

January 26, 2021

Public Comments received between January 16 (after 12:00 p.m. deadline) and
January 19, 2021

Comment:

This is a comment regarding your vote on January 16, 2021, to extend the period for teachers to work from home until February 1, 2021

I have no objection if you vote to allow teachers to continue to work from home until the February 1, 2021, especially if the teachers overwhelmingly support the proposal. But also realize you are also voting to keep children away from their teachers for two more weeks. I have two objections on a go forward basis:

1. This extension should be the end of the extensions of the 100% virtual learning unless there is are overwhelming reasons to not have the hybrid schedule. My concern is that FSD is going to keep adopting these short term extensions. FETA President Mark Jacobs told the Board, "On behalf of FSD teachers, I implore the District to consider that we continue our proven distance learning model of instruction until teachers and staff can be offered vaccines." It appears we may be at the end of this pandemic, but it would not be prudent to prematurely return and unnecessarily put our students, families, staff, and teachers at risk for COVID-19." Mr. Jacob's position is that FETA's position is teachers should not go back to school until they are vaccinated. The numbers do not justify this position. Currently 11 teachers with 26 students have positive tests in FSD. Yes it is low because of the break but were they high to begin with but the numbers should at least be a consideration. Our school, Acacia, has done a fantastic job with virtual learning. I have friends in other school districts and our experience has been far superior to theirs. Children in these other districts haven't been back to school since March 2020, almost one year ago. The toll this distance is taking on these children and families is enormous. We sent our children back to school with the hybrid model, and their overall wellbeing was dramatically improved. There is no substitute for good teacher.
2. My second objection is this vote and the notice should have been handled better. The meeting was set on Saturday at 1:00 and we received notice at 5:32 p.m. Nothing in the last day or two has warranted such short notice. Next, the email, voicemail, text, app, and Facebook were all very generic and even the agenda was hard to find. FSD should have made this information easier to obtain. Nothing has changed in the last day to warrant such late notice.

In conclusion, thank you for your consideration. . There are uncertain and challenging times for parents, teachers, administrators, and board mem. These decisions by board members are difficult the right result is rarely clear. You have a lot of responsibility and face tough decisions. Thank you for your service.

Respectfully,
Harold Anderson

Comment:

Many Fullerton parents want schools open for instruction. Just since 6p last night we have over 60 signatures and climbing. The union fights for teacher pay and benefits but you fight for our students and their education-please do what you said you would do and open schools for instruction Tuesday!

<https://www.change.org/p/fullerton-school-district-board-of-trustees-re-open-our-schools-for-in-person-instruction-now?redirect=false>

Comment:

I understand that we can send our kids to school to be cared for. But we want our teachers to be there, teaching our kids!!!

Doug McKendry

Comment:

Why I am supporting to reopen schools?! So I can see mentally effect a lot on children to stay home and do their classes from zoom ! They are experience a lot of anxiety about how they want to do their homework and not to be able to work in a group and communicate with their friends in person! They are skipping all the social learning stuff! At school they don't just learn how to do math, science and History and etc ... they are learning the skills which is they need it in their real life. They are suffering mentally and physically! Sitting for at least 6 to 7 hours and looking to the monitor ! There is lots of negative effects. Hoping schools get reopen and these future generation can learn how to challenge in the real life.

Thank you,
Melody Shahidi

Public Comments received by 2:30 p.m. on January 26, 2021

Comment 1:

We are almost there! The vaccination is coming! Meanwhile, as we all wait, our district services, teachers, support staff and administration are serving our beloved Fullerton students and families brilliantly during this time of Distance Learning. There is no doubt we will all continue to do so, regardless of what school looks like at the moment. For this reason, I am asking for you to consider an extension of DL until we can be vaccinated. Our Fullerton community of families, district and school employees, and most importantly, our precious children deserve the safest possible conditions. Please extend DL until we can offer this to them.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
Jody M. Dyer
6th Grade Teacher

Comment 2:

As a parent and teacher in FSD, I would like to request the district for to help to offer Distance Learning models for teachers until all teachers have had the opportunity for vaccination. My own 4 daughters have (and will continue to) stayed home to learn via Distance Learning this school year. As a family with relatives who have immunocompromised health conditions, we have been extremely diligent about all Covid-related safety protocols. However, once I am forced back into the classroom, I can no longer keep my family safe. The undo stress and risk is both unnecessary and avoidable.

Please continue to provide teachers and families with the distance learning platform until teachers can be vaccinated.

Sincerely,
Crystal Marcus