

January 29, 2019

Superintendent Jorge Aguilar Sacramento City Unified School District 5735 47th Avenue Sacramento CA 95824

Dear Superintendent Jorge Aguilar:

On behalf of educators, students, parents and the broader Sac City community we request that the District postpone its efforts to move the school calendar beginning in the 2019-20 school year.

We believe that such a postponement is in order to provide key stakeholders, including but not limited to educators, parents and students, the opportunity to provide meaningful input to such an important decision—something that the Sacramento City Teachers Association has been advocating in meetings with you and other District representatives for more than a year.

Making the decision and then seeking stakeholder opinions, in our view, turns an inclusive process on its head and simply appears to seek affirmation for a decision already made. If District leaders are truly interested in what is best for students, we believe that the input of students, their parents and their educators should first be considered before a decision is made.

Toward that end, we would propose a series of community forums at each of the comprehensive high schools (and well-publicized) in which the District's proposal can be debated and alternative points of views can be expressed.

Additionally, we would propose significant outreach to parents and students via surveys, a pros and cons forum on the District's website, and other means to solicit further input. We would also recommend that such outreach occur in multiple languages that reflect the wonderful diversity of our district.

Finally, we would suggest that if such an agreed upon change were to occur, it should be done with sufficient notice to facilitate such a change with the least disruption possible.

We hope that the District will sincerely adhere to its slogan of "Putting Students First" by creating the opportunity for meaningful input on this important decision, rather than rushing through a decision apparently made by a closed, small group of District insiders that ignores the voice of students, parents and educators.

Sincerely,

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