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To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting on February 8, 2021 about Agenda Item 1

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Mary Forrest			Road, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

I can't believe it is February and I am still writing in to this city council to do its part in opening our schools. Schools have been closed for a YEAR. Pasadena has its own HD and the power to be an example of how schools can safely open for k-12. Even more data, studies, and SCIENCE point to schools being open for IN PERSON learning. Yet, here we are, in the same place we were at the end of September. How sad for these kids and families. How sad for the teachers who cannot connect with their students and have not been more highly prioritized for receiving the vaccine. I was happy to see the Star News article about using tax dollars to hire a lobbyist to help advocate for Pasadena. Although, disappointing that there was not a SINGLE mention of them being used to help get our kids in schools. As our elected officials, I beg you, do something for our kids, be better, think creatively, work with these unions. Our kids lives are counting on this. Its your turn to make this is highest priority because now it most definitely is.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Marisa **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena,
Zakaria CA 91101

Comments:

Dear City Council members,

330 days behind a computer, not learning- no social interactions, slipping behind peers that have not stopped in person learning all throughout the country, mental health crises rising- don't you remember being a child IN SCHOOL and its importance? Don't you have children, grandchildren, nieces, or nephews? Don't ALL children deserve a chance to learn in a classroom?

It is not the time to worry about climate change or funding for other political issues that do not have an immediate impact. With the vaccine available for the elderly and other vulnerable, it's time to put emphasis on our kids. Shamefully, politicians and leaders have not taken steps to help them at all.

Please, for the future of our community, for the future of our children, and for their health (as the mental health risk is far greater than the covid risk for them), lobby the local and state governments to open schools and make our children a priority. The CDC and doctors indicate it is safe to open schools, and ALL science shows schools are not super spreaders. Please stop letting teachers' unions and other progressive interest parties shift focus- our kids need us NOW.

Thank you,
Marisa Zakaria

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Name: Harper Burge **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

We need the schools to open now! According to the American Academy of Pediatrics president Lee Savio Beers, MD, FAAP, "Children absolutely need to return to in-school learning for their healthy development and well-being." The doctors want students to return, the parents want students to return, the students want to return. Their mental health is beyond at stake, we now hope there is no permanent damage. The only thing coming in between the children and their education is bad policies and decisions made by political leaders who care more about money and their own agendas than the future generation. This is no longer about COVID it is about mismanagement. Get your act together and do your job - serve the public like you made an oath to do, serve the families of your communities, serve the children of our next generation. If you can't serve the public step down. There are many people who would gladly take your place. Open the schools.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Caroline Botsford			Road, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Dear Mayor, City Council, and Dr. Goh,

I am writing to you in support of all the mothers at home who are struggling with the online learning for their kids and need schools to open immediately. I am a mom of two and I implore you to consider the severe mental and physical impacts this shutdown is having on our kids and young adults. Learn through play is such an important developmental need for these children and we are depriving. Kids who are forced to be at home are suffering from isolation will cause anxiety in many social situations. It is time to change course and take action to get these kids back to school. The time is now to reverse course and see that our kids are now suffering on a larger level compared to those with COVID. Keeping our kids out of school for 331 days has now created an irreversible loss for our children's education. It is imperative you do everything in your capabilities to open our schools for the sake of our community and the mental health of our littlest members. Enough is enough. Our kids need to be back in school. The suffering has gone on long enough.

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Name: Nicole Anido **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena,
CA 91106

Comments:

It is time to expand our school waiver program to allow 3-6th grade to return to school as the state has allowed for this tier. Our kids have been out of school long enough. The nation has demonstrated it is safe to return to school, the CDC has said it is safe to return to school. The President, and our Governor have said it is safe. Enough of this virtual schooling. Let our kids back to school now!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Catherine Roheim			road, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Children are suffering at such drastic lengths being out of school. Not only are they depressed, lonely, and anxious - they are checked out from education and aren't advancing academically. The place for children is in school.

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Name: Brian **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Botsford road, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Dear Mayor, City Council, and Dr. Goh,

I am a father of two and have watched the suffering of Pasadena children for long enough. It is time this city allows us the opportunity to get our children back into in-person learning environments. I grew up in Pasadena and am incredibly lucky to be raising my children here. I support the schools, the community and our beautiful city. However, this is not something I can stand by any longer. We will no longer support this city and the decisions you are making if you do not start putting the children and their mental health as a priority. You have the power to change this. Do something. Open the schools.

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Marissa Bell			Road, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Kids need to get back in school! It has been astounding to see, even my 5 year old, who was so passionate and excited to begin school on zoom has become increasingly fatigued. It is so very sad. A few months of zoom was OK, but going on a year, these kids have quite literally spent a year alienated from the care of their teachers, the support of their friends, and real structure. Further, this is disproportionately impacting children of lesser means as so many of the private schools have opened in some capacity. We and you will be losing an entire generation of kids who have now been so seriously impacted, not by covid, but by school closures. These are the same kids who are facing hunger, whose parents are losing jobs, and would so benefit from having structure, meals, help, support at school.

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Name: Melissa K. Eaves **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** ,
Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Please adopt a plan to get our children back in school. The mental health effects are devastating and the science shows that kids are not spreading the virus to adults or each other. It also makes no sense that people can go out golfing, running etc. But kids are not permitted to engage in those activities for their schools. The damage being done to these kids on every level is going to be very difficult to repair. It's time to get them back in school. Enough is enough!

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Name: Laurie Smith **Email:** **Address:**
Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

The NUMBER ONE thing our city's leaders should be fighting for is our kids who have been out of school over 330 days!!!! Kids are suffering and families are suffering. The damage will be exponential.

Please use our tax dollars to get these kids back in school!!!

Please listen to the CDC and pediatricians who are telling us that KIDS NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL!!! Mental health issues are skyrocketing. I know several families in Pasadena who cannot find a therapist for their kids because THEIR SCHEDULES ARE ALL FULL due ro Covid-related mental health issues!!!

PLEASE!!!! PLEASE!!!! PLEASE!!!! Do something for our kids who do not have a voice.

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Name: Julianne Webb
Email:
Phone:
Address: Rd, San Marino, CA 91108

Comments:

Our children have suffered enough! They have been used as a political decoy in the worst most manipulative way! We as parents are fed up with watching our children fall behind in their academics and lack of socialization with their peers. Children 16 and under will not even be getting the vaccine, so isn't that proof enough that they are not as affected by this virus? Who's fighting for them? It is damn time to open up our schools!

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Name: Frances Morrison **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Ave., Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

The unintended consequences of children missing a year of schoolwork as well as socializing far is likely to outweigh the risk of Covid at this point. Children are at much lower risk for serious consequences and spread of the disease. The negative economic, physical, and mental outcomes are immeasurable for these children and families. At the very least, have teachers become priority vaccination recipients and allow children to return to school in person. Please.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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

Comments:

Last February, my children were in school. They were happy, actively learning, and had the opportunity to learn by play. As I sit here today in February 2021, nearly 4.5 months have gone by without any significant updates, or even a response from the Councilmember in my district whom I wrote on October 26. The time is now for the City to be an example. We have the incredible opportunity, given that we have our own Public Health Department to be a leader in the county, region, and state and open schools. I recognize there is a tremendous amount of effort and planning it takes to open our schools. However, the effort is going to have to shift towards rehabilitating the mental health of our children if this mismanagement and lack of action continues. When teaching our children about the meanings of various feelings, the feelings that continue to come out of my 5-year old's mouth when I ask about his attitude are that he is feeling sad, angry, and tired. Can you blame him? Please provide our community with some hope by acting. Thank you.

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Name: Greg Chapman **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91107

Comments:

Please follow the science and allow our children to return to school. Children have no voice and teachers unions are big contributors to political elites. Someone must stand up for the mental health and future education of our children.

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Name: Hayley Boaz **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Pasadena,
CA 91105

Comments:

I am asking for the City of Pasadena to fight to the state to get all students K-12 back on campus. Next to physical health, what is more essential than our kids' academic, social and emotional education? Depression and anxiety are at an all time high in children! This is unacceptable. Please fight for our California students. Our children have rights and are being deprived of them. We must speak up for them. Children are the future of our country. How can we expect them to make a positive impact on our society without schools? Teachers are just as essential as healthcare workers. Teachers shape and inspire the hearts and minds of our children. I demand we get them back to school now! It has been 331 days and children and parents are suffering more than ever. The emotional and intellectual damage done will be irreversible in our sweet children. Please fight!

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Name: Henry Burge **Email:** **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Pathetic. Pathetic. Pathetic. Pathetic. Pathetic. Pathetic. Pathetic.

Political. Political. Political. Political. Political. Political. Political.

These two words best describe all of you on the board.

Since facts don't matter to the City Council maybe just a reality check will. This is political and pathetic what you are doing to our children.

Have you ever seen Game of Thrones? The Pasadena Heath Department bends the knee to the County of Los Angeles.

Pathetic.

What's the point of having a heath department when you cant make your own decisions?

Political.

Time to step up or resign.

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Name: Alyson Pernecky **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I was shocked to read in today's paper that Pasadena has lobbyists that will be arguing for coronavirus aid but includes nothing at all about money to re-open schools. How is this not a priority for Pasadena's children? They have not set foot on their campuses for a year! Campuses that we know provide so many critical things for children to thrive - emotionally and physically. I can't tell you how hard it is to see my daughter, who should be enjoying her junior year of high school, spending hours in her dark room on zoom after zoom, learning a fraction of what she should be and becoming further and further withdrawn from so little interaction with her peers. She goes from a desk to a bed and back - all day, 5 days a week. Imagine yourself at age 17 and what your school days were like. Now compare that to what these teenagers are experiencing - or better yet, NOT experiencing. This is time they will not get back. The damage is visible and horrible now and will prove to be much worse long-term. We need our council and health department to fight for our kids!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Dana Banta **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

It's essential and imperative that all Pasadena schools open immediately. Schools being closed for over 300+ day is uncalled for and a detriment.

The mental health of our children as well as their parents is at stake. Our children are the future and are our priority as a community. By not attending school in person, children become isolated and fall behind, parents incur an undue burden to properly provide for their children and families become dismantled. I have seen this happen first hand within my own family as well as amongst my Pasadena-area friends. Long term, all of these factors result in greater, negative repercussions for our community.

Until September, this is what our family was going through. Since then, my children have been fortunate enough to resume in person learning due to their age. Life is infinitely better. Our children are thriving - elated to see their friends and eager to learn from trained, professional teachers. The experience of in person learning is not something we as parents could ever successfully provide to our children.

Our children are our future. Let's provide for them, support them every step of the way. In person learning is the greatest gift we can give our community.

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Name: Denise **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:**
Walklett , Pasadena, CA 91103

Comments:

I am glad to see this topic as Agenda Item #1 today. It is crucial for children to return to the classroom. Schools all over the country and world have returned without consequence. Each day our students are falling farther and farther behind academically and socially. Every Sunday night my eighth grader, who is a very independent and "successful" student, gets anxiety and has had emotional breakdowns saying she can't do this anymore. If this is happening to her, I can't imagine what children with less motivation and support are feeling. Be leaders and stop using fear as an excuse.

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Name: Celene Lyddon
Email:
Phone:
Address: st, Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

It is unacceptable that children have been out of the classroom for almost a year now. I urge you to fix this devastating situation and allow all students of every age group to get back in the classrooms. The mental health and physical health of our children is declining before our eyes with every passing day they are home. anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts , and eating disorders to name just a few are common issues our children are facing. Problems much bigger then covid-19 itself. Do the right thing, reopen the schools, our future, our children are counting on it.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name:	Email:	Phone:	Address:
Diana Sala			Pasadena, CA 91105

Comments:

Please stop ignoring the public's cries for help. Children need to be in school. It brings tears to my eyes picturing the stressed faces of my nieces and nephews who's spirits have been crushed because their schools have been shut. Usually happy, energetic kids are struggling both emotionally and academically. Their lights are dim and their mental health is suffering. Please listen to our pleas, and open up the schools. These kids are our future and it's our job to set them up for success not watch them drowning. Thank you for listening and I hope you do the right thing.

Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes

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Name: Toi **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** ..
Treister Pasadena, CA 91106

Comments:

Pasadena's children and their return to school needs to be the top priority for everyone right now. Students have not set foot on their campuses for a year and these campuses provide many critical resources for our children to thrive - emotionally and physically. The damage is visible and will only get worse if we don't do everything we can do now to re-open our schools immediately. We need you, our council, and health department to fight for our kids!

Consent given to read my comments out loud: No

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

Comments:

Dear City Council of Pasadena,

It has been almost a year now that our children have set foot on campus.

At what point does this become a priority?

Schools CAN open safely!

We can go to Costco, play tennis, attend Country Clubs, dine outbut our kids can't go to school?

Are they not essential enough for you to make them a priority?

They have paid the price long enough and someone has to be strong enough to do the right thing!

Sincerely,

Angela Buchanan

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Name: Noelle Aloe **Email:** **Phone:** **Address:** , San
Marino, California 90020

Comments:

The first priority of our elected officials should be to get all of Pasadena's kids back to school, k-12. We are a small city that should not be grouped into Los Angeles County. Our leaders should have been lobbying to Sacramento to get our schools open months ago and with this latest plan by the city to lobby to the state, why is there no mention of lobbying to get our schools open? Public health is more than trying to stop a virus from spreading, and it has become very clear that the mental health of our children and teens has been ignored by our leaders. Our kids are not learning and falling behind, they are suffering. Once again, if we can open big box retailers, we surely can open schools. California is in the minority, and why would we not be looking at other states and countries and how they opened safely and countries have opened schools safely. Our city officials need to lobby to our Governor that schools should be essential and release them from the tier system.

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