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Board of Education Meeting

February 5, 2026

Written Public Comments

Name:	Giovanna Read
School:	Edward Kelley Building
Agenda Item #	11.1
Comment:	I would like to voice my support for Edward Kelley Parent Participation preschool. Early education is so important, and our community cannot afford to lose a resource that not only educates children, but also engages parents in their child's academic career. Removing valuable public services is the last thing that should be on the agenda.

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Name:	Cynthia Gee
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	My daughters went to Edward Kelly over 25 years ago. I met so many wonderful parents and socialized outside of school with them and thier children. My daughters gained valuable lessons and early education by attending . I gained so much by volunteering and I know we would not have grown as much as we did without the preschool program. Thank you for such a wonderful parenting and early education program.

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Name:	Marina Fautt
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	This school is needed and should be kept. Many parents love it and it's a great program.

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Name:	Susan DuBoise
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	Save this wonderful special school from closing. Both of my children attended pre school there and parent partition is a positive influence for the child, the parents, and the community!

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Name:	Kalie Remesal
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	I went to Edward Kelley and it holds my earliest and most cherished memories! That was over 40 years ago, but they are still so vivid. I still talk to a good handful of friends I rang that bell with. Shalene Walker perfectly describes how the next generation also benefitted so greatly, and the impact the early education had on their incredible successes today. Thank you, Shalene! There is something very different, if not magical, about Edward Kelley, that sets it far apart from any other preschool. Please preserve this!

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Name:	Alison Alexander
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	I implore the board to keep the parent participation preschool at Edward Kelley open! Edward Kelley has been an operational schoolhouse for over 100 years, and a thriving preschool for decades. Literal generations of students have come through the doors of this very unique and importantly historic school house. Closing a parent participation preschool at this time would be so short sighted. The cost of the program is minuscule when looking at the budgetary woes of the district. The money problems are systemic. Closing this school is a mere bandaid, equivalent to a 2 pack a day smoker with lung cancer deciding to eat broccoli every day, as if that will do anything to solve the real problems. This program provides a nurturing, play based, educational setting for children and their caregivers. Three year olds are not eligible for TK. That leaves Head Start or expensive private preschool (both with very limiting income qualifications). SCUSD should be saving this vital preschool program!!!

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Name:	Kerry Rusnak
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	Keep Edward Kelly open!

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Name:	Kathleen Del Toro
School:	Edward Kelley Building
Agenda Item #	11.1
Comment:	Parent participation preschool is as much for the parent as it is the child. It teaches by example the importance of being involved in your child's learning process. I put two children through Edward Kelley preschool and can not say enough good things about it. It is a beautiful part of our community .

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Name:	Carrie Arguijo-Barnes
School:	Edward Kelley Building
Agenda Item #	11.1
Comment:	Hello President Tara Jeanne and school board members, our daughter attends preschool at Edward Kelley. Mrs.Amanda Chapman is an incredible educator and we are very concerned about her potentially not being able to continue at Edward Kelley if the program is not available next year. This parent program preschool has allowed her and us the opportunity to grow in a unique way together. This parent participation program allows her to have the help she needs each day. Mrs. Chapman is an experienced teacher with extensive projects and strategies to help each child grow. Her compassion for the students and her efforts to help them learn are evident every day. Please consider extending the preschool program at Edward Kelley for the students that love being there.

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Name:	John Alexander
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	Please continue funding the parent participation preschool at Edward Kelly. This is a very long term program with deep roots in the community serving generations of family. It provides a wonderful public service to parents and student. Mrs. C is a great teacher. Ending parent participation preschool will not solve the District's problems. Ending it undermines the District's commitment to its families.

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Name:	Robbie Rickgauer
School:	Edward Kelley Building
Agenda Item #	11.1
Comment:	Keep Edward Kelley open! This school is a tremendous resource to our community. We must continue to let our children thrive here!

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Name:	Estrella Carew
School:	Edward Kelley Building
Agenda Item #	11.1
Comment:	We just want to say we are so happy our daughter Raelyn found a school after her program closed at Thomas Jefferson (2day class) we found Edward Kelly & Miss C. This school/class has been so impactful in my daughter's life. She was able to connected with Miss C & the toddler 5 day program at Edward Kelly. She has learned so much & we appreciate Miss C kindness. She really does show her genuine compassion & love for the kids. She is an asset to this school district and Edward Kelly is her home. I would like to speak for her and Edward Kelly since it's been our home too. Please allow the parent participation program continue as it's part of a great learning experience that we need for our kids prior to TK to learn social skills & learn the beginning concepts of what to imagine before going into school. They need it. There are several parents that are looking forward to Miss C's return at Edward Kelly. She makes a difference in our lives and our kids. Thank you.

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Name:	Mackenzie White
School:	Edward Kelley Building
Agenda Item #	11.1
Comment:	Edward Kelley has been an amazing program for my daughter and helped her greatly with social skills, confidence, and kindergarten readiness. She received valuable one-on-one support from her teacher and built strong relationships with her classmates. This school also offers parent participation for children ages 3 and up, which many schools do not. It gives parents the opportunity to be involved in their child's learning and is an important resource for families in the community. Edward Kelley is conveniently located for families in the area and is led by a teacher who is truly dedicated and passionate. My daughter still talks about her experience there and the positive impact Mrs. C had on her. Closing this school would take away a valuable program that supports both children and parents.

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Name:	Sandrea Welch
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	My mom went to school here, this is a special school and is a history site. It needs to stay open! I'm a transitional kindergarten/kindergarten teacher and it's SO important for emotional and social development for young students. This is a unique and special school as it is parent participation school. It is so vital for parents to be involved in young lives. Please please we implore you to keep this open for our community!

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Name:	Tammy Smith
School:	Edward Kelley Building
Agenda Item #	11.1
Comment:	I am writing in support of the Parent Participation Preschool Program (PPP). Three of my four children attended this program. The only reason that my other child did not also attend PPP was that he qualified for state preschool because of income. Parent Participation Preschool fills a huge gap for families who cannot afford to pay for traditional preschool, but do not qualify for income based programs. Understanding child development and creating community are two of the most vital benefits of this program for parents. A benefit that is talked about less often is the way that it empowers parents to be significant contributors to their school communities. Our schools can not function with out the active leadership and involvement of our parents. PPP parents are the PTA board members, the field trip volunteers, the sports coaches, the district committee members. Continued support for PPP supports more parent involvement and support for all students of all grade levels.

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Name:	Anthony Martin
School:	Edward Kelley Building
Agenda Item #	11.1
Comment:	I urge the Board to preserve SCUSD's Parent Participation Preschool (PPP) and prevent the closure of historical Edward Kelley. Families were already devastated by prior budget cuts that closed the CMP PPP. When that closed, families like mine were forced to move to Edward Kelley. Limiting the program to one site would again disrupt families and close Edward Kelley, the oldest continuously operating school in Sacramento. Since enrolling, our child has gained friendships, social skills, and made significant developmental leaps due to the structured, supportive environment and parent involvement. TK does not serve 3 year olds. This program fills that gap and aligns with First 5 California and First 5 Sacramento priorities. I supported Trustee Jasjit Singh because I believed in leadership that values families, and it is concerning to see a proposal that would directly harm them. I respectfully request Board members tour Edward Kelley before making a budget-based decision. Thank you.

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Name:	Jessica Berdak
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	I am hoping to enroll my daughter in the Edward Kelley parent participation preschool next year, as it is the closest option to our home, I went on a tour there and it is truly a darling school supporting a diverse and involved community. It would be such a shame to see it closed down and I hope I can still enroll my daughter there next year. Please consider keeping it open. Edward Kelley Parent Participation Preschool provides a invaluable service to our community.

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Name:	Bryana Insixiengmay
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	Ending Parent Participation Preschool means closing Edward Kelley School—the oldest continuously operating school in Sacramento since 1869—at a time when preschool options are already scarce. TK does not serve 3-year-olds, and these programs are essential for preparing children socially and academically while giving parents the chance to learn, connect, and grow alongside their children. Losing this program would be a heartbreaking loss for families and our community.

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Name:	Jennifer Tryon
School:	Edward Kelley
Agenda Item #	11.1
Comment:	Our community is enriched because of the preschool program at Edward Kelley and it would be devastating to lose it. My children attended Edward Kelley and in doing so, directly as the result of having Ms.C as their teacher, were so better prepared and ready for their first year in elementary school. She, and the preschool program at Edward Kelley, are invaluable. Please see that this program continues, to have this unique school, excellent preschool program and the outstanding teacher, Ms.C, here and part of SCUSD is truly special and would be a huge oversight to dismiss what this program adds to lives of these small children. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name:	Gladys De la Cruz
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Name:	Laura Martinez
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Name:	Jennifer Valentine
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Name:	Dedra Smithers
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	I attended the Edward Kelly Parent-participation Preschool in its one hundredth year, and my brother went there in the 1970s. I still live in Rosemont and love seeing this historic building with such a valuable program for our community still in operation. I hope to see that continue for generations to come.

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Name:	Heather Garrett
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	I have heard that the Edward Kelley Pre-School program is possibly being eliminated, and I think this should be reconsidered. This program is invaluable for children not old enough for Transitional Kindergarten. Students who attend Edward Kelley demonstrate amazing preparedness for Kindergarten classes, as it provides both academic and social skills that children need for success. Parents who volunteer at Edward Kelley are prepared for working with children, and often obtain positions in school surroundings with the skills learned there. Edward Kelley is far too valuable of an educational program to be eliminated, as students who attend develop into high achievers. I know this is the case with my own daughter who attended in 2024. I also believe it is essential to preserve our historic buildings, and the school has been part of the community since 1869. Thank you for your time and consideration, Heather Garrett (Former parent volunteer).

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Name:	Gary Thavisay
School:	Edward Kelley Building
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Comment:	To whom this may concern, We were recently told the possibly devastating news that Edward Kelley could close permanently after 157 years. This is such a tragedy as there are very little to no options out there. This city already lacks the options for early development and now, there may be no option at all. Edward Kelley has been integral in our children lives as our daughters attended there 12 and 13 years ago and today, our son. This school is imbedded in their childhood and gave them an early bump into their successful academic career. The teacher is nothing short of amazing as well. We hope to have this historical site protected from politics. This should not be about budget but rather, the importance of early education with parents actively involved. The cut of funding should go elsewhere that is wasted rather than a program that works.

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Name:	Shauna Dayrit
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Name:	Rose Ramos
School:	N/A
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Comment:	2/5/26 board agenda item 11.1 Fiscal Solvency Plan - based on recent Board reports, the current increased deficit is a result of unauthorized contracts, added expenses with adding school days to the school yrs, salary increases and the apparent deliberate underbudgeting of benefits to name a few. The Board has yet to provide the public with an explanation and remedy for the unauthorized expenditures. Specifically, was the contracting process deliberately ignored? were the recent salary increases (in the last 2 yrs) properly disclosed with an AB 1200 and impact on the multi-year projections? Clearly, a properly prepared AB 1200 and multi-year projection, would have revealed whether major investments were sustainable by SCUSD's budget or not. Did the District opt not to provide a properly prepared AB 1200 as required? Was the Board aware? Parents and taxpayers have a right to know how the unauthorized spending was allowed and what preventative measures are being implemented.