COVID-19 pandemic, the isolation of our children has profoundly impacted their mental health and development. We are gravely concerned that the continued isolation, inability to access the curriculum, and constant screen time has had and will continue to have an adverse effect on their mental health, socio-emotional development. Now that the science supports a safe return to school on campuses it seems illegal.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

Entry Submitted: March 1, 2021 at 2:19 pm

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Name: Angela Buchanan **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**, Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

We understand that Pasadena schools are limited by the County of Los Angeles purple and red tier requirements, but any schools within the City of Pasadena have the unique opportunity to advocate to the Pasadena City Health Department for a waiver, particularly now that the COVID-19 positivity numbers have declined so rapidly in recent weeks. All students, including high school students should now be provided the right to attend school on campus. As these students have been deprived of an in-person education for almost one year now, we do not have time to sit back and wait any longer.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

Entry Submitted: March 1, 2021 at 2:21 pm

Martinez, Ruben

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To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on March 1, 2021 about Agenda Item special meeting on reopening schools

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Sylvia Salas			Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I am a mother of 3 teens who have attended PUSD schools. I have been very vocal about my distrust and dislike of UTP's agenda. They consistently have shown to be more concerned about power and money than the kids and families in Pasadena. Those that are affected the most are the minorities in the lower socio-economic group. They are virtually held hostage to whatever demands the union makes. The fact that they continue to resist reopening, DESPITE the CDC and scientific data showing kids are low risk for COVID infections. I am waiting for the data to start coming out showing the negative impact school closures have had on our children. The proof can already be seen with all those HS senior failing at least one class last semester (250+ failed classes). This now has PUSD scrambling to open up creative "Credit Recovery" programs to help those kids graduate HS. SO. If you all continue to support the continuation of school closures, WE the PARENTs will remember this at the ballot box at the next election. Please consider the children and ask them how they feel and what they think would be best. Thank you for your time.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Jennifer Vane			Ave., Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

The fact that schools are not open for all grades is a travesty. When I protested at the steps of City Hall 2 weeks ago, Councilmember Felicia Williams said schools would be open but that we had to consider "equity." What could she possibly mean? How does it feel to have presided over school closures that will disproportionately affect low-income and minority students? For a lifetime, said a Brown University economist! Think about that. Is that equitable? I am tired of my politicians pandering to the teachers' unions when the science and the CDC say it is safe to go back to in-person instruction. No more excuses. ALL schools should be open.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: David Chavez **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am parent of a 2nd grader at Altadena Arts Magnet and am calling on the city and district to not reopen schools under the current Covid19 safety plan and conditions in our city/county. The testing plan has a target of 100 tests a day but it does not mean it will happen. Also because our county is in the purple tier the district will only be doing asymptomatic testing once a month. The New England Journal of Medicine published the following statement in their December 2020 article The Missing Piece — SARS-CoV-2 Testing and School Reopening which stated "Because an estimated 40% of Covid-19 cases are asymptomatic and 50% of transmissions occur from asymptomatic persons, we believe that screening testing is critical." The plan also allows for days to go by and the number of positive cases to increase before a school closure is called.

Working class parents of color are over 80% of our district they are at the highest risk for severe symptoms and death. The city and district must do daily asymptomatic testing, vaccine outreach/priority for all staff, teachers, students, and their families who chose to be in school or not reopen. Use the CARES money now.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: John Michelena **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Pasadena should allow high schools to open based on Pasadena's numbers, not LA county's. The end of the high school year is quickly approaching. Schools that end in May have about 10 weeks left. To make the kids wait another 5 weeks for LA County to get to 7 cases per 100,000 is not acceptable. In the next month, how much depression will the kids suffer? How much learning loss will they have? Will any commit suicide? Those are the stakes. If the City does not decide to at least allow high schools the choice to open, then we should agree to disband the Pasadena Health Department as there is no reason to pay for a Health Department that just follows LA County Health.

Parents are aware that, until now, the State and Governor have been responsible for preventing schools from opening. (Which is also why so many school parents have signed the Recall Newsom petition.)

Please allow high schools the option to open. This does not force any school to reopen or any child to go back. It just allows the schools that are able to put precautions in place to safely reopen to do so.

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Name: Diana Morrison **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

Hi all,

As we prepare for a return to the classroom we need to address how we can have confidence in the District's ability to keep our teaching spaces clean and safe from possible COVID contamination when just maintaining a basic degree of cleanliness on our campuses seems an impossible task. Our campus is filthy. The floors have been waxed, but the first day back, the floors will be scratched. So as I am appreciative of the floors being waxed, the rest of the school is filthy. Some of these pictures were taken in my classroom. The walls, desks, doors and chairs are disgusting. The boys bathroom is horrible. The ceramic tiles are coming off the walls, the toilet seat and tissue dispenser are gross, no soap dispenser, disgusting walls, paint peeling off the wall, stall doors with dirty hand-prints, rusted stalls, layers of dirt, etc.

I'm not exactly sure how this has not been cleaned, painted, scrubbed, etc. in the last 11 months.

McKinley is not the only school in PUSD that is filthy. Do these pictures show students and parents that PUSD is ready to open back up?

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Diana Arnold
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Phone: --
Address: Street, Pasadena, CA 91104

Comments:

I am concerned over the feasibility of opening our schools so quickly. Many of our classrooms have windows that will not open and do not allow for ventilation. I am concerned over supporting our youngest students with following procedures to keep safe (staying 6 feet apart, keeping their masks on, etc). Further, I am worried that even though I will have received my vaccinations by the end of the month, I may still bring the virus home to my family. Last, I am worried about my colleagues who may teach Kindergarten through second grade but have children in the 3rd through 6th grade and may not have childcare. It is unfortunate that we are being asked to put our lives, and lives of our families, in jeopardy in order to gain funding for schools that have been historically underfunded.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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