

Electronically Submitted Public Comments
February 11, 2021 Board Meeting

Closed Session: Public Employee Evaluation - Government Code §54957
 Title: Superintendent of Schools

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Closed Session: Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release [Government Code Section 54957]

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Closed Session: Threat to Public Services or Facilities [Government Code Section 54957 and 54956.5(e)]

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Items not on the agenda, within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board

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Tanya Hovanesian	<p>Dear School Board: As a parent of two performing arts kids I really find it disheartening that the arts kids are continuously and repeatedly sidelined while athletes get all the advantages. The athletes are now, and since the start of the school year been meeting their teams and have access to their peer group for in person workouts and practice. As I see the kids on the field enjoying their friends, the arts kids are completely isolated. Theater on zoom is no substitute for Theater just as basketball on zoom is no substitute for basketball. I feel very jealous and find the whole thing completely unfair. Theater, dance and music can also happen outdoors or distanced indoors. Performance can also happen without an audience. Why are the performing arts always an afterthought while athletics is priority even over academics?</p>

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Information Item: Presentation of 2021 Facilities Master Plan Update

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Information Item: Monthly Financial Update - December 2020

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Information Item: COVID-19 2020-2021 School Year Update, Secondary Reopening and Planning Update for 2021-22

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Parent of TMS and LBHS students	I just want to thank you very much for keeping the health and safety of our district children, teachers, staff and families at the forefront of all that you do during this time. To say that we greatly appreciate that is an understatement. We are very grateful to be safe in distance learning with our wonderful teachers during this time. Thank you.
High School Parent	Thank you Superintendent Viloría for your increased communication regarding Covid-19 status. Your messages of 2/5, 2/2, 1/25, and 12/30 have provided current information. Having had people close to our family deeply affected by Covid, I appreciate the district taking it's time to ensure our children's safety. To those who continue to dispute the facts and ignore the concerns regarding children carrying and passing on the virus to other students and teachers, I have no words. To those children who struggle with social emotional issues due to the inability to be on campus with others, my heartfelt wishes for a speedy return, but in a safe and stable environment. Parents need to help their own children. Some responsibility has to be put on the family, schools can't do everything.

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<p>Kim and Ari Novick</p>	<p>Thank you to the Board and Dr. Viloría for your continued efforts during these unprecedented times. While you all consider the re-opening of our secondary schools and the rules that surround this potential in light of COVID, we want to express our concern not only for the physical safety of our students, but the safety of their emotional well-being. Unfortunately we have seen not one, but two Laguna Beach youth try and take their own lives over these past few months. The threat to mental health is real, and as we evaluate the priorities to keep our community physically safe, we believe it is equally important to evaluate the emotional and mental debilitation that the youth of this community are feeling as a result of isolation and zooming for school. We appreciate the complexity of this situation, but as time goes on, we are becoming sorely aware of the depression, anxiety and in some cases, suicidal ideations that are emerging within our community. Our only hope is that we can continue to support each and every student in their journey, and communicating to them that we understand the mental and emotional turmoil they may feel. We ask that you equally consider mental health risks as much as physical health risks as you determine the potential to reopen secondary schools. If at all possible, we are hopeful they can return safely and begin to find some normalcy back at in person schooling among their peers and under the guidance of their teachers and administration.</p>
<p>Christy Koster</p>	<p>LBUSD has done a wonderful job under extremely tough circumstances educating our students during this global pandemic. Thank you for for looking out for the neediest and youngest students first. Thank you for all your efforts to keep the students safe that are attending in-person learning, including offering free Covid-19 testing before each return. It is wonderful to hear how well the elementary students are doing. Thank you for all your efforts to improve on-line learning from last Spring. It has made a huge difference for the student experience! Superintendent Viloría has provided calm, steady, and thoughtful leadership.</p> <p>It is wonderful to live in a district that is working with, rather than against, teachers and the teachers union. Teachers have been working harder this year than probably any other of their careers. I know they have stepped up and stepped in to new and varied roles due to this</p>

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	<p>pandemic. They have always deserved our respect but also deserve our support now more than ever.</p> <p>I also feel very blessed to live in a district that takes mental health seriously and offers so many mental health resources to our students. It is abundantly clear is that Superintendent Vilorio, all LBUSD staff, and the school board care greatly about our children. Thank you for the countless extra hours of tireless effort you have put in on behalf of all LBUSD students and their families.</p>
<p>Anonymous - TMS & LBHS Parent</p>	<p>We would just like to say that we are extremely grateful to the district for keeping our children safe and offering distance learning during this time. There is a very large percentage of families and students who feel the same way. Due to covid concerns, we do not feel comfortable attending in person right now. We are so grateful to the district for the options provided during this time. Our TMS and LBHS students are doing very well emotionally, socially and academically, and they are enjoying their classes. Thank you very much for the distance learning format with our teachers.</p>

Action Item: Approval of Agreement for Contracted Services with HdL Coren & Cone to Perform Property Tax Forecasts and Information Services for a Not-to-Exceed Fee of \$9,600

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Action Item: Approval of Resolution 21-05 for Authorization of Signatures and Authority as Required By The Orange County Department of Education

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Action Item: Approval of 2021-22 LBUSD Comprehensive District and School Safety Plan

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Action Item: Approval of the 2022-2023 Student Instructional Calendar

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Action Item: Approval of the Public Information Officer Job Description

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Action Item: Approval of February 4, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes

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