

Public Comments Submitted Electronically for the  
June 15, 2023 Board Meeting

Only items with comments are listed.

Items Not on the Agenda (within the subject matter of the Board)

Name	Comment
Anonymous	<p>The decision to disregard the school calendar that was the top recommendation of the calendar committee after the committee spent many hours determining what best fits the needs of our teachers and students is raising concerns. Our district, specifically El Morro Elementary, has had a constant battle with poor attendance. This year my class had only a total of about 31 school days out of 180 of complete class attendance. Many families extend their Thanksgiving days off and do not attend school the Monday and Tuesday of that week. Teachers are tired of hearing parents say, "It's only two days. They won't miss anything much, right?" Or they ask for student work a day or two ahead of time assuming that what we teach in the classroom can be packaged up into a little box and be sent home for the student to complete while absent. The teaching, collaborating, and learning that happens in a classroom cannot be sent home in a packet of absent work. It is frustrating as a teacher to know that those two days will be a learning loss for so many students. I also believe that starting off the school year with a two-day student back-to-school introduction helps with the exhaustion students experience getting back into the schedule of waking up early and actively participating all day in class. The calendar that allows for this two-day return schedule and the full week off at Thanksgiving is what I feel benefits both students and staff.</p>