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tech

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Your Comment:

Since the district is transitioning to ParentSquare (a required platform for communicating with the students we teach and the families we support) and training is being offered outside of work hours, will staff be compensated with per diem, as was the case with the math team? Given that clear and effective communication is essential to student success, this training arguably takes higher priority than many other initiatives. If the district is not planning to offer per diem, it would make far more sense to use one of the upcoming early release Wednesdays for ParentSquare training instead.

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AI

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Your Comment:

The vision for AI is exciting and full of promise, but when it comes to planning, it might make more sense to start by focusing on the basics that make it all possible. For instance, do our students have working, up-to-date Chromebooks? Do teachers have reliable laptops that can handle the demands of instruction? Is our Wi-Fi strong enough to support the growing needs of digital learning?

A lot of the devices we relied on during the lockdown are now outdated, and before we can take meaningful steps toward advanced AI tools, we need to make sure these everyday essentials are in place.

By taking a more grounded approach now, we set ourselves up for real success later. It also helps rebuild trust with teachers, students, and families by showing that our plans are realistic and responsive to what's happening right now.

And for our new hires to the district, we may not know each other yet, so let's make sure we keep earning our trust together.

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Jace Marzan

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Staff

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Artificial Intelligence

Your Comment:

HUMAN NOTE: This Board Comment was generated by A.I. Using ChatGPT. I want to showcase the power and language of AI. The prompt I used was "This is an SSFUSD board presentation on AI, write a board comment using what you know about me in response to this"

Where the AI STARTS:

Good evening Board Members, Superintendent, and Cabinet,

My name is Jace Marzan, and I serve as the Wellness Counselor at Los Cerritos Elementary School. I want to first thank Dr. Campbell and the Technology TOSAs for this thoughtful presentation on Artificial Intelligence. It's encouraging to see SSFUSD leading with both curiosity and caution—recognizing AI's potential while centering our core values of equity, belonging, and empowerment.

As a school counselor and educator, I've witnessed firsthand how AI can streamline routine work, giving us back valuable time to focus on relationships and responsive support for students. But I've also seen the digital divide up close—families who lack access, students who need translation or assistive tools, and educators who want to engage but don't know where to start. The proposed guidelines rightly acknowledge this tension: innovation only matters when all students and staff can participate meaningfully.

I especially appreciate the inclusion of AI literacy, staff professional development, and privacy safeguards in this plan. These steps are essential to maintaining trust and transparency in our schools. As our students grow into the class of 2038—the first generation to graduate fully in the age of AI—we have an opportunity to model what responsible, human-centered innovation looks like.

I encourage the district to continue involving school counselors, psychologists, and wellness teams in these conversations. We bring the lens of ethics, empathy, and social-emotional learning, which are just as important as technical skills when preparing students for an AI-shaped world.

Thank you for taking this balanced, forward-thinking approach. It reflects the best of who we are as a district—innovative, collaborative, and grounded in care.

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Los Cerritos Elementary School Wellness Counselor

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Los Cerritos Modernization

Your Comment:

HUMAN NOTE: This comment was written with AI using ChatGPT with the prompt "Give a written board comment on Los Cerritos Modernization based on my role as a counselor". Although AI written, I do agree with everything ChatGPT said.

Good evening members of the Board, Cabinet, and community,

My name is Jace Marzan, and I serve as the Wellness Counselor at Los Cerritos Elementary. I want to take a moment to express deep appreciation for the modernization work happening on our campus. As a counselor, I see firsthand how our physical environment directly impacts students' sense of belonging, emotional safety, and readiness to learn.

Every improvement—from updated classrooms and safer walkways to flexible learning and counseling spaces—helps us create an environment where students can thrive socially, emotionally, and academically. When students walk into a space that feels cared for and intentional, they mirror that care in how they treat themselves and others. The modernization isn't just about new walls or furniture; it's about restoring dignity, pride, and opportunity for our community.

Our counseling and wellness programs will especially benefit from spaces that allow for small-group SEL work, confidential support, and schoolwide PBIS initiatives that foster connection. A modernized campus also strengthens collaboration among educators and support staff, aligning perfectly with SSFUSD's goals of cultivating engaged students, empowered educators, and equitable systems.

Thank you for your continued investment in Los Cerritos and in our students' holistic growth. This project represents more than construction—it represents care, belonging, and the belief that every child deserves a safe and inspiring place to learn.

Respectfully,

Jace Marzan

Wellness Counselor, Los Cerritos Elementary School

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Artificial Intelligence - raw thoughts pt 1

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This board comment was completely written with my own voice and words. It is also me rambling a bit, so if it doesn't make sense, run it through AI to make it more cohesive!

I wanted to go through the years in the slide deck. It seems like there was a lot going on. Starting 23-24 I don't remember being offered an Introduction to AI session on the Nov. 1 Staff meeting. That would have been cool to go to, but counselors may have been preassigned a session for staff meetings. We also had to lead our own wellness session which I felt extremely unprepared for! I don't remember if that was this year or an earlier year, but I know I did not feel equipped to lead the wellness sessions, but thankfully I had my amazing co-facilitators that year who took charge! If you ask me to lead a wellness session now, I feel confident to do so! I also do not remember the middle school AI Literacy Common Sense Education, maybe counselors were just out of the loop. I know some teachers did some work with AI, but there was just not knowledge on my end of what was going on in the classrooms which I guess is normal, but it shouldn't be. I want to work in partnership with our teachers in order to support our students!

Moving on to 24-25, it makes me sad to see the plural Tech TOSAs because now we only have one Tech TOSA who is absolutely amazing! Thank you Gen Chan! She has been so helpful to me and the whole district and has been supportive in all things technology since I started back in 2021. 24-25 was also the year I started to get more involved and I joined the Tech TLT and was the only counselor on the team! It was an amazing group that met after school and I looked forward to going to every meeting. I also met some amazing other educators in that group and it was a place where I felt like I really belonged. There were also different technology comfortably and skill levels and we were all able to really learn from each other. I was not part of the AI team since they were release days and if you remember my last board comment, I felt guilty taking days off site, but I went to one of the AI trainings at SMCOE.

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AI Raw thoughts Pt2

Your Comment:

This year, I hope that we have the Tech TLT! I had a lot of fun going to the meetings afterschool like I mentioned. I am wondering about the future of CTI and the AI Group as I wasn't in those groups. Also, in one of our counselor meetings, we were introduced to Lenny Learning and we got a free trial. I unfortunately have not been able to utilize it as it's a whole new system to learn. I also don't have the bandwidth to really explore it as each day as an educator is a go,go,go. I wish I had more time for professional development and to really harness AI and its capabilities.

I also feel like we need to learn how to do things with and without AI! I think about my stats class where my stats teacher taught us how to find things like the P value and the Z score both on the graphing calculator and at the chart! It's been over a decade since that stats class, but it was important to know both! We have to learn how to do things by hand before shortcuts because what will we do when technology is gone. I know when the wifi is out everyone is worried!

I have grown a lot as an educator and a counselor in my time at SSFUSD and I appreciate the leadership, mentors, colleagues, students, families, and the community as a whole for really fostering my growth.

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