Written Public Comment Summary
March 5, 2026

Agenda Item #	Written Comment	Topic(s)
7.0	1	1- Request to livestream special meetings
10.1	6	6- Resolution No. 3570: Notice of Layoff: Preschool Employees

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Name:	Dee Gavaldon
School:	N/A
Agenda Item #	7.0
Comment:	Please arrange to live stream ALL Board of Education meetings not just the regular scheduled meetings. The last few "special" Board Meetings addressed important issues and votes were taken. These meetings may be designated special, but are open to the public and the school district, especially in times of distress, should welcome public awareness by availing the meetings to remote viewers. Thank you.

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Name:	Christina Scott
School:	Golden Empire Elementary School
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	I am a parent of a child in the Head-Start Pre-school program and strongly urge the district to keep it open. Head-Start is 100% funded by SCUSD, and cutting it would create a serious hardship for families like ours. My daughter has flourished in this program under the care of Ms. Maria, whose dedication and expertise are remarkable. She follows a thoughtful and engaging curriculum that has already helped my child achieve milestones beyond what I ever expected: she can write her name, spell, and even do simple arithmetic. This program is not just educational; it provides a strong foundation for lifelong learning and confidence. Head-Start provides not just education but a foundation for confidence and lifelong learning. We are deeply upset that such an essential program for early childhood development is even being considered for elimination. Please prioritize keeping Head-Start open so all children can continue to learn, grow, and thrive. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name:	Johnathan Grass
School:	Edward Kelley
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	I am a resident of Area 2 and I believe it would be criminal for future children to be deprived the opportunity to attend such a wonderful program! This building, its history, the campus, the community that surrounds it, and it's wonderful teacher Mrs. C, are all tremendous assets to the district. This program should continue to operate regardless of the current financial situation. It's subsidized both in money and in time by the parents who participate and I know that the parents and Mrs. C are more than willing to come up with creative ways to keep this place running if the district is willing to listen. As a landmark of Sacramento's history and a traditional schoolhouse, it provides an unmatched educational atmosphere, and Mrs. C is a shining example of the passionate educator we all hope to have serving our children. Allowing this place to close and go unused would be a massive loss in more ways than can be expressed in these short comments.

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Name:	Alison Alexander
School:	Edward Kelley Parent Participation Preschool
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	I am writing to once again urge you to keep Edward Kelley open. Edward Kelley is an absolute treasure of a preschool, and has significant historical and cultural importance to the district and Sacramento. Edward Kelley has been serving this community for over 100 years. Please speak with the teacher, Amanda Chapman, about all the ideas she (and the parent community) have to keep it open. There are many cost saving things that can be done with out having to shutter the doors. And, as I have done already once in person and twice in writing before, I invite you to please come visit this amazing preschool and see for yourself what it is that you are possibly closing. There is big money to be saved all across this district. Shutting down one tiny preschool will not save you hardly anything in the grand scheme of things, but will do irreparable harm to the families and children who love this place. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Alison Alexander

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Name:	Anthony Martin
School:	Edward Kelley Preschool
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	I'm a parent in the Parent Participation Program, and this is the second time my child's program has been cut. Please reconsider eliminating it. First 5 California promotes parent engagement as essential to school readiness and early success. This program does exactly that by keeping families actively involved in the classroom. Cutting it goes against the very early learning principles California supports. Please protect this program.

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Name:	Melissa Pollard
School:	Edward Kelley Preschool
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	Hello, I am a mother and my daughter is currently three years old and attends Edward Kelley Preschool with Mrs. Amanda Chapman. This program allows my daughter to have the opportunity to be successful in public school. Many of the children in TK and Kindergarten are struggling more than ever because these children were raised differently going through COVID. This program allows these three and four year old children to prepare for elementary school by building trust and the necessary skills needed to enter including being mentally prepared, not just academically. Mrs. Chapman's program allows our three and four year old children to start school earlier so they can be more successful in elementary school, instead of in a panic and unprepared. We need this school. We need this program. We need Mrs. Chapman. Thank you for your time.

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Name:	Kristen Encinas
School:	Martin Luther King, Jr.
Agenda Item #	10.1
Comment:	Dear SCUSD Trustee Board Members, I was surprised to see Resolution No. 3570: Notice of Layoff: Preschool Employees on the agenda for tonight's board meeting. An almost exact resolution was on the agenda in February and was voted down on the February 19th meeting. I am on the list, Kristen Encinas, otherwise listed as Teacher, Child Development-CCTR. My program, Martin Luther King, Jr. Children's Center is funded through CCTR (General Child Care and Development), a California state-funded program providing subsidized childcare for low-income families with school age children. Families qualify for the program based on their need, income, and family size. Before and after school care is offered to families that are working, seeking employment, attending training programs and/or in need of child protective services. MLK Children's Center provides a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment that supports physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development. The Center offers age-appropriate learning activities, nutritious meals, homework assistance, family resources, as well as an important connection between the child's classroom and home life. We serve many families that have immigrated from other countries and help them to navigate the American culture and school system. As a district we are "Putting Children First", but which children? The affluent children or the children that are in need and at risk? There is no lack of funds or lack of work. MLK Children's Center still has the CCTR funding to continue, but it was proposed to divert funds to preschool. Since infant, toddler, and preschool programs have a lower student/teacher ratio than school age, I believe MLK Children's Center, a school age program, would be more cost effective. I also believe since we are a school district, we should be putting school age children first. Please take a closer look to keep the funding for its intended purposes for the school age families in need and keep MLK Children's Center open. Families want choices on where to send their children after school. Sincerely, Kristen Encinas, Head Teacher MLK Children's Center, SCUSD