

**Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting**

February 20, 2024

Written Public Comments

Name:	Phoebe Vu Cachuela
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>My name is Phoebe Vu Cachuela. I am the parent/guardian of a kindergartner at Washington Elementary and ask that you reinstate Summer Matters at our school for summer 2025. I am deeply disappointed that Washington was not selected as a Summer Matters site, and that we were not provided with timely or direct notice of SCUSD’s decision. Parents who rely on this critical service are finding out piecemeal, through the grapevine, and many will not have the time or resources to find alternatives.</p> <p>There is a clear need for these crucial services as Washington has continuously maxed out enrollment for the summer program. As a Title 1 school, there are clear concerns about the ability for Washington students to easily access another program. Accessibility and equity go hand in hand and removal for the Summer Matters program here exacerbates this.</p> <p>Similarly, summer programming in Sacramento is limited and is frankly, too costly (financially and logistically) for most families, creating a clear educational gap for children whose families can and cannot maneuver the logistical nightmare of summer programming elsewhere. With ICE fears and the district's commitment to being a safe haven, it is crucial that families have access to the school that they feel safe at in their neighborhood. Reinstatement of Washington’s summer program reinforces SCUSD’s commitment to providing a safe haven for all.</p> <p>As such, I respectfully ask that SCUSD do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Reinstate Summer Matters for the Summer 2025 season at Washington Elementary2) Provide guidance on how we can both host Summer Matters while ensuring Washington Elementary meets its “deep clean” summer requirements for the 2025 summer season. <p>Sincerely, Phoebe Vu Cachuela</p>

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Name:	Jade Hughes
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>My name is Jade Hughes and I am the parent of three students (2nd, 4th, and 5th grade) at Washington Elementary and am writing to ask that you reinstate Summer Matters at our school for summer 2025. We have participated in the Summer Matters program at Washington every year, and I am so very disappointed that the program will not be at Washington this year.</p> <p>This affects my family directly. We do not own a car and rely on public transportation to get to school and work. With my children at Washington I am able to drop them off at school, and then take the train and bus to my work site. There is no other site that would allow me to do this without a car, which leaves me with no option but to take leave from work, putting us in financial distress. I know that we are one of many low-income families in the neighborhood that rely on the Summer Matters program at Washington, and removing it will have quite a devastating impact on many of us. I personally cannot afford to not go to work, and my children will be very disappointed that they are not able to attend the program at their school.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that SCUSD do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Reinstate Summer Matters for the Summer 2025 season at Washington Elementary2) Provide guidance on how we can both host Summer Matters while ensuring Washington Elementary meets its “deep clean” summer requirements for the 2025 summer season. <p>Best regards, Jade Hughes</p>

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Name:	Russell Maddox
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>Hello, I am the parent of Russell Maddox who attends 1st grade at Washington Elementary and I would like to advocate for the Summer Matters Program to be reinstated for the summer of 2025 at Washington. My son has benefited from this program being at his school and we have seen it serving a need for families in the community here at Washington. I am concerned that accessibility and transportation would be a challenge for some members of the community if the program is moved and affordable child care for the summer is a great need. Additionally, we have been very pleased with the staff who runs the program and would love to see them continue their great work at the school. I am respectfully asking that the district reinstate the Summer Matters program at Washington Elementary for the summer of 2025</p>

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Name:	Liza Albright
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	Please keep the summer program at Washington Elementary open. Our community depends on access to this program and programs like it.

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Name:	Kelly Stout
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>My name is Kelly Stout] and I am the parent/guardian of a 1st & 4th grader at Washington Elementary and am writing to ask that you reinstate Summer Matters at our school for summer 2025. I am deeply disappointed that Washington was not selected as a Summer Matters site.</p> <p>My children have utilized this program all their years at WES. My youngest has learning disabilities and it has been critical that she maintain some momentum during the summer. My oldest loves to keep her relationships with her peers going. The continuity of the STEAM program employees and the school staff is critical to continued success for my kids. As a single parent to two kids, 3 weeks of the most inexpensive summer camp is over \$2000. I only have to do 3 weeks because of the summer matters program.</p> <p>In previous years, we have maxed out at enrollment. As a Title 1 school, we are concerned about the ability for Washington students to easily access another program. As you are aware, summer programming is limited and can be too expensive for families which results in youth who are less engaged in the summer.</p> <p>With ICE fears and the district's commitment to being a safe haven, it is crucial that families have access to the school that they feel safe at in their neighborhood.</p> <p>We are also concerned that our amazing STEAM staff, who will be forced to shift to another site, may not return to our site for the following year.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that SCUSD do the following:</p> <p>Reinstate Summer Matters for the Summer 2025 season at Washington Elementary Provide guidance on how we can both host Summer Matters while ensuring Washington Elementary meets its “deep clean” summer requirements for the 2025 summer season.</p>

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Name:	Joey Cachuela
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>Dear SCUSD Board,</p> <p>My name is Joey Cachuela and I am the parent of a kindergartner at Washington Elementary and a member of the School Site Council. I ask that you reinstate Summer Matters at our school for summer 2025. I am deeply disappointed that Washington was not selected as a Summer Matters site, and that we were not provided with timely or direct notice of SCUSD's decision. Parents who rely on this critical service are finding out piecemeal, through the grapevine, and many will not have the time or resources to find alternatives. I will also stress that Washington Elementary leadership, in contrast to SCUSD, has been proactive and transparent in sharing this news with parents. The lack of communication falls squarely at the feet of SCUSD in this instance, and this breakdown in process belies a more fundamental breakdown in policy around which schools are selected for the Summer Matters program.</p> <p>There is a clear need for these crucial services, as Washington has continuously maxed out enrollment for the summer program. As a Title 1 school, there are evident concerns about the ability for Washington students to easily access another program. Accessibility and equity go hand in hand, and removal for the Summer Matters program here exacerbates this.</p> <p>Similarly, summer programming in Sacramento is limited and too costly - financially and logistically - for most families, creating a clear educational gap for children whose families cannot maneuver the logistical nightmare of summer programming elsewhere. With ICE and other immigration enforcement fears and SCUSD's laudable commitment to being a safe haven, it is crucial that families have access to the school at which they feel safe in their neighborhood. Reinstatement of Washington's summer program reinforces SCUSD's commitment to providing a safe haven for all.</p> <p>As such, I respectfully ask that SCUSD do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reinstate Summer Matters for the summer 2025 season at Washington Elementary.

2. Provide guidance on how Washington can both host Summer Matters while ensuring that the school meets its "deep clean" summer requirements for the 2025 summer season.

Respectfully,
Joey Cachuela

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Name:	Adriana Nunez
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>Hello,</p> <p>My name is Adriana Nunez and I'm the parent of a kindergartner, Oscar Henry, at Washington Elementary (Washington). I am writing to ask that you reinstate Summer Matters at our school for summer 2025. I was deeply disappointed to hear from the Locomotives Community Organization (LCO) that Washington was not selected as a Summer Matters school site for the upcoming summer--particularly given the fact that our school does not have a full-year childcare option at all.</p> <p>My son is autistic and the transition to kindergarten has been a challenge. With the immense support from Washington teachers and staff, Oscar is finally starting to like school and make friends. While he currently doesn't have access to the school's before/aftercare program (STEAM Academy), we were counting on access to a summer program at Washington to help maintain continuity in his routine as well as connection to his new found community. I honestly do not know what we will do for the summer if Summer Matters is not reinstated. For kids with special needs like Oscar, it would be difficult to transition to a 4th R program at another school and signing up for a private camp like the Y is unlikely to even be an option. SCUSD should have a year round childcare programs available for all of its students at every school site and the stark inequity of Title 1 school being denied this program is shameful. None of my colleagues with kids at elementary schools in East Sacramento or Land Park are worrying about where they will be this summer--they know they have 4th R at their home school. Their kids will be taking field trips to the pool with their friends. Their parents will benefit from affordable childcare. Families at Washington on the other hand, will be scrambling to find a childcare option that works for their kids and their budget. Some may not be able to do so without significant financial and/or emotional stress. SCUSD should reinstate Summer Matters at Washington.</p>

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Name:	Lyndsey Reed
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>Please reinstate Summer Matters at Washington for summer 2025. I am deeply disappointed that Washington was not selected as a Summer Matters site. As a working single parent, the summer matters program is invaluable in getting us through the summer. As you are aware, summer programming is limited and cost-prohibitive. I am also concerned that our amazing STEAM staff, who will be forced to shift to another site, may not return to our site for the following year.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that SCUSD do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Reinstate Summer Matters for the Summer 2025 season at Washington Elementary2) Provide guidance on how we can both host Summer Matters while ensuring Washington Elementary meets its “deep clean” summer requirements for the 2025 summer season. <p>Sincerely, Lyndsey Reed</p>

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Name:	Edgar Cabral
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>My name is Edgar Cabral and I am the parent of two children at Washington Elementary. I recently became aware that Washington was not selected as a Summer Matters site for summer 2025. I am deeply disappointed and ask that you reinstate the program at our school this summer.</p> <p>The Summer Matters program has been very successful at Washington. In previous years, the school has typically maxed out enrollment. As a Title I school, we are concerned about the ability of some of our students to easily access another program. As you know, summer programming is limited and can be too expensive or too logistically challenging for some students to attend.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that SCUSD do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reinstate Summer Matters for the Summer 2025 season at Washington Elementary2. Provide guidance on how we can both host Summer Matters while ensuring Washington Elementary meets its “deep clean” summer requirements for the 2025 summer season. <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Edgar Cabral</p>

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Name:	Danielle Tyler
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>My name is Danielle Tyler and I am the parent/guardian of a 1st grader at Washington Elementary and am writing to ask that you reinstate Summer Matters at our school for summer 2025. I am deeply disappointed that Washington was not selected as a Summer Matters</p> <p>In previous years, we have maxed out at enrollment. As a Title 1 school, we are concerned about the ability for Washington students to easily access another program. As you are aware, summer programming is limited and can be too expensive for families which results in youth who are less engaged in the summer.</p> <p>With ICE fears and the district's commitment to being a safe haven, it is crucial that families have access to the school that they feel safe at in their neighborhood. We are also concerned that our amazing STEAM staff, who will be forced to shift to another site, may not return to our site for the following year.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that SCUSD do the following:</p> <p>Reinstate Summer Matters for the Summer 2025 season at Washington Elementary Provide guidance on how we can both host Summer Matters while ensuring Washington Elementary meets its “deep clean” summer requirements for the 2025 summer season.</p> <p>Sincerely, Danielle Tyler</p>

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Name:	Renay Bradley
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>I am the parent of a 5th grade student at Washington Elementary and am writing to ask that you reinstate Summer Matters at our school for summer 2025. I am deeply disappointed that Washington was not selected as a Summer Matters site. In previous years, we have maxed out at enrollment. As a Title 1 school, we are concerned about the ability for Washington students to easily access another program. As you are aware, summer programming is limited and can be too expensive for families which results in youth who are less engaged in the summer. With ICE fears and the district's commitment to being a safe haven, it is crucial that families have access to the school that they feel safe at in their neighborhood. We are also concerned that our amazing STEAM staff, who will be forced to shift to another site, may not return to our site for the following year.</p> <p>I respectfully ask that SCUSD do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Reinstate Summer Matters for the Summer 2025 season at Washington Elementary2) Provide guidance on how we can both host Summer Matters while ensuring Washington Elementary meets its “deep clean” summer requirements for the 2025 summer season. <p>Sincerely, Renay Bradley</p>

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Name:	Michael Portanova
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>Washington serves a large portion of the city by itself. For many families in that corner of the city, it is the closest school in miles. It has a huge outdoor space and multiple playgrounds. It has modern facilities. It is centrally located to many many families and parents' work. Please bring the summer program back to Washington this summer!</p> <p>Thanks, Mike</p>

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Name:	Shauna Goodman
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	Washington Elementary should have a summer program. It is a quality, affordable option for the families living and/or working in the downtown/midtown area.

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Name:	Faye Wilson Wilson Kennedy
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>RE: Opposition to SCUSD’s Homeless Education Services Staffing Cuts</p> <p>Today, I am writing to express my concerns and oppose the proposed staffing cuts (reductions in staff and services) for the Homeless Education Services and Special Education.</p> <p>Why: Disproportionality: Black students represent 12% of the SCUSD population and 34% of the unhoused student population. 21% of the unhoused student population is in special education compared to 17% in the district. These factors are growing due to long-term historical systemic racism, high costs of housing in Sacramento, limited housing options for low-income families, and other economic-related issues.</p> <p>I am encouraging the District to demonstrate leadership and commitment to the Unhoused students and their families by ensuring that the Homeless Education Services Department is fully staffed and that the staff reflects the District’s unhoused family population.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and attention!!</p> <p>Faye Wilson Kennedy, Concerned Community Member</p>

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Name:	Pamela Merritt-Bennett
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>Good Evening Trustees,</p> <p>I taught biology for 34 years. One of my students was homeless. With funding from our district and teachers like me, she went on to graduate from Howard University. I helped this student (and others like her) and her family, while they struggled with homelessness. I could not have done this by myself.</p> <p>If you remove the funds previously allocated for students like Aryele, they will not have the chance to break the cycle of poverty and realize their potential. I am not a religious person, but I recognize what is humanly right. Homeless students are what the Bible refers to as "...the least of these". Those who (due to circumstances) cannot do for themselves, are the responsibility of us all. Students are children so they, by definition, are the responsibility of us all - specifically the school district in which they are students.</p> <p>Although I do not reside in your district, I care about children - no matter where they are. I was one of those children so I know, firsthand, the value of that district funding.</p> <p>Pamela Merritt-Bennett</p>

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Name:	Jean Crowder
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>Sacramento City Unified School District School Board Members:</p> <p>Community leaders throughout Sacramento have been valiant in the support of Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) unhoused students. Research shows that SCUSD unhoused students have barriers and obstacles as a direct outcome of their living circumstances. It is not only a legal obligation but also an obligation as an elected board member to provide needed both financial and staff support to keep unhoused students on a pathway towards high school graduation and post-secondary achievement. You are urged to uphold these publicly committed obligations and maintain SCUSD full financial and district-wide support to all unhoused students.</p> <p>JEAN CROWDER FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR Mathematics, Engineering, Science and Liberal Arts (MESL) Honors Academy</p>

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Name:	Franny Subang
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>My name is Franny Subang and I am the parent/guardian of a fourth grader at Washington Elementary and am writing to ask that you reinstate Summer Matters at our school for summer 2025. I am deeply disappointed that Washington was not selected as a Summer Matters site.</p>

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Name:	Lindsie Bear
School:	Washington Elementary
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>I am writing to ask the Board to reinstate Washington as a site for the Summer Matters program. With 51% of our student body under the poverty line, having this program move will make it impossible for our most vulnerable families and kids to access this important support system. Washington has repeatedly hosted a very successful and robust program, one of the largest programs in the district, serving the majority of our own students. Our campus is trusted, our staff is skilled, and our community of parents is willing to engage in whatever process is necessary to ensure our underserved kids have this vital service. Please consider reenstating Washington's Summer Matters Program. Our kids need stability more than ever this year.</p>

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Written Public Comments

Name:	Holly Buckley
School:	Health Professions
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	Attached letter below.



AAB Health Professions High School
451 McClatchy Way • Sacramento, CA 95818
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February 14th, 2025

Board of Education
Sacramento City Unified School District
5735 47th Ave
Sacramento, CA 95824

Subject: Urgent Need for Dual Enrollment Agreement with Los Rios Community College District

Dear Esteemed Members of the Board of Education,

We are writing to urge the approval of a dual enrollment agreement between SCUSD and Los Rios Community College District. For years, Health Professions High School (HPHS) has partnered with Sacramento City College and Folsom Lake College to provide students with essential Allied Health courses that prepare them for healthcare careers. However, we have been informed that these partnerships will end next year unless a formal agreement is reached.

Currently, 43% of HPHS students take college courses, but without an agreement, they face enrollment barriers that limit their access to crucial classes. Neighboring districts, including Elk Grove, Folsom Cordova, and Roseville, have dual enrollment agreements ensuring their students receive priority placement in essential courses like Certified Nursing Assistant and Medical Terminology. Our students deserve the same opportunities.

A dual enrollment agreement would:

- Guarantee priority enrollment for HPHS students in vital Allied Health classes.
- Allow potential on-campus college courses and medical certification offerings.
- Enhance college and career readiness by ensuring students meet Patient Care Pathway requirements.
- Provide equitable access to industry-recognized certifications such as EMT and CNA, which are often cost-prohibitive after high school.
- Improve SCUSD's California Dashboard College and Career Readiness metrics.

Additionally, students who complete dual enrollment courses are more competitive for scholarships and selective college programs. Many of our students would not otherwise see themselves as "college material," and these opportunities create a vital bridge to higher education and career success.

As Sacramento's medical industry expands, we must ensure that our students—many of whom come from underserved communities—are not left behind. Without this dual-enrollment agreement, HPHS students will lose access to

critical training including the Emergency Medical Responder classes through Folsom Lake College with professor Mark Swink, all of which enhance our Patient Care Pathway program and our students' future career prospects.

We respectfully request the school board's support in finalizing this agreement to secure opportunities for our students. Thank you for your time and commitment to their success.

Sincerely,

Holly Buckley

Alina F.

Marilynn Robles
Jakob, Rich

Principal, Health Professions High School

(Undersigned below by the Arthur A. Benjamin Health Professions High School Community)

Sacramento City Unified School District

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Olivia R.

Science teacher

M. Walker
English Teacher

Maricela Carrillo

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Dwyn S.

Janice Perez

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Cela Herrera

Maria Valdes Diaz

Mabekah

Fadi Sabcia

A. Labson
Librarian

P. Landrum
Instructional Aide

Brianne Campos

Arnold Murray

Geoff Rowe

Janissa Araiza-Luna

Michelle Coronado

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Name:	Mark Swink
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I would like to acknowledge two outstanding students who will speak before you tonight, Kayla Yang and Taylor Saddler. I would not know them if I did not have an opportunity to be their professor. I had the privilege of teaching them coursework directly related to healthcare and public service.</p> <p>At a glance, it would appear that Folsom Lake College is far and inaccessible to students with the Sacramento City Unified School District, but I can attest to the opposite. For starters, Folsom Lake College is the most progressive and available community college to students within reach for anyone in your service area and beyond. The closet community college being Sacramento City College (SCC) does not offer the courses such as PSFA, EMR, EMT, and AHA CPR coursework. American River College (ARC) and Cosumnes River College (CRC) do not have the bandwidth or ambition to participate in dual enrollment course offerings to the level needed for our high school population. That leaves FLC to fill the need. We provide in-person coursework that is the same college coursework offered at each community college.</p> <p>I travel to the high school and provide the instruction with high collaboration with the teacher of record. No other college in our area does this. In addition to our main campus located in Folsom, we have a satellite campus in Rancho Cordova that is accessible via RT light rail. The campus will be undergoing renovation this summer because it will be the new Sutter Healthcare Hub, a partnership with Sutter health that will provide many educational opportunities specific to healthcare such as: Nursing, Emergency Medical Services, X-ray and Radiology Technician, Mental Health Technician, and Medical Lab Technician career pathways. No other college nearby shares the same vision of growth and demonstrates the level of commitment to our high school population needed for them to achieve success as they transition from high school to college.</p> <p>I ask that you listen to Taylor and Kayla’s testimony and focus on their words as they give you a perspective of what dual enrollment means to them.</p> <p>I am hopeful that SCUSD will complete all necessary CCAP agreements with LRCCD and that the bureaucracy can see the students before you, both tonight and those like me who are unable to attend tonight.</p> <p>Very respectfully, Mark Swink, Professor, FLC</p>