

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 at 3:00:33 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Kim Mendoza-Dungo

To: Information SMCOE

Dear San Mateo County Board of Education,

I am a parent of students at FDR Elementary School in Daly City. Please do not approve the Oceanlight Charter School petition and protect FDR from being forced to share our campus with another school.

The loss of state funding will be devastating to our school community. FDR students and staff deserve stability, please do not make changes to something that is functioning beautifully. Thank you.

Best,
Kim Mendoza-Dungo

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 at 3:21:23 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Tess Z Sebastian-Claros

To: Information SMCOE

Please do not approve the Ocean light charter school, we would like to protect our FDR children from being forced to share our campus with another school. This will result and draws students away from JESD campuses, it would result in significant and permanent loss of state funding. We would like to keep our programs, services and for those in need. Please keep Oceanlight from FDR.

Tess Sebastian-Claros

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Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting
Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 at 3:31:56 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: Ricardo Cruz
To: Information SMCOE
Attachments: image001.gif, image002.png, image003.png

Good afternoon,

I am a concerned parent of a student at FDR in Daly City, CA. It came to our attention that there is the potential that a new charter school – Oceanlight Charter School – will be forced to share campus with FDR. This is an outrage and will put undue strain on an existing school that is already running thin with resources. I am asking that you do NOT approve the Oceanlight Charter school petition and protect FDR from being forced to share our campus with another school who's culture will not align with the incredible culture at FDR.

Thank you,



Ric Cruz

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Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 at 3:44:39 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Carlos Cruz Jr

To: Information SMCOE

Dear San Mateo County Board of Education,

I am writing to respectfully urge the Board not to approve the Oceanlight Charter School petition. Approving this petition would have a significant and negative impact on the students and staff at FDR.

Our school community deserves the stability, safety, and access to resources that allow our students to thrive. Forcing FDR to share our campus with another school would disrupt learning environments, strain already limited facilities, negatively impact funding, and compromise the quality of education for our students.

Please protect FDR and prioritize the needs of our existing public school community by denying the Oceanlight Charter School petition.

My son is in 1st grade and he's excelled during his short lived career at FDR. He truly loves it there. We want him to continue his educational journey with the support he needs to effectively learn and grow.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Carlos Cruz Jr

Parent

Daly City

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting.

Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 at 3:58:00 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Leslie Cheung

To: Information SMCOE

Hi there,

Please do NOT approve oceanlight charter school to operate with FDR in Daly City. The school resources now are barely enough for existing students. Adding another school will not only be taking away resources from current students but will also give less to the incoming students. Please do NOT APPROVE THIS MATTER.

THANK YOU

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting.

Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 at 8:29:03 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Joann

To: Information SMCOE

Hello,

As a parent of a student that goes to FDR, I ask the San Mateo County Board of Education to NOT approve the Oceanlight Charter School petition and to protect FDR from being forced to share our campus with another school.

Thank you,

Joann Tomiampos

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 at 10:41:49 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Marialma Gonzales

To: Information SMCOE

Dear San Mateo County Board of Education,

As a proud FDR parent, I urge you not to approve the Oceanlight Charter School petition.

Our child loves FDR and is thriving thanks to its dedicated teachers, strong community, and supportive learning environment. Sharing our campus with another school would strain already limited space and resources, disrupting the quality education our students currently receive.

Please protect FDR and allow our school to continue serving its students without the added burden of co-location.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marialma Gonzales-Cruz

Parent of an FDR Student

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 3:30:45 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Annemarie Cruz

To: Information SMCOE

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposal for Oceanlight Charter School to share a campus and resources with FDR TK-8. As a parent of a child with special needs who currently attends FDR, I strongly urge you not to approve this request.

FDR has cultivated a uniquely inclusive environment where both staff and students demonstrate genuine understanding, empathy, and support for children with diverse learning needs. This culture of acceptance has been critical to my child's growth and well-being. Introducing a new student body—particularly one from outside the Jefferson Elementary School District—raises serious concerns about whether that same level of inclusivity and understanding will be maintained.

Additionally, FDR is a small school already operating with limited resources. Sharing facilities, staff, or funding with another institution—especially one not governed by the same district—could further strain our ability to support existing students. Our children deserve stability and access to the full range of services currently available to them.

I respectfully ask that you prioritize the needs of FDR's current students and families, especially those with special needs, and reject the proposal to co-locate Oceanlight Charter School on our campus.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Annemarie Cruz
(Concerned Parent)

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 6:01:53 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: NERISSA

To: Information SMCOE

To: The Members of the San Mateo Board of Education.

It has been brought to our attention that families from the former Ocean Shore k-8 school has submitted a petition to create a new charter school called Oceanlight and share the same campus and resources as FDR TK-8.

I deem this to be unfair and of no benefit to FDR and its students, as it will negatively impact the school, its funding, and its current community.

I am the grandmother of a Special Needs student at FDR and it concerns me deeply that one school could possibly force another school and its population into suffering from such a petition.

I humbly urge you NOT to approve the Oceanlight Charter School petition and to please, kindly, help us protect FDR's current students, its sped program, families, and faculty.

Thank you for listening and much gratitude for your kind consideration.

Respectfully,

Nerissa A. Broas
Concerned grandparent

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 10:01:49 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Florence Agustin

To: Information SMCOE

Hello San Mateo County Board of Education,

Good day. As a concerned member of the FDR community, I respectfully ask you to **deny the Oceanlight Charter School petition**. Forcing FDR to share our campus would overcrowd our facilities, reduce student resources, and disrupt the safe, stable environment our children depend on.

Please protect FDR and prioritize our students' well-being by **voting NO** on this petition.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our schools.

Sincerely,

Florence Agustin-Santos

FDR Parent

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 1:17:26 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Stephanie Zipkin

To: Information SMCOE

Dear San Mateo County Board of Education,

As a parent of the Franklin D. Roosevelt School community, I strongly urge you to DENY the petition for Oceanlight Charter School and protect our school from being forced to share our campus.

My child has thrived in the FDR learning environment because of the small class sizes, the dedicated staff, and the diverse programs and services, which would be at risk with the loss of state funding when the charter school draws students away from our school district.

Moreover, forcing another school onto the same campus would create a logistical and security nightmare and strain existing resources for FDR students and families.

My child and her school mates deserve to maintain the same access to high-quality education and vital resources that they currently rely on at FDR.

Please prioritize the stability and success of our established public schools and vote NO on the Oceanlight Charter School petition.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Zipkin

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 12:29:55 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Cherryl Santos

To: Information SMCOE

Dear Members of the San Mateo County Board of Education,

I'm writing with deep concern and urgency to oppose the Oceanlight Charter School petition and to ask that you do not approve its co-location at FDR TK-8.

FDR is more than just a school — it's the heart of our community. Our teachers, staff, and families have worked tirelessly to build a safe, nurturing environment where every child feels supported and has the opportunity to thrive. Allowing another school to share our campus would jeopardize that stability and take away the space, resources, and attention our students need and deserve.

Please do not let this happen. Our students should not have to pay the price for a decision that divides resources and weakens a strong, thriving public school community.

We love our school, we believe in our educators, and we are asking you to stand with FDR TK-8. Please vote NO on the Oceanlight Charter School petition and protect the future of our students.

Thank you for listening to the voices of families and the community who care deeply about the success of our public schools.

With gratitude and sincerity,

Cherryl Santos

Parent / Community Member

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 12:50:20 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: regy1010@gmail.com

To: Information SMCOE

Dear Board Members,

I'm writing as a concerned parent and community member to ask you to vote NO on the Oceanlight Charter School petition and its proposed co-location at FDR TK-8.

FDR is more than a school — it's a close-knit community built on trust, care, and hard work from our teachers and families. Sharing our campus would take away the space and stability our students depend on.

Losing even a few students to a new charter would also mean losing critical funding — fewer teachers, fewer programs, and fewer opportunities for the kids who stay.

Please stand with FDR TK-8 and protect our public school community. Our students deserve your support.

Thank you,

Jose Gerard Santos

Parent / Community Member

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting.

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 7:27:42 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Madelein vilan

To: Information SMCOE

Dear San Mateo County Board of Education,

I strongly urge you **not to approve the Oceanlight Charter School petition** and to **protect FDR TK-8 from co-location**.

Please stand with our families and vote **NO** on the Oceanlight Charter School petition. Protect the programs, teachers, and community that make FDR strong.

Thank you,
Madelein Vilan RN BSN

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 7:52:34 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Rickyzen Borja

To: Information SMCOE

Dear Members of the San Mateo County Board of Education,

I'm writing as a godparent of a student at FDR TK-8 to ask you to please vote NO on the Oceanlight Charter School petition. FDR has provided a safe, supportive, and enriching environment where children are thriving. Co-locating another school on campus would take away much-needed space, resources, and funding that directly affect our students' learning and well-being.

Please help protect FDR and the quality education it provides to so many families in our community.

Thank you for standing with our students and supporting strong public schools.

Sincerely,
Ricky Borja
Godparent
FDR TK-8 Supporter

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 8:25:32 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Goulart, Sarah

To: Information SMCOE

Please do NOT approve the Oceanlight charter school. Approving this school will take away students from our lovely public schools and it will create chaos at this school site. Having two schools running at the same time on one campus is too overwhelming for the students to learn. We also need more students in our public schools so that they can have well funded and well rounded educations!

Please protect FDR.

Thank you,

Sarah Goulart

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 6:06:48 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Dong Tran

To: Information SMCOE

Dear San Mateo County Board Trustees,

I am a parent at FDR TK-8, and I am writing to strongly oppose the approval of the Oceanlight Charter School petition and its proposed co-location at FDR. Our campus is fully utilized and not equipped to safely or effectively support two separate schools. Every classroom and small-group space is currently used for instruction, intervention, and legally required services such as speech therapy and counseling, as well as extracurricular activities; I have not observed any unused facilities to offer. Our parking, drop-off areas, cafeteria, and play spaces are already at capacity and were not designed for the increased traffic and ***safety*** risks a second school would bring. I do not see how separate entrances, separate hallways, separate cafeterias can be implemented with existing structures, either. Additionally, JESD depends on LCFF funding, and a new charter would permanently reduce resources for existing students, resulting in fewer programs and fewer opportunities for the children who already attend FDR. I respectfully urge the Board to protect our school community by **rejecting this charter petition**.

Respectfully,

Dong Tran
619-962-8853

Subject: New Charter School - Concerns

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 10:09:06 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Casey Fromson

To: Information SMCOE

Hello Board of Trustee Members,

I'm writing to express my concerns about the new Charter School that is being proposed in San Mateo County.

I have two children enrolled in the Pacifica School District and I believe that we need to use our limited public resources very carefully. I hope you will continue to find ways to support the Pacifica School District and make sure the School District has the resources to provide quality education to our children. If there are elements of the new Charter School proposal that can be folded into the existing schools/district, I would be supportive of exploring those options.

Given the resources of the county, I hope that more focus can be provided in lifting up the current School District and mending some of the divides that have sprung up within the community.

Thank you for serving and looking after what is best for our children's needs.

Regards,

Casey

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 12:26:11 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Jolene Batac

To: Information SMCOE

Dear Members of the San Mateo County Board of Education,

I'm writing as a relative/godparent of a student at FDR TK-8 to ask you to please vote NO on the Oceanlight Charter School petition. FDR has provided a safe, supportive, and enriching environment where children are thriving. Co-locating another school on campus would take away much-needed space, resources, and funding that directly affect our students' learning and well-being.

Please help protect FDR and the quality education it provides to so many families in our community.

Thank you for standing with our students and supporting strong public schools.

**Sincerely,
Jolene David
(Parent)
FDR TK-8 Supporter**

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 3:49:10 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Ron Santos

To: Information SMCOE

Dear San Mateo County Board of Education,

I am urging the Board to **NOT approve the Oceanlight Charter School petition** and to **protect Fernando Rivera Middle School (FDR) from being required to share our campus with another school.**

FDR is already operating at capacity, and introducing an additional school on our campus would jeopardize the safety, academic focus, and well-being of our students. Our classrooms, shared spaces, and essential facilities were not designed to support two schools at once. Allowing another school to co-locate on our campus would create overcrowding, strain limited resources, and disrupt the learning environment that our students depend on.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Board to **deny the Oceanlight Charter School petition** and ensure that FDR students can continue learning in a safe, stable, and fully supported environment.

Thank you for your attention and commitment to our students and community.

Sincerely,

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Ron Allan R. Santos..... now signing on

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 11:07:04 Pacific Standard Time

Subject: Opposition to Oceanlight Charter Petition
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 10:03:40 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: Ryan Chen
To: Information SMCOE
Attachments: Opposition to Oceanlight Charter Petition.pdf

Hi,

I am a Pacifica parent who has many concerns about the Oceanlight Charter School petition. Please see my attached letter for more information.

Appreciate your consideration,
Ryan

December 2, 2025

Dear San Mateo County Board of Education Members,

I'm a Pacifica parent and son of a public school teacher who values quality education in our community. Unfortunately, I have many concerns about the Oceanlight Charter School petition.

When Ocean Shore K-8 School closed, my family and I were very disappointed. We moved to Pacifica in the hopes of sending our child there. It seemed like a special school and I can understand why its former community is devastated.

However, because this decision has already been made, I see the potential further damage the proposed Oceanlight Charter School could create within our community. Pacifica School District already has declining enrollment. I am concerned that a charter program would further challenge enrollment and negatively impact funding to run Pacifica School District's programs effectively.

I believe that our students and families will be better served if we, as a Pacifica community, attempt to problem solve these needs within the city of Pacifica.

Please respectfully consider my request to NOT approve Oceanlight Charter School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Chen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ryan Chen
Pacifica Parent

Subject: Request to deny Oceanlight Charter: LRE concerns
Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 12:03:34 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: Kunugi, Stephanie
To: Information SMCOE
Attachments: Request to deny Oceanlight Charter.pdf

Hi there,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposal of Oceanlight Charter's potential detrimental impact on school districts within San Mateo county, particularly as it relates to supporting our values around diversity/equity within our special needs populations. Please consider my request to review my attached letter and deny the petition of Oceanlight Charter School.

Appreciate your time and consideration,
Stephanie

Stephanie Kunugi
Speech-Language Pathologist
FDR TK-8 School

December 2, 2025

Dear San Mateo County Board of Education Members,

As a special educator at Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) TK-8 School in Jefferson Elementary School District, I am writing to express my great concern about the potential approval of the Oceanlight Charter School petition.

FDR K-8 is a wonderful, naturally inclusive community, which includes a vibrant special education community. I explained this petition to the Special Day Class (SDC) population I serve using the most supportive means possible. These students' more intensive needs require significantly more assistance than their general education peers. Given these challenges, understanding this proposal was difficult for them.

This deeply troubled me as our special education community makes up approximately 25% of FDR TK-8's population and has the greatest need for a stable, predictable school environment. These students are personally challenged to advocate for themselves through conventional means like writing letters or verbally sharing their thoughts at the board of education meeting.

As educators who believe in supporting diversity and equity and who are working to provide services in the Least Restrictive Environment, we must ensure that all of our students are considered in this decision. In addition to FDR TK-8 School's range of program offerings for general education students, our school provides a robust special education program for students receiving individualized special education supports, including those who have significant cognitive, motor, and communication needs.

I fear that the approval of a county charter school would be detrimental to enrollment and funding to Jefferson Elementary School District, as well as other nearby districts in San Mateo who receive funding under California's Local Control Funding Formula and are also struggling with declining enrollment. A loss in enrollment at our local school districts would negatively impact all students, including special education populations who are disproportionately affected by school budget cuts due to their need for specific supports and services that are costly and often curtailed during these times.

Please consider this request to deny the petition of Oceanlight Charter School.

Thank you for your time and for considering the best interests of students across San Mateo county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Kunugi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Kunugi
Speech-Language Pathologist
Jefferson Elementary School District

To: SMCOE Board Members
101 Twin Dolphin Drive
Redwood City, CA 94065
Re: Opposition to Oceanlight Charter Petition

Dear President Torres & Members of the Board of Education,

As a Pacifica resident and Pacifica School District trustee, I submit these concerns in my individual capacity as a citizen, not on behalf of the board, in accordance with the Brown Act. After reviewing the Oceanlight Charter School petition and attending the SMCOE Board public hearing on October 22, 2025, it is evident that none of the local districts believe there is a need for a K-8 charter school. Each district already provides a range of strong programs that meet student and community needs. Under Education Code 47605(b), a charter must demonstrate educational need and a distinct, non-duplicative program. Likewise, 47605.6(b) allows countywide charters only if services cannot be matched by district-level programs.

Pacifica School District offers innovative, inclusive programs such as project-based learning, environmental science, social-emotional learning, and technology integration. Families benefit from a K-8 option at Cabrillo, cross-grade collaborations, and strong parent and community engagement.

PBIS Medal Awards

For the 2024- 2025 school year, five of the district's six schools earned PBIS Medals for their ongoing efforts to support a positive school climate, promote inclusion, and focus on student well-being.

- Ocean Shore – N/A
- Ingrid B. Lacy (IBL) – Silver
- Ortega – Silver
- Cabrillo – Bronze
- Sunset Ridge – Bronze
- Vallemar – Silver



UC Santa Cruz & Vallemar School Fog Harvesting Experiential Research Project- Pacifica schools integrate STEAM through project-based learning with strong community and parent involvement. Vallemar students participate in the UC Santa Cruz FogNet Project, engaging in hands-on environmental science, conservation, and experiential learning such as harvesting water from fog. What is Fog Harvesting? “FogNet is a research program that was developed to determine whether fog water harvesting has the potential to provide the coastal community with a viable and reliable water source. The initial research revealed that Pacifica, CA, is a productive fog harvesting region. “FogNet is getting the community engaged in fog water harvesting, which has never been done before. [UC Santa Cruz FogNet Fog Harvesting Experimental Project](#)

Principal Vuskovic from Vallemar Elementary School in Pacifica shared:

A family donated the soil, and another donated the milkweed seed. Some older and younger students planted them together, and we are patiently waiting for some sprouts. The biggest benefit will be that our students can use the garden space for science lessons and SEL activities. We hope that, in the future, the milkweed will attract butterflies during our 1st-grade butterfly unit. Our partnership with UC Santa Cruz is pretty simple. I upload photos to UC Santa Cruz with any updates I have on the fog catcher.

This collaboration provides students with meaningful and unique opportunities in groundbreaking science, environmental stewardship, and social-emotional learning while fostering authentic collaboration. It reflects the district’s broader commitment to conservation, sustainability, and experiential education.

A UC Santa Cruz undergraduate participant, Naomi Prince, remarked, “Working with FogNet and the City of Pacifica has been such a rewarding experience because we are witnessing new technological innovation. From its first steps to a point where fog harvesting could help California through droughts, this project could really make an impact.”

Pacifica schools emphasize environmental science, ocean safety & stewardship, critical thinking, and collaboration. This project goes far beyond a Garden Program. It’s ground-breaking, experiential, research-based, collaborative, and a truly unique experience for students of PSD.

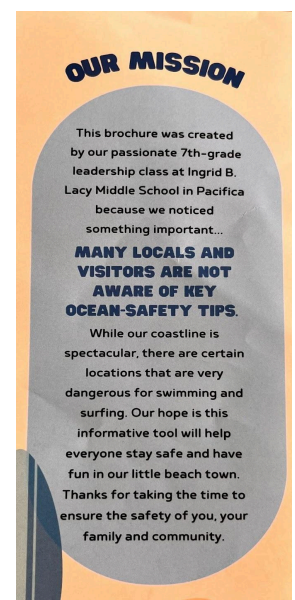
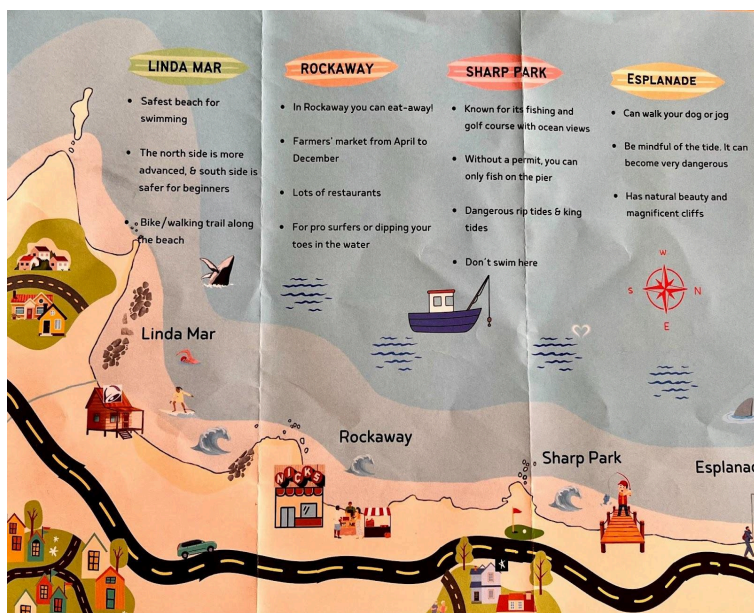
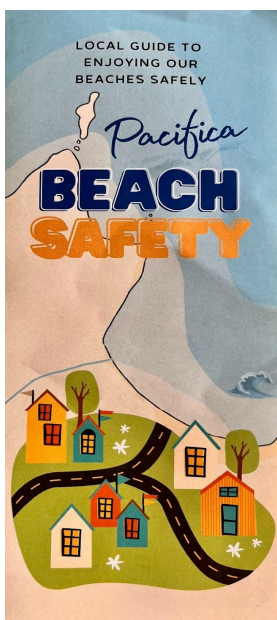
Innovative Ocean Education & Awareness- Pacifica and other coastal towns aren't immune to ocean rescues and drownings related to unpredictable ocean conditions. On November 14th, 2025, a 5-year-old and her father drowned in Monterey County. Often, tourists are unaware of the risks of swimming at certain beaches. Recently, the IBL leadership class was featured on the local news promoting their Pacifica Ocean Safety Project, designed to increase public safety for our community members and visitors. The project is student-driven and led by leadership class teacher Kate Sosnowski. The IBL class demonstrates hands-on learning, project-based learning, environmental awareness, collaboration with other students, and educating community members. The students will be educating other students in the school district at assemblies that show the importance of respecting the ocean and knowing its conditions. Students are making a difference in our community, which may save lives. The following is from the students' GoFundMe Page -

“We’re the 7th-grade Leadership class at Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School in Pacifica, CA, and we’ve noticed something important: many locals and visitors aren’t aware of key ocean-safety tips. To fix that, we created an easy-to-use, informative beach-safety map packed with tips to help everyone enjoy the ocean safely. We plan to share it with local students, small businesses, hotels, the police and fire departments, and the Pacifica City Council. To bring our project to life, we’re raising funds to cover printing costs for the map and interactive materials we’ll share in schools and around town. Every dollar helps us spread awareness and protect our beautiful coastline. Thank you for supporting our community service project and safer seas in Pacifica!”

[LINK TO KRON 4 NEWS CLIP](#)

[STUDENT PRESENTATION FOR PUBLIC](#)

PACIFICA BEACH SAFETY BROCHURE BELOW



PSD STEAM Programming through Pacifica Education Foundation (PEF) - Pacifica School District's closest collaboration partner, PEF, provides STEAM education to Pacifica students with an equity lens. Students receive music, art, poetry, engineering, and hands-on STEAM programming for all students. Current programs include;

- Science from Scientists — a hands-on STEAM and Engineering program for all 6th graders at IBL and Cabrillo. [PEF Visits a Sci-Sci Class.](#)
- Middle School Band Program — PEF funds instruments, sheet music, and field trips at both IBL and Cabrillo [Performance in Santa Cruz, 2025.](#)
- Elementary Music Program for all TK–5 students (PEF funds the teacher and supplies).
- Stage Performance + Rhythmic Culture (SPARC) Poetry — a 26-week residency for all 5th graders, fully funded by PEF.



Parent & Community Volunteers in the Classroom and Events- All PSD schools have exceptional volunteers. Pacifica parent volunteers exhibit a heightened level of commitment to assist in their child's educational experience. Each year, the PTO nominates 1-2 parent volunteers for the Elna Flynn Award. Elna Flynn volunteered countless hours in and out of the classroom, helping as a Room Parent, PTA president, Library Chair, and many other positions. These volunteers are recognized by their peers for the qualities & caliber of service they share with Elna Flynn. To fully understand their commitment, please see the PSD slideshow, which gives a brief bio of these hard-working volunteers.

PSD Exceptional Volunteers- [Link Elna Flynn Outstanding Volunteers.](#)

Pacifica School Volunteers Support- [Link Pacifica School Volunteers](#)

PSD Parent & Community Involvement- Recently, the 7th Annual Tree Art Contest was held, and students were asked to illustrate the importance of trees in their lives and community in celebration of Arbor Day. See the announcement flyer below.

PACIFICA — Tree City Pacifica is proud to announce the winners of the annual Tree Art Contest for students in the Pacifica School District. Students were asked to draw their favorite tree in conjunction with tree planting events at their schools. The winners will be displayed at the Sanchez Art Center at 1220-B Linda Mar Blvd. on Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 and on Nov. 7 to 9, from 1 to 5 p.m. each of those days in the foyer of the East Wing Gallery. Pacificans will celebrate the city's seventh Arbor Day on Nov. 1 at Fairmont West Park (5066 Palmetto Avenue) by planting 20 trees. The community event will start at 10 a.m. and will include comments by Mayor Sue Beckmeyer and Director of Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Scott Leslie, followed by a tree planting demonstration. Volunteers from the community will plant and stake the trees as part of the city's effort to keep Pacifica verdant and sustainable. Tree City Pacifica is organizing Arbor Day along with the City of Pacifica and the Pacifica School District. If you or your family would like to volunteer to plant a tree, send an email to treecitypacific@gmail.com.

Only those who have registered will be able to plant a tree, but everyone is welcome to come to the celebration that day. Additional trees will be planted during the week of Pacifica's Arbor Day at the schools in the Pacifica School District, giving students the opportunity to learn even more about the value trees play in fighting climate change and promoting biodiversity. The Arbor Day celebrations also include an art contest for Pacifica School District students who were asked to illustrate the importance of trees in their lives and in the community. Winners of the tree art contest include:

Grades K-2: Ori Sharon, Addelyn Ferguson, Lydia Jayne Bond, Zoe Tsougarakis, Isabelle Medina Antonia, and Maksim Zakharov of Vallemar School; and Mariela Rodriguez of Ocean Shore/Sunset Ridge School.

Grades 3-5: Charles McCluskey, Annalisse Rivera, Rosie Rojas-Durkin, Jackson Jackanovich, Aaliyah Leng and Esther Maria Bond of Vallemar School; Olivia Simmonds, Nami Bird and Emma Martinez of Cabrillo School; Mira Meagher and Corinna Chui of Ocean Shore/Sunset Ridge School; and Victoria Gallagher of Ortega School.

Grade 6-8: Siena Labio, Olivia Hsieh, Camila Farmer, Rosalina Marie Shaw, Ava Abalde, Catherine Goss, Kira Matarese, Dasha Kireev, Abigail Romero, Aidan Oca, Graeme Lawrence, Ashton Morris, Farah Kaya, Rikka Dunckel, Skylar Reinfeld, Jenevie Acuna, Olivia Poiani, Jade Layug, and Ella Ng of Ingrid B. Lacy School.

The contest was judged by Katie Wolf, the arts and architecture teacher at St. Ignatius College Preparatory in San Francisco. For more information on Tree City Pacifica, which helps the city earn Tree City USA status each year through Arbor Day events, go to facebook.com/treecitypacific or send an email to treecitypacific@gmail.com. Teachers who wish to bring their classes to the Sanchez Art Center are invited to come on these days and times or to contact the center's director, Cindy Abbott, at cindy@SanchezArtCenter.org to arrange another field trip day. If you would like to plant a tree, send an email to treecitypacific@gmail.com with your name, email, address, phone number, and the ages of those who wish to participate. Trees will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. We are looking forward to a great day to help grow Pacifica's urban forest and continue our status as part of the Tree City USA program.

Considerations to Deny Charter

Transportation Barrier for Socio-economically Disadvantaged & Other groups- The Oceanlight petition recognizes the need for additional locations to better serve underrepresented groups and communities. However, the charter falls short of providing a more accessible location for all counties. Expecting socio-economically disadvantaged children and their families to travel to Pacifica may be unrealistic and unsustainable. This is a serious barrier for those without the means to own a car, or even more concerning, a young child who can't navigate public transportation alone. As an example, below are travel times for students on public transportation according to SAMTRANS;

Details used were to leave specific school(s), mentioned in the petition, to arrive around 8:00 am at 411 Oceana Blvd, Pacifica, CA, 94044 using Trip Planner via [SAMTRANS](#). Times provided are all the ranges available.

- Martin School to Pacifica District Office- 46 to 55 minutes each way, walking & 2 buses each way.
- Spruce Elementary to Pacifica District Office- 51 minutes to 1 hr. 20 mins each way, walking & 1-2 buses each way.
- Parkway Heights to Pacifica District Office- 1 hr. 5 minutes- to 1hr. 17 minutes each way, walking, and 2-3 buses each way.
- JFK to Pacifica School District Office- 48 minutes to 1 hr. 16 minutes each way, walking, and 2 buses each way.
- Parkside Intermediate School to Pacifica School District- 1 hr. 15 minutes to 1 hr. 33 minutes each way, walking, and 2-3 buses each way.
- Bayshore Elementary School to Pacifica School District Office- 1 hr. 3 minutes to 1 hour. 15 minutes each way, walking, and 2-3 buses each way.
- Lipman Middle School to Pacifica School District Office- 47 minutes to 1 hour. 45 minutes each way, walking, and 2 buses.

Equitable Access & Proposed Location- Under California Education Code 47605(a)(2), 47605(b)(1), 47605(b)(5)(A), and 220, a charter school petition must show that the school will provide fair access and opportunities for all students. This includes students with disabilities, English learners, foster youth, and students from low-income families. The proposed location is hard to reach without a car, creating a major barrier for families who rely on public transportation. As required by Education Code 47605(b)(5)(A), a charter school must explain how it will serve a student population that reflects the wider community, including low-income families. Although being near the ocean may provide unique learning experiences, a school's location cannot be approved just because of its surroundings if that site limits access for many students. The petition falls where equity & access are addressed.

Duplication of Program Philosophy & Instructional Approach- Oceanlight's Mission Statement echoes Ocean Shore School's long-standing mission statement. The statement overlaps in themes and educational philosophy. The words are different, but the mission is the same. Both Ocean Shore School and Oceanlight serve the same families, draw from the same student community, and employ almost all of the same teachers. The charter's request to use a building currently occupied by Pacifica School District staff, which was once Ocean Shore School, is another indicator of program duplication rather than presenting something new. California Education Code is Ed. Code 47605.6, which states: "An existing public school shall not be converted to a charter school in accordance with this section." Please see similar Mission Statements below from different periods of time in Ocean Shore history.

Oceanlight's Mission Statement: Our mission is to launch "solutionaries" with the heart, mind, and skills to care for our planet and each other. Through hands-on interdisciplinary learning, leadership development, and environmental stewardship, we prepare students to lead with purpose and act with impact in their communities and beyond. See Mission Statement below.

[Link Ocean Shore School PTO Mission Statement 2025-2026](#)

[Link latest IRS Tax Return 2022 Mission Statement pg. 2](#)

[Link Historical Mission Statement PTO Handbook 2016](#)

The Ocean Shore School Model was created fifty years ago, and California's education standards have changed significantly. Instructional models and philosophies that were once new concepts, such as experiential learning, project-based learning, hands-on collaboration, STEAM activities, environmental education, and outdoor learning, are now mainstream in some schools and their districts. SMCOE offers training, support, and curriculum that focus on these same areas. Here's a list of those resources;

- Visual & Performing Arts Education
- Computer Science
- Educational Technology
- English & Language Arts
- Environmental Literacy
- Generative A.I. Resources
- History & Social Sciences
- Mathematics
- Multi-English Learner Services
- Science & Engineering

Demographic Analysis & Enrollment Projections- PSD continues to be experiencing declining enrollment, like our neighboring districts, and establishing a new charter school in Pacifica would likely worsen this trend by diverting students and resources. Pacifica is not in a position to lose ADA and state funding that would follow a student to a charter school. This could further strain PSD's ability to maintain current quality programs for remaining students. On January 22, 2025, at a regular board meeting, PSD presented a complete analysis of declining enrollment through 2031-2032. [Demographic Analysis and Enrollment Projections Report Prepared by King.](#)

Also, in response to declining enrollment, recommendations were made to the board to address the structural budget deficit, see Resolution 2025-01-22 [PSD Board Action Item 1/22/25 10.a.](#)

In review, the charter fails to show successful outreach, a need for a charter, and lack of promised enrollment from the underrepresented students. This undermines the petition's stated goal for fairness and inclusion. Without the outer communities having reliable access to the requested location, Oceanlight may be set up for exclusivity. With a shrinking local Pacifica student population and limited transportation options, enrolling a diverse student body would be very challenging. It would be difficult to grow because the requested location limits access and enrollment. This would especially affect students with disabilities, English learners, foster youth, and families with fewer resources.

Ed Code 47605.6 (b)(2) says the county board must deny the petition if *“the petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition”*. Also, granting the charter is not consistent with sound educational practice.

Given these concerns, it is crucial for the County Board of Trustees to review the charter petition carefully, using clear evidence provided to you, to ensure that any decision benefits all students, their families, and the entire county community. If approved, the charter school may be exclusive to those privileged with transportation, failing the wider community outreach for access and Please deny the Oceanlight Charter School Petition.

Lastly, for accurate information and transparency, all links used in this letter reflected the public record currently available on websites on 11/26/25.

Respectfully,

Laverne Villalobos

Pacifica Resident & Pacifica School District Trustee (transparency purposes)

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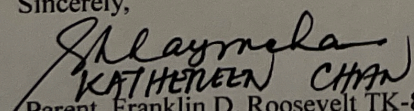
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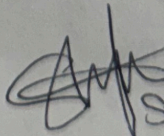
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 **STEPHANIE VALDEZ**

Parent, Franklin D. Roosevelt TK-8 School
Daly City, CA

Subject: Comment For Dec 17th Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 10:31:51 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Eilleene Biaoco

To: Information SMCOE

To Whom it May Concern,

I am asking the Board to deny the Oceanlight charter and to avoid co-locating at FDR.

Sincerely,

FDR parents Eilleene and Ron Biaoco

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 9:34:54 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: Jocelyn and Thomas Wong
To: Information SMCOE

Dear San Mateo County Board of Education,

This email is for Agenda Item F: Discuss/Act on Oceanlight School Countywide Benefit Charter, that is before your approval for today, December 17, 2025.

We are residents of Daly City for 20+ years and very proud parents of two children, one who graduated from Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) TK–8 School in 2024, and currently is a 10th grader at Westmoor High School, and our youngest, a current 3rd grader at FDR. We have seen FDR thrive since the transition from an elementary school to a full K-8 school, and now with an addition of a transitional kindergarten. With dedicated leadership, staff, and PTA, FDR is a shining star to the students that are being served and taught.

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Sincerely,
Thomas and Jocelyn Wong
Parents, Franklin D. Roosevelt TK-8 School
Daly City, CA

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 9:53:15 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Mai Le

To: Information SMCOE

Dear San Mateo County Board of Education Trustees,

My name is Mai, and I am the mom of two children and the PTA President at Franklin D. Roosevelt TK-8 School in Daly City. I am joining the many voices of our local community urging you to oppose the Oceanlight Charter proposal. Proponents of this school say that there are no good TK-8 options in North County. This could not be further from the truth. Our school is here, right by the ocean, and we are thriving. We value and practice many of the ideas proposed, such as strong family engagement, experiential learning, and environmental stewardship. In reflecting on their favorite memories from the year so far, students shared how much they loved going to Elkus Ranch, Woodside Store, and Sanchez Adobe, singing in Show Choir, visiting Skyline College, and celebrating Claude the beloved alligator. This is just a small snapshot of the joy in learning our students experience at FDR. Most importantly, they feel engaged, cared for, and part of a community. Every day our incredible staff serve a broad range of learners, with different abilities, learning styles, languages, and cultural backgrounds, engaging each student with dignity and respect. Our family community is deeply caring and kind and I am proud to stand beside them tonight, in spirit.

In closing, we are not interested in bright new promises. We want to protect what we have today. We love our school. I urge you to please reject this countywide charter proposal.

Sincerely,

Mai Le

San Mateo County Board of Education,

357 people have signed a petition on Action Network telling you to Support San Mateo County Students - Deny Oceanlight Charter School! .

Here is the petition they signed:

We are parents, grandparents, guardians, educators, school staff, taxpayers and voters in San Mateo County and we are asking you to deny the Oceanlight countywide charter school petition. All San Mateo County students deserve high quality neighborhood schools, no matter which school district they attend. When we invest in resources, supports, and opportunities for our students, they will thrive.

The San Mateo County Board should reject the Oceanlight charter petition to open a new privately-operated K-8 school because:

- Approval of this petition will have significant community and fiscal impacts on Pacifica students - causing cuts to staffing, programs and services that students deserve, and even potentially leading to additional school consolidations and closures. It will also have a significant impact on other northern San Mateo County districts like Jefferson, South San Francisco, Brisbane and Bay Shore, which are already experiencing significant enrollment declines.
- Approving the charter petition would speed up Pacifica's decline into financial distress by undermining actions taken to stabilize district finances, impacting the education of over 2000 children.
- Public school enrollment in San Mateo County has dropped by almost 10,000 students in the past 5 years and this trend will continue. Opening additional schools is the last thing we need. Approving this petition could destabilize the finances of multiple San Mateo County districts, especially in the face of an increasingly uncertain federal funding landscape.
- The petition does not legally qualify as a countywide charter school. The petition is clear that they plan to enroll mostly students from Pacifica School District. This petition should have come to the districts where the school intends to operate.
- Oceanlight claims to promote equity for all students throughout the northern half of the County, but they give admission priority to the children and grandchildren of staff, board members, the founding team, the people who signed their petition and to siblings of all of those children. This group will have YEARS of preferential treatment at the school.
- The petition drastically misrepresents the academic performance of local school districts including Pacifica to attempt to make the case for the need for the school.

What Northern San Mateo County students need and deserve is for our districts and educators to keep working hard to make ALL our schools strong, not undermine them by opening a new school. We call upon the San Mateo County Board to reject the Oceanlight Charter petition.

You can view each petition signer and the comments they left you below.

Thank you,

Laguna Salada Education Association

1. Clare Crawford (*ZIP code: 92104*)

2. Eve Bordoli (*ZIP code: 94010*)

3. Grant Conour (*ZIP code: 94402*)

4. Luis Galdona Torres (*ZIP code: 94606*)

5. Emily Baker (*ZIP code: 94018*)

6. Andrew Meyers (*ZIP code: 94066*)

Do not open the Oceanlight Charter. It will divert money from our schools and shrink our programs.

7. Jennifer James (*ZIP code: 94402*)

8. Richard Gonzales (*ZIP code: 94122*)

9. Jeffrey Spoering (*ZIP code: 94131*)

10. Gustavo Lopez (*ZIP code: 94010*)

11. Jennifer Gorman (*ZIP code: 94019*)

12. Erika Zheng (*ZIP code: 94402*)

13. Ronald Lau (*ZIP code: 94112*)

14. Timothy Sato (*ZIP code: 94028*)

15. Kristin Howell (*ZIP code: 94025*)

16. SEBASTIAN Hart (*ZIP code: 94587*)

17. Virginia Thomas Melly (*ZIP code: 94134*)

Please do not approve these charter schools. Our schools are already struggling with enrollment and funding and this will drain badly needed resources from our students!

18. Maureen McPeck (*ZIP code: 94025*)

19. Coren Aldapa (*ZIP code: 94404*)

20. Jose Manuel Melendrez (*ZIP code: 94062*)

Please, do not open another charter school.

21. Paula Vogt (*ZIP code: 94070*)

22. Lara Sandora (*ZIP code: 94025*)

23. Adelina Finn (*ZIP code: 94403*)

24. Katherine Prescenzi (*ZIP code: 94019*)

25. Nia Reate (*ZIP code: 94080*)

26. Karen Hartmann (*ZIP code: 94402*)

27. Kelly Earlywine (*ZIP code: 94402*)

28. Victoria Buck (*ZIP code: 94043*)

Please do not approve the new charter schools

29. Julia Pressman (*ZIP code: 95126*)

30. Ann Lucero (*ZIP code: 94061*)

31. Lauren Tickel (*ZIP code: 94002*)

We need to fund more into our public system in order to ensure high quality education for ALL students

32. Crystal Wright (*ZIP code: 94066*)

33. Nicole Medeiros (*ZIP code: 94109*)

34. Danielle Webber (*ZIP code: 94061*)

We've seen the impact of private charters here in Redwood City.

35. Taryn Almstead (*ZIP code: 94403*)

36. Cynthia Dalmacio (*ZIP code: 94005*)

NO Charter School!!! Support our public schools!

37. Grace Hill (*ZIP code: 94112*)

38. Justin Manalang (*ZIP code: 94005*)

39. Debolina Dutta (*ZIP code: 94112*)

40. Marcy Corea (ZIP code: 94070)

41. Joel Basquez (ZIP code: 94401)

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42. Daphne Flores-Dalmacio (ZIP code: 94015)

43. Sarah Pape (ZIP code: 94403)

44. Heather Cavanagh (ZIP code: 95125)

45. erinn washburn (ZIP code: 94061)

46. Abraham E Galvan (ZIP code: 94010)

We need more quality schools, not quantity.

47. Julia Payne (ZIP code: 94402)

48. Rachel Mack (ZIP code: 94030)

49. Jasmine Mack (ZIP code: 94030)

50. Janet Chappell (ZIP code: 94010)

51. Elias Mooring (ZIP code: 94103)

52. Tim Sullivan (ZIP code: 94110-1528)

We have more than 150 years of data that shows there is no way to address inequity in our school systems without directly funding the schools that have the highest need. This proposal is the exact opposite of that: diverting funds from struggling schools to shiny new charter schools that have limited accountability for their spending, demonstrably weak curriculum designed to bolster the corporations sponsoring it, astronomically high staff turnover (average teacher retention is under two years!), and absolutely no guarantee that they will continue to be supported by the corporations or "non-profits" who can get up and walk away at any time, leaving the district in financial ruin and thousands of children negatively impacted (just look at what has happened in the wake of the Zuckerberg charter schools shuttering less than a decade after they opened). Under no circumstances can we afford another charter school disaster in the Bay Area.

53. Angela Work (ZIP code: 94018-8133)

54. John Carey (ZIP code: 94401)

55. Ethan Dalmacio (ZIP code: 94005)

56. Heather Aymami (*ZIP code: 94404*)

57. Denise Trevino (*ZIP code: 94401*)
NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

58. Angela Hopper (*ZIP code: 94061*)

59. Jennifer Nally (*ZIP code: 94066*)

60. Tiffany Guerin (*ZIP code: 94066*)

61. Melinda McCabe (*ZIP code: 94044*)

62. Rosanna Bruzzi (*ZIP code: 94080*)

63. Deborah Freesmeier (*ZIP code: 94002*)

64. Thao Le (*ZIP code: 94402*)

65. Janell Jones (*ZIP code: 94044*)
This charter school will only divide our community further than it already is.

66. Meredith Stratton (*ZIP code: 94044*)

67. Elaine Tarango (*ZIP code: 94066*)

68. Suzanne Wood (*ZIP code: 94061*)

69. Mark Claussen (*ZIP code: 94044*)

70. Mary Pilster (*ZIP code: 94066*)

71. Vidal Cubero Sobrados (*ZIP code: 94403*)
Focus on public education!

72. Tiffany Hanna (*ZIP code: 94044*)

73. Julie Gallagher (*ZIP code: 94044*)

74. Charlene Hilo (*ZIP code: 94044*)

75. Mary Musallam (*ZIP code: 94015*)

76. Jenny Gadwah (*ZIP code: 94044*)

77. Victor Stratton (*ZIP code: 94044*)

These entitled people need to chill. They're pissed off about the school closing and they're using their emotions instead of their logic.

They must be stopped.

78. Dayna Danielson (*ZIP code: 94061*)

79. Scott BonDurant (*ZIP code: 94103-2586*)

Siphoning public funds and redirecting them to schools that are not 100% open access goes against the founding principles of public education and I oppose this measure vehemently.

80. Dustin Patenaude (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Please don't deprive our local district of much-needed resources by creating a duplicative system. We need to make Pacifica School District the best that it can be!

81. Melissa Pedro (*ZIP code: 94404*)

82. Stephanie Talbot (*ZIP code: 94044*)

83. Megan Smith (*ZIP code: 94014*)

84. Tina Perdices (*ZIP code: 94402*)

As a COE employee serving the most at-risk students in our county, I oppose the Oceanlight Charter School application. I have noted during my tenure with Court & Community that a disproportionate number of students in our programs have a prior history of charter school enrollment & those who were eligible for an IEP were offered very minimal levels of special education service. This pattern indicates to me that many students are not adequately supported by charter schools & I do not want to see our county put even more of our children on the potential path to eventual residential treatment, expulsion and/or incarceration. Thank you!

85. Janette Hashimoto (*ZIP code: 94065-1809*)

86. Karen Dorsey (*ZIP code: 94044*)

I am against the charter school both as a parent whose kids will be directly affected and as an educator in San Mateo county.

87. Tyson Torres (*ZIP code: 94044*)

88. Cynthia Wilson (*ZIP code: 94611*)

89. jacqueline kroner swartz (*ZIP code: 94002*)

90. Erica Ma (*ZIP code: 94401*)

91. Rachel Rodriguez (*ZIP code: 94404*)

92. Karen Linford (*ZIP code: 94061*)

I've taught in public and private schools. Recently I taught in a public charter. I believe that we should be channeling funds into our public schools and making class sizes smaller. The charter I worked at had a "special" certification program that was a bunch of nonsense. I was like the oldest teacher there and others were mostly not certified. During the course of the year we lost around 5-6 teachers who just flat out quit. We went the entire year with only having one assembly and no oversight with any curriculum. Online platforms were the only thing we did all year. Worst job I have ever had. Please, please, please - we don't need more charters. We don't need an "elite" system of education that makes empty promises. We need smaller classes AND innovative cutting edge equipment (like actual labs, maker spaces, etc) in our public schools and electives (remember those?) to give our kids confidence and creativity. This improves attendance!! Why do kids want to come to school? A lot of reasons - but sitting at a computer all day testing is not one of them. I mean....does that sound fun to any adult reading this? Let's make it hands on and we can do that in our public schools. I remember a world before Charter schools, and I have to say I miss that.

93. Stephanie Symons (*ZIP code: 94044*)

94. Katherine Nofziger (*ZIP code: 94066*)

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95. Leticia Navarro (*ZIP code: 94062*)

Our public schools have already lost enrollment as low income families have moved out of the area due to rising rents. We cannot afford to continue decreasing budgets. Our current students are struggling as it is. Please do not allow private corporations take over our public schools in the area.

96. Jacqueline Friduss (*ZIP code: 94070*)

97. Brittany J (*ZIP code: 94116*)

98. Brian Bold (*ZIP code: 94044*)

The schools in this area are already struggling with enrollment, funding, and resources. We cannot allow additional losses.

99. Glenn Dalmacio (*ZIP code: 94005*)

100. Noe Peretz (*ZIP code: 94402-1841*)

101. Melissa Perez (*ZIP code: 94063*)

102. Angela Fenston (*ZIP code: 94116*)

No to Charter School. As an Art Teacher this will directly impact public school students and reduce the overall quality of services provided. We are already struggling, and privatizing public funds is not a solution.

103. Tiffany Parrish (*ZIP code: 94044*)

As a teacher and community member of Pacifica, these schools would place an undue burden and risk to smaller districts in San Mateo County and would diffuse LCFF funds to a detriment of sound student programs

104. Julia Wohl (*ZIP code: 94114*)

105. Silvia Antonelli (*ZIP code: 94063*)

Please deny OceanLight charter school!

Charter schools use public money and have no accountability. They harm students and our country.

106. Meghann Elsbernd (*ZIP code: 94127*)

107. Alicia Gorgani (*ZIP code: 94401*)

Charter schools are NOT the future of education Please fund our local public schools so that they can serve the population effectively!

108. Rachel Merlo (*ZIP code: 94044*)

109. Barbara Mettling (*ZIP code: 94044*)

110. Maria Jackson (*ZIP code: 94044*)

I don't want resources to be taken from our public schools that are already suffering.

111. Johanna Finale (*ZIP code: 94044*)

112. Ion Murata (*ZIP code: 94080*)

113. Hope Scheid (*ZIP code: 94027*)

114. Jessica Dalmacio (*ZIP code: 94005*)

115. Jessica Dalmacio (*ZIP code: 94005*)

116. Elyse Osman (*ZIP code: 94952*)

117. DAVID PAPP (*ZIP code: 94018*)

118. Carrye DeMers (*ZIP code: 94044*)

119. Candice Wecksler (ZIP code: 94018)

120. Patrick Games (ZIP code: 94019)

121. Rafely Palacios (ZIP code: 94025)

122. Stephanie Konstan (ZIP code: 94403)

123. Karina Velazquez (ZIP code: 94401)

124. Richard van Wyngaarden (ZIP code: 94019-1032)

125. Aimee Llewellyn (ZIP code: 94018)

126. Doreen Cummins-Murphy (ZIP code: 94044)

127. Amy Huffman (ZIP code: 94044)

128. Rebecca Mulligan (ZIP code: 94002)

129. Rosabelle Lynes (ZIP code: 94019)

130. Mark Boelter (ZIP code: 94044)

131. Kristi Lee Eifert (ZIP code: 94110)

These kiddos have seamlessly integrated into the current schools that the Pacifica School District has offered. They do not need their own school. They are thriving where they are this year.

132. Thao Pham (ZIP code: 94560)

133. An anonymous signer (ZIP code: 94044)

134. Misty Veloso (ZIP code: 94019)

135. Jessica Parque (ZIP code: 94044)

136. Wing h Cheung (ZIP code: 94015)

137. Edelmira Flores (ZIP code: 94015)

Esta escuela tiene programas muy importantes para nuestros hijos en especial para mi hijo ya que esta escuela es la muestra de un gran equipo de apoyo a todos los niños que asisten a su escuela a mi me encanta esta escuela ya que son personas muy amables que siempre tienen una sonrisa para cada alumno yo estoy aquí para darles todo mi apoyo a la escuela de mi hijo y de todos los niños que

dependen de los programas att . Gracias

138. Christina Yeakley (*ZIP code: 94019*)

I am concerned that charter schools will only hurt our communities by allowing for profit schools to operate. These schools also lack oversight, drain public funding and many times increase segregation and lower student diversity. Please support public education and stop charter schools from opening.

139. Karina Rodriguez (*ZIP code: 94015*)

I am not in favor of Oceanlight Charter School.

140. Gabriela Wiseman (*ZIP code: 94044*)

141. Florence Agustin-Santos (*ZIP code: 94015*)

Hello San Mateo County Board of Education,

Good day. As a concerned member of the FDR community, I respectfully ask you to deny the Oceanlight Charter School petition. Forcing FDR to share our campus would overcrowd our facilities, reduce student resources, and disrupt the safe, stable environment our children depend on.

Please protect FDR and prioritize our students' well-being by voting NO on this petition.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our schools.

Sincerely,
Florence Agustin-Santos
FDR Parent

142. Nicole Robinson (*ZIP code: 94044*)

I oppose publicly funded private schools, which is basically what Charter schools are.

143. Carolyn Larsen (*ZIP code: 94015*)

Please keep funds in public school with oversight!

144. Caprice Tennefoss (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Please don't let this Charter School take away from the public schools

145. Kris Thoren (*ZIP code: 94038*)

146. Hector Moreno (*ZIP code: 94038*)

147. Nicole Guevara (*ZIP code: 94015*)

Deny the charter.

148. Cuquita O'Shea (*ZIP code: 94015*)

149. Daniel Lyttle (*ZIP code: 95747*)

I am the former principal of IBL and a former Executive Director of a charter high school. I am intimately aware of the negative impact charter schools have on local public school funding.

150. Kristian Capacillo (*ZIP code: 94015*)

Keep FDR the way it is please.

151. Stephanie Zipkin (*ZIP code: 94044*)

152. Betty Zipkin (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Deny Oceanlight Charter School

153. Stela Zouridakis (*ZIP code: 94015*)

No on the Oceanlight Charter School Petition

154. Cherryl Santos (*ZIP code: 94015*)

I am opposed to this charter school petition and ask that you instead focus on ensuring all San Mateo County school districts are financially supported to deliver the best possible education for all students. Thank you!

155. Debra McGibbon (*ZIP code: 94019*)

Charter schools should come under the school district they are located in, not the county. I watched for years as Bullis Charter in Los Altos, a county chartered school, ran a very elite, discriminatory school program--virtually no low income kids, no English learners, no special education kids. Huge parental donations were expected. The county seemed to have minimal control over the school; after all, it is NOT a county's job to monitor this sort of school. If Pacifica parents want a charter, then it should be under the Pacifica School District. If the district decides it is not in the best interest of their district's students, then so be it. Public funds should not be allowed to run what are essentially private schools for well off parents.

156. Laverne Villalobos (*ZIP code: 94044*)

157. Christina Sanchez (*ZIP code: 94044*)

FDR needs more students, not another school on its campus.

158. Diana Garza (*ZIP code: 94015*)

159. Sara Newstein (*ZIP code: 94044*)

160. Paul Stickland (*ZIP code: 94074*)

161. Ryan Guevara (*ZIP code: 94015*)

162. Jared Katz (*ZIP code: 94044*)

163. Stella Kunz (ZIP code: 94065)

164. Claudia Lunstroth Decost (ZIP code: 94019)

165. Sandra Shorago (ZIP code: 94404)

166. Alyssa Mesick (ZIP code: 94080)

167. Brian McManus (ZIP code: 94401-1125)

168. Jana Carrington (ZIP code: 94010)

169. Daniella Martinez (ZIP code: 94403)

170. Kathryn Ketchum (ZIP code: 94018)

171. Lisa Frankel (ZIP code: 94402)

172. Tamir Frankel (ZIP code: 94402)

173. Lindsey Baker (ZIP code: 94010)

174. Kristen Petrone (ZIP code: 94044)

I am a teacher and a parent at Vallemar school in the Pacifica School District. Our school was affected with the relocation of our middle school last year. I had to watch my sixth grade students leave on the last day of school knowing things wouldn't be the same for them, for our school, or for me as I had to change grade levels. What should have been a celebratory day ended up being filled with anxiety and uncertainty.

I urge you to vote NO on the Oceanlight Countywide Charter Petition. Our district is managing significant enrollment loss, and opening another school will put our entire district at risk. We are worried about the impact opening this school will have on all of our students, as the district may have to further cut programs and support. Approving the charter petition would speed up the district's decline into financial distress by undermining actions taken to stabilize the districts finances, impacting the education of over 2000 children. Please vote NO on Oceanlight Charter.

175. Eileen Cully (ZIP code: 95030)

My daughter teaches at Vallemar and my grandson is in 2nd grade there.

176. Sarah Moreno (ZIP code: 94044-3850)

177. Andrea Cheng (ZIP code: 94087)

178. Linh Trinh (ZIP code: 94066)

179. Stephanie Murphy (*ZIP code: 94080*)

180. MaryJane Bradley (*ZIP code: 94044*)

I do not support charter schools in the district I work for (SMFCSD) or the district I live in (PSD).

181. Janie Ngo (*ZIP code: 94015*)

I am writing to respectfully request that the Board not approve the Oceanlight Charter School petition. I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impact that co-locating this charter on the FDR campus would have on our students, families, and school environment.

As a parent with two children currently attending FDR—one in elementary and one in middle school—I see firsthand how much the school's space, resources, and programs are already being fully utilized. Introducing another institution onto the campus would strain these resources, disrupt existing services, and affect the learning experience for all students, including my own.

Forcing FDR to share its campus would compromise the quality of our educational environment and impact the stability and safety that our children rely on. I strongly urge the Board to support the FDR community by denying the Oceanlight Charter School petition and allowing FDR to continue serving its students without disruption.

182. Donna Siu (*ZIP code: 94015*)

183. Katherine Ward (*ZIP code: 94019*)

The resources that would be diverted to this new venture (these charter school), need to be dedicated to the schools that already ARE SERVING these students!

184. Laura Vuskovic (*ZIP code: 94044*)

185. Sabrina Gopar (*ZIP code: 93933*)

186. Robyn Engel (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Approving the charter petition would speed up Pacifica's decline into financial distress by undermining actions taken to stabilize district finances, impacting the education of over 2000 children.

187. Kristin Borup (*ZIP code: 94044*)

188. Marcia Santillan (*ZIP code: 94014*)

Please do not take resources away from our students, especially those with special needs. FDR is a unique, inclusive community.

189. Michele Brazil (*ZIP code: 94066*)

190. Rebecca Slater (*ZIP code: 94044*)

191. Adam Slater (*ZIP code: 94044*)

192. Matthew Gallegos (*ZIP code: 94015*)

193. Gloria Fare (*ZIP code: 94044*)

194. Denise Gonzalez (*ZIP code: 94044-3410*)

195. Kimberly Hadeed (*ZIP code: 94044*)

196. Mohammed Hadeed (*ZIP code: 94044*)

197. Kathryn Leydecker (*ZIP code: 94044*)

This is being done for all the wrong reasons. Our school district is under attack because some very privileged parents could not accept the district's current financial situation. Instead of pulling together to make our community better they have chosen to divide it and create havoc. Supporting the children should be the number one priority and trying to help them succeed in the current economic crisis would have been a healthier alternative.

198. Elisa Repetto (*ZIP code: 94044*)

199. Stephanie Trelogan (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Let's roll up our sleeves and create a more robust program at home in Pacifica—together. Oceanlight will hurt the most vulnerable populations in our district and others. Public school is for ALL students and families.

200. Paige Miller (*ZIP code: 94044*)

I am against the charter school as it will further take away already limited resources available to all students in Pacifica.

201. Christine Donnelly (*ZIP code: 94403*)

Oppose charter school

202. Cathy Alderson (*ZIP code: 94044*)

203. Kelly Shives (*ZIP code: 94044*)

204. Alyssa Jenkins (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Charter schools sap resources from the many in order to benefit the few.

205. Kate Snyder (*ZIP code: 94044*)

206. Jacqueline Covell (*ZIP code: 94044*)

207. Jane Solano (*ZIP code: 94044*)

208. Jackie Walley (ZIP code: 94044)

I am a Pacifica homeowner/taxpayer whose children were educated in the Pacifica School District. Declining enrollment has been an ongoing issue for our district and difficult decisions were made last year to keep our district solvent.

209. Enid Zimmerman (ZIP code: 94010)

210. Margit Demaray (ZIP code: 94044)

211. Catherine Lamont (ZIP code: 94044)

212. Jennifer Arciniega (ZIP code: 94044)

213. Ronald Lamont (ZIP code: 94044)

214. Bill Armstrong (ZIP code: 94044)

We need to help the public schools not take kids away

215. Megan Reed (ZIP code: 94044)

216. eric jones (ZIP code: 94044)

217. Megan Vila (ZIP code: 94044)

218. Chris Vila (ZIP code: 94044)

219. DAVID DEMARAY (ZIP code: 94044)

220. Michelle Wagner-Keaney (ZIP code: 94044)

221. Rebecca Lazaro (ZIP code: 94044)

As not only a parent of students but now as a staff member in the district I oppose the charter petition. The people requesting the charter never gave the new co-location a chance and want to just have a special school that replaces Ocean Shore. I have not seen the parents or families of ocean shore show up to help at the new co-location campus the way they said they would. I feel that they want it to fail and the only ones who suffer are the kids!

222. May Ryan (ZIP code: 94044)

223. Frank Ryan (ZIP code: 94044)

224. Frances Simmons (ZIP code: 94044)

225. Jeanne Ahmed (ZIP code: 94044-3451)

226. Susan Beckmeyer (*ZIP code: 94044*)

227. Carlo Santillan (*ZIP code: 94080*)

228. Shauna Koperski (*ZIP code: 94044*)

229. Mary Anne Santillan (*ZIP code: 94015*)

230. Maripaz Berlin (*ZIP code: 95062*)

231. Jenna Barasch (*ZIP code: 94010*)

232. Lauren O'Connell (*ZIP code: 94044*)

233. James Frank (*ZIP code: 94044*)

234. Britney Balestreri (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Put efforts and money into making our existing schools better, not creating new ones!

235. Kathleen Balestreri (*ZIP code: 94044-3308*)

236. Claudia Nhan (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Please deny the charter school. This is just a group of parents with an agenda to bring their old school closed down and rebranded. They do not want to be part of any school district, they want to be stand-alone so they should open as a private school.

237. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 94116*)

238. Silvia Rocha (*ZIP code: 94044*)

I oppose to North Pacific Charter School, Inc. (Oceanlight Charter)!!

239. Julie Ulmer (*ZIP code: 94044*)

don't entitle and separate more. Use time and resources to come together.

240. Monica Kibbe (*ZIP code: 94044*)

241. Ashlyn Collins (*ZIP code: 94044*)

I do not support the Charter school. It's not necessary and will only pull resources from the community as a whole. It is clearly a certain school community's tactic to force the county to fund their efforts to gain their school back while backing the rest of the school districts and the county pay the price financially. It's ridiculous and unacceptable.

242. Kendra Crame (*ZIP code: 94044*)

The charter school does not offer anything that the other schools in Pacifica already offer. It was

decided to merge Ocean Shore school because that's what's best for the entire district. This charter campaign is lead by Ocean Shore parents who are upset that the school their child attends has been moved to a different location.

243. Kelley Chawke (*ZIP code: 94015*)

PLEASE deny Oceanlight Charter School!!

244. Janet Harrison (*ZIP code: 94114*)

As with numerous other charter schools across the nation, this will siphon off public tax dollars from public schools. Money that is meant for the public, not private!

245. ToniMarie DAmore (*ZIP code: 94044*)

246. Joanne Fox (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Our district does not have funds to support another school. It barely has the finances to support the existing schools. Our school is short of basics such as a working Chrome book for each student. We have falling numbers of students all across Pacifica and there is neither need nor resources for another school.

247. Alejandro Uribe (*ZIP code: 94044-3214*)

I am opposed to the Ocean Light Charter School as it will divert vital resources away from the Pacifica School District and San Mateo County public schools

248. Catherine Clement (*ZIP code: 94044*)

249. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 94044*)

250. Janet Giannini (*ZIP code: 94127*)

251. Margaret Allard (*ZIP code: 94116*)

252. Michael Clement (*ZIP code: 94044*)

253. Tom Solinger (*ZIP code: 94080*)

254. Ila Payne-Dwyer (*ZIP code: 94044*)

255. colin dwyer (*ZIP code: 94044*)

public education is the backbone of society

256. George Yatrakis (*ZIP code: 94044*)

257. Elizabeth Peyton-Baptista (*ZIP code: 94080*)

258. Melinda Dart (*ZIP code: 94112*)

Support public schools.

259. Amy Wilson (*ZIP code: 94401*)

260. Alexis Standfield (*ZIP code: 94044*)

261. Lauri Reynolds (*ZIP code: 94044*)

262. Patricia Flamenco (*ZIP code: 94124*)

263. Carolyn Selvy (*ZIP code: 94015*)

264. Eva Parabaniuk (*ZIP code: 94044*)

265. Alfonso Duenas (*ZIP code: 94403*)

266. Giancarlo Corti (*ZIP code: 94403*)

267. Anoushka Takla (*ZIP code: 94015*)

The Jefferson Elementary School District has all programs that the charter is offering, including a TK-8 school.

268. Zoe Marinkovich (*ZIP code: 94118*)

269. Cailey Horan (*ZIP code: 94062*)

270. Gregory Zipkin (*ZIP code: 94044*)

271. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 94044*)

272. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 94044*)

273. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 94044*)

274. An anonymous signer (*ZIP code: 94044*)

275. Michelle Hansen (*ZIP code: 94014-1444*)

276. Jennifer Sobalvarro (*ZIP code: 94044*)

277. Morgan Dox (*ZIP code: 94014*)

278. Fairouz Bettahar (ZIP code: 94015)

I am a parent of 4 FDR students & I was also a student there in the 90's. Please protect our program!!

279. Karen Bugante (ZIP code: 94134-1245)

280. Marian Piansay (ZIP code: 94015)

Oceanlight Charter School has funding for their program, and thus should have enough funding for their own facilities. To take over a PUBLIC SCHOOL building and use already low resources that our public school district has is taking away from our students, staff and community. If Oceanlight wants to open their own school, they should have their own infrastructure and not take from JESD (or any other public school district).

281. ana garcia (ZIP code: 94044-3527)

282. Mary Griggi (ZIP code: 94044)

283. Meghan Orth (ZIP code: 94014)

There are plenty of good schools in Daly City and we already have declining enrollment.

284. Vivian Wong (ZIP code: 94104)

285. Hapibel Duque (ZIP code: 94015)

286. Ellie Cundiff (ZIP code: 94044)

The PSD made this difficult decision because of declining enrollment and set the priorities to enhance programs, pay staff a living wage, and eliminate deficit spending. Having a charter will harm all students in the district and create further reductions in funding.

287. Julius Claros (ZIP code: 94014)

288. Christina Stuart (ZIP code: 94044)

289. Nelcy Carino (ZIP code: 94015)

No to charter school in FDR. We are diverted, thriving, peaceful school, please let us be.

290. Sharena Domingo (ZIP code: 94066)

291. Laurie Lyman (ZIP code: 94044)

Not really needed. I live in Pacifica and they just need to address parents issues.

292. Gina Arguello (ZIP code: 94044)

Don't let more money be drained away from an already struggling district!

293. Gigi Hindin (ZIP code: 94941)

No Charter School!

294. Michele Pense (*ZIP code: 94112*)

295. Judy Won (*ZIP code: 94015*)

296. Lauren Buckley (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Downward trending enrollment is already an issue for school funding in our districts. Any programs or ideas can be brought to our public schools through family involvement in School Site Councils, and Community forums. We already have K-8 programs in our districts.

297. sophia wong-louie (*ZIP code: 94116*)

298. Nancy Silver (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Please do not let Ocean Shore become a Charter School. It will deeply impact the financial health of Pacifica School District. They are selfish in my opinion, and gave death threats to anyone against them.

299. Dong Tran (*ZIP code: 94015*)

300. David Finn (*ZIP code: 94118*)

301. Liann Iriyama (*ZIP code: 94015*)

302. Jose Chavarria Aguilar (*ZIP code: 94110*)

303. Adrianna Scalzo (*ZIP code: 94015*)

304. Mylene Acosta-Mercado (*ZIP code: 94112*)

No OceanLight School at FDR

305. Caroline Lalosh (*ZIP code: 94080*)

Enrollment in JESD has declined - we are already struggling. Our students and district will suffer if this school is approved.

306. Pauline Louie (*ZIP code: 94121*)

307. Elizabeth DeJarnatt (*ZIP code: 94044*)

308. Patricia Tse (*ZIP code: 94015*)

309. Maricel Latoza (*ZIP code: 94015*)

310. Alicia Golembiewski (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Charter Schools take money away from Public Schools. This charter school originates from Pacifica and shouldn't be allowed to take resources away from Daly City Public Schools.

311. Edward Landels (*ZIP code: 94070*)

312. Suzanne Charon (*ZIP code: 94038*)

313. Sylvia Tagaro (*ZIP code: 94015*)

314. Katherine Welch (*ZIP code: 94044*)

315. Rachel Romo (*ZIP code: 94080*)

316. Jolene David (*ZIP code: 94015*)

No on the Oceanlight Charter School petition

317. Benjamin Romo (*ZIP code: 94080*)

I've worked as a credentialed employee in a public school district within San Mateo County and I fully believe in public schools.

318. Erin Mustille (*ZIP code: 94044*)

319. Barb Devolder (*ZIP code: 94044*)

320. Ally Douglas (*ZIP code: 94044*)

321. Gabriella Galleguillos (*ZIP code: 94044*)

322. Kat General (*ZIP code: 94128*)

323. Laura Urie (*ZIP code: 94044*)

324. Stephanie Neutz (*ZIP code: 94044*)

325. Elizabeth Geller (*ZIP code: 94044*)

326. Katherine Green (*ZIP code: 94044*)

327. Dave Geller (*ZIP code: 94044*)

These OSS families need to find a nice private school and leave the district to educate children

328. Christina Stewart (*ZIP code: 94044*)

329. Marilu Guskov (*ZIP code: 94044*)

330. Amy Truong-Vargas (*ZIP code: 94014*)

331. Kari Trainor (*ZIP code: 94044*)

This will only hurt the district and its students and families. There is more than enough space for all of our students at amazing schools with dedicated staff.

332. Monica Schlieder (*ZIP code: 94515-9586*)

333. JEFF MUSTILLE (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Gonna be a no for me

334. Bianca Dowd (*ZIP code: 94947*)

335. Suzy McKee (*ZIP code: 94523*)

336. Mia Tomola (*ZIP code: 95020*)

337. Don Potter (*ZIP code: 94044*)

338. Larry Aiken (*ZIP code: 94127*)

Please decline the request to approve the charter schools,

339. Diana Chau (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Opening a chapter school in Pacifica is bad for the school district.

340. Sisilio Aquino (*ZIP code: 94015*)

341. Adam Petrone (*ZIP code: 94044*)

342. Lisa Franck (*ZIP code: 94044*)

343. John Collins (*ZIP code: 94401-5107*)

The opening of this charter school will irreparably damage the Pacifica School District. This is a smaller school district that already has funding strains and I don't know if the Pacifica School District will survive if this charter school petition is granted.

344. Retta Guel (*ZIP code: 94044*)

345. Bernadette Hurley (*ZIP code: 94044*)

I do not support the Oceanlight Charter School Proposal

346. Julia Hurley (*ZIP code: 94044*)

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347. Noelle Hurley (*ZIP code: 94044*)

348. Joseph Hurley (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Deny the charter proposal.

349. Benjamin Gower (*ZIP code: 94044*)

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 12:44:42 Pacific Standard Time

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting: Approve Oceanlight's Petition--Daly City

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 11:54:21 AM Pacific Standard Time

From: Ying Shan Li

To: Hugo Torres, Chelsea Bonini, Beverly Gerard, Patricia Love, Susan Alvaro, Edith Arias, Michael O'Neill, Information SMCOE, petition@oceanlightschool.org

Hello,

My name is Ying Shan Li and I live in Daly City. I would love the choice to send my child to Oceanlight School. Please vote to approve Oceanlight's Petition.

Best Regards,

Ying Shan Li

Subject: Please consider for tonight's meeting...

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 3:10:13 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: Ashley Kipple

To: Hugo Torres, Chelsea Bonini, Beverly Gerard, Patricia Love, Susan Alvaro, Edith Arias, Michael O'Neill, Information SMCOE, petition@oceanlightschool.org

Dear San Mateo Office of Education,

As a parent and Early Childhood Education specialist, I am writing in support of Oceanlight School's charter approval for many reasons. Please strongly consider this approval today, for the children and families of our community.

As a Professor of Child Development and Education I understand how humans learn. As someone who tries to stay abreast of education in our region, I was very excited to find Oceanlight's vision and mission! Oceanlight's approach is in line with high-quality educational approaches and child development theories, and I personally believe is what is needed in our educational landscape today. Unfortunately these approaches have only been uplifted in the Private School community due to the limitations of public school. Parents are paying nearly \$50,000 a year to enroll their children in schools with similar approaches to Oceanlight's. Approving this school would support equity in our community, opening the door to innovative and quality education for all its community members. Give your families a choice by approving Oceanlight School today! It will make education in our region stronger.

Additionally, I believe it will make our planet stronger. With a focus on nature and climate care, it is imperative we are connecting our next generations to the earth. To truly learn about it and build the relationships required to care for it and maintain it. With issues such as Nature Deficit Disorder and screen addiction on the rise, we need more schools connecting children to nature and getting outdoors. A vote for Oceanlights approval, is a small step in the right direction for our children and societies. I am hoping it can be a model for more charters around the Bay Area!

I am unable to attend your hearing today, so I hope you will consider this email prior to your meeting.

Wishing you a very happy holidays!

In community,
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Ashley Kipple, MA

Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 4:00:54 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: LSEA President

To: Information SMCOE

Good Evening Trustees, my name is Meghann Elsbernd and I am the president of Laguna Salada Education Association which represents the certificated staff of Pacifica. The approval of this charter petition will have an adverse impact on all Pacifica students through cuts to staffing, programs and services.

On Tuesday I shared with you the Action Network petition signed by hundreds of parents, grandparents, guardians, educators, school staff, taxpayers and voters who call on you to reject the Oceanlight Charter. Since I shared it with you, the petition continues to have more and more support and signatures.

Should the Oceanlight county charter be rejected, the passionate leaders behind Oceanlight have the opportunity to do everything they propose to do at the very school from which they came. They can continue the Ocean Shore tradition at Ocean Shore. They can hone the program K-5 and work with the district to grow to be a TK-8, as they were, should interest and enrollment allow.

Subject: "Comment for December 17 Board Meeting"

Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 4:13:32 PM Pacific Standard Time

From: nicole Vargas

To: Information SMCOE

RE: Agenda Item F: Discuss/Act on Oceanlight School Countywide Benefit Charter Petition

Good evening members of the board, and thank you for the opportunity to hear my thoughts.

I first want to share that I am not opposed to charter schools. My two older daughters attend a charter high school, so I understand the value that charter options can offer families. That said, I believe charter approvals should be made carefully, with close attention to their impact on existing public schools and the communities they serve.

I am reaching out to you tonight to respectfully urge you **NOT** to approve Oceanlight's charter request.

This proposed charter would directly encroach on several public schools in the immediate area, including my youngest child's TK-8 school, Franklin D. Roosevelt School. Franklin D. Roosevelt is a strong neighborhood school that provides excellent academic support to the local community, including vital services for students with special needs who depend on stability, experienced staff, and consistent resources.

Approving a charter that draws enrollment and funding away from a school that is already succeeding risks weakening a system that works. When resources are diluted, the impact is often felt most by our most vulnerable students.

Charter growth should be intentional and responsive to unmet needs; not at the expense of effective public schools. In this case, the potential harm to Franklin D. Roosevelt and other nearby schools outweighs the benefit of adding another option in an already served area.

I respectfully ask the board to consider the long-term impact on students, families, and educators and to protect schools that are already doing right by their communities.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to our students.

Best,
Nicole Vargas Guevara
Concerned parent
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Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 09:42:47 Pacific Standard Time

Subject: FW: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting: Approve Oceanlight's Petition
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 8:39:52 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: Information SMCOE
To: Jennifer Perna

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From: Jordan Steele <jordanelizabethsteele@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6:24 PM
To:
Subject: Comment for December 17 Board Meeting: Approve Oceanlight's Petition

Hello Board Member,

My name is Jordan Steele-BeDell and I live in San Mateo County. I support more school choice.

I would like to share with you my support of the Oceanlight Charter School that is up for discussion tonight.

I have 3 children, 2 of which are elementary age. Those two kids are both neurodivergent, one is on the autism spectrum. As a parent I must hope for the best but plan for the worst. I hope my kids will excel in mainstream education with little to no support and have tons of friends and no behavioral issues or struggles, but I must plan for that not to be the case.

I think planning for my children to be in a setting where transitions are fewer (k-8) and different learners and learning styles are welcomed and modeled as the "norm" and not special or strange is what I need to do as a parent to serve my boys well and truly advocate for them, set them up for success.

I think having a school like Oceanlight available in San Mateo County will be beneficial to my family and families like mine. I hope you vote yes to approve this school and offer families another choice when the current ones are not working for them. We all want what is best for our kids, and after watching the last few board meetings I feel the San Mateo Board of Education wants what is best for the kids and the San Mateo County community at large as well. I hope you approve this school and we can all celebrate 2026 as the year of more school choice in San Mateo County together.

Take Care,

Subject: FW: Comment from Daly City parent for December 17 Board Meeting: Approve Oceanlight's Petition
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 8:40:16 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: Information SMCOE
To: Jennifer Perna

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From: Caroline Ang Wright <caroline.ang@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 8:39 PM
To: Hugo Torres <htorres@smcoe.org>, Chelsea Bonini <cbonini@smcoe.org>, Beverly Gerard <bgerard@smcoe.org>, Patricia Love <palove@smcoe.org>, Susan Alvaro <salvaro@smcoe.org>, Edith Arias <earias@smcoe.org>, Michael O'Neill <moneill@smcoe.org>, Information SMCOE <info@smcoe.org>, petition@oceanlightschool.org <petition@oceanlightschool.org>
Subject: Comment from Daly City parent for December 17 Board Meeting: Approve Oceanlight's Petition

Hi, my name is Caroline Ang Wright and I would love the choice to send my two children to Oceanlight School. Please vote to approve Oceanlight's petition. We would love a high quality public option within 5 miles of our home.

I would have liked to make this comment live on Zoom at the board meeting that I attended virtually tonight, but I had to leave the call before the public comment portion opened, due to the bedtime needs of my young children.

Thanks for your consideration,
Caroline