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Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 1:36 PM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@cityofconcord.org>
Subject: August 29, 2023 Special Meeting Public Comment

Benched Correspondence
Agenda Item no. 2b
August 29, 2023

I can not begin to tell you how grateful I am to finally have this type of forum between the City of Concord and MDUSD

It takes a village to raise a child and that can only happen with collaboration between our governments and partnerships within our communities. Strong schools build strong communities and strong communities support local schools.

Parents and guardians alone are not able to carry the burden of educating our children. Successful schools are created by all of us working together, supporting each other and building the necessary resources that are needed to fulfill student achievement for all children.

MDUSD could benefit with more community partnerships that are focused on before and after school care for all of its Elementary school age children. Tutoring services are needed for all children K-12 along with social emotional support and learning opportunities.

These services not only are needed to assist with learning recovery now but for all future children's needs that we may not recognize at this time. Children need help with schoolwork, homework, social emotional learning or simply be given opportunities of enrichment both in person and virtually.

A workable solution is not contained within a small box at a specific time developed by the school district. A true solution is a student centered sphere wrapped around the student and their families that is flexible with no boundaries of time nor resources.

K-12 partnerships would benefit the local cities by creating additional employment opportunities of small businesses focused on child development. It would provide a conduit for growing full time future teachers or for teachers not able to work a full class day.

High schoolers and college students would be able to test the waters as they simultaneously pursue their education goals and explore careers in early childhood development.

Right now, 3,250 students, including 500 slots earmarked for "Dreamers", students of low income, from 46 California Community Colleges and state universities are providing a variety services via the "Californians For All College Corps" while receiving \$10K in living allowances and scholarships.

It has been over 5 years since we have had this type of forum and I hope we can learn from each other and discover both boundaries and gaps so that future meetings can focus on developing new opportunities for our children.

The overall success for our children is only as strong as the ability of parents and guardians, cities, businesses, educational partners and the overall community working together so that our children have a successful future in tomorrow's society.

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From: Amanda Manning Mischel <amanning@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 1:43 PM
To: boardcomments@mdusd.org; City Clerk <cityclerk@cityofconcoi
Subject: In support of busing

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Dear City Council and Board of Directors,

Living in the state of California, we are tasked with reducing waste and emissions on a daily basis, with making choices that are better for the environment. Yet, if you drive by any public school in MDUSD at drop off or pickup time, you will see hundreds of cars idling, waiting to pick up students. What an environmental travesty! We can eliminate the use of gas and reduce emissions by using buses. I hope you will fight harder for the use of buses for more students in the district.

Sincerely,
Amanda Mischel
Parent, Highlands Elementary School

From: Ignacia Perez <ipbotto@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 11:00 PM
To: City Clerk <cityclerk@cityofconcord.org>
Subject: Advocating for school buses

Dear council/MDUSD governing board,

I am writing this email to support the petition for busses from our neighborhood The Crossings to our home school Highlands Elementary. This is a community with more than 1000 houses where almost all children have to be driven to Highlands Elementary by their parents or, in the best case share the car with a neighbor.

Busses would mitigate the impact in traffic, environment and safety of all those children and the community in general. Fewer cars benefits people, the city and our already contaminated world.

Thanks for your attention.
Best regards,

Ignacia Perez Botto