

**SANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

November 19, 2020  
**MINUTES**

Douglas E. Giles  
Educational Resource Center  
9619 Cuyamaca Street  
Santee, California

**A. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**1. Call to Order and Welcome**

President Burns called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

Members present:

Dustin Burns, President  
Barbara Ryan, Vice President  
Elana Levens-Craig, Clerk  
Dianne El-Hajj, Member  
Ken Fox, Member

Administration present:

Dr. Kristin Baranski, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board  
Karl Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Tim Larson, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Pupil Services  
Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
Lisa Arreola, Executive Assistant and Recording Secretary

**B. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

President Burns explained that given the current circumstances with COVID-19, the public was given the opportunity to submit comments online or by phone prior to the meeting. There were four hundred seventy-eight (478) comments from the public. President Burns explained copies of the comments were provided to the Board and Superintendent prior to the meeting; and posted on the School Board Meetings website for public review. He shared the Board's appreciation for their input and noted their voices were heard.

ID	First Name and Last Name	Representing	Public Comment(s)
1	Anne Coman		Dear Board Members, As I write this, I am sitting here in shock. I can't believe that teachers were just threatened by a board member about test scores. Hearing that threat after the current board president just requested a conversation about tone was the epitome of irony. It was a tone-deaf comment to suggest that teaching is the only thing that impacts test scores. We have students in our district that are suffering greatly due to this pandemic. Some have lost immediate family members; others have family members out of work. Many are scared and confused. These are not problems solved by a longer school day. In fact, a longer school day is frightening for many older kids, and unrealistic for little ones who are expected to sit in a row for 5 hours a day (a completely

		inappropriate developmental expectation). I planned to write in to express the unexpected successes I have experienced with my students in hybrid (hurray) and some of the challenges I am facing with the full reopening, but that plan went out the window with the callous remark about testing, as if that is the only purpose for students to coming to school. I am heartbroken and need time to collect my thoughts to present an honest reflection regarding the current reopening plan and its impact.
2	Alondra Corona Classified Staff	I am concerned for the safety of the students if the district decides to open up fully. I object to this decision because of how serious the number of cases have spiked up. As a staff and member of the community, I urge to the district to reconsider on the reopening plan and wait until we see a decrease in cases and ensure that we are no longer in the purple tier. Working close contact with students who have family members who have got COVID-19 has made me worried about being in close contact with certain students. Also, currently my uncle is in the hospital due to COVID-19 and I am unsure if he will survive. I hope the district reconsiders this decision for the sake of the children's health and the staffs as well.
3	Mandy Ramirez	As a parent, I feel that the hybrid return is working well. In this format, we are already seeing multiple COVID cases across campuses, and I don't understand why we would move forward with a full return. As a parent, this puts me in a position of concern for my child's health and well being. I think we should put the focus on the health and safety of your staff and students.
4	ROXANNE SALAZAR-GARCIA	I do not feel comfortable school opening full time with all students knowing the increase of cases in San Diego County. The reason schools have been successful in keeping cases down is because of their current model and I believe it should stay until San Diego cases go down.
5	Rudy Ramirez Teacher/Parent	Good Afternoon, my name is Rudy Ramirez and I am a Special Education teacher at Pepper Drive. I absolutely love what I do, where I work, and the amazing students and staff. Our school is doing an amazing job during in person hybrid and we are seeing students happily engaging with peers as well as being academically challenged each day. I believe it would be extremely beneficial to wait till at least January to see how the county is doing in regards to being placed in the Purple Tier. Thank you for your time.
6	Jessica Smith Family	Thank you so much for allowing our kids to return to school safely. You all have done a wonderful job and know that returning full time to school will not only be beneficial to our children's mental health, but to all families who are wanting to resume a regular life again. Covid 19, per the CDC website has excellent survival rates!! Please keep our kids in school full time and continue you excellent plan!
7	Rafa Lombardino Concerned parents and teachers	PLEASE reconsider your decision to reopen school starting November 30. Our county is in the purple tier as of now, and the holiday season is coming. We cannot isolate Santee from the rest of the county. Most Santee residents work somewhere else outside the city. We have teachers and staff who live outside Santee. Some people in our schools have crossed state lines since the beginning of the pandemic, thus increasing the risk of community spread. Santee is not a bubble and we have people coming in and out of the city from other parts of the county and state. The decision to combine AM and PM cohorts the very first day after the Thanksgiving Weekend is IRRESPONSIBLE. We have seen and heard from people in the city and in the county who are not taking proper precautions to avoid contracting and spreading COVID-19. Some people in the city, county, state, and country have made it very clear that they do not even believe COVID-19 is real, while others are unconcerned by this health emergency when they say that only 1% of people infected actually get hospitalized—as if it were okay to run the risk of getting sick or making our loved ones sick AND, on top of that, putting health professionals at risk of contracting the disease themselves and exposing them to professional hazards, which also include emotional and mental wellbeing, all the while potentially OVERCROWDING OUR HOSPITALS. Will schools be SCREENING EVERYONE coming in full-time to our schools to know who has made the decision to travel outside the city, county, and state to attend a Thanksgiving gathering? This is the exact behavior that goes against the recommendations that health professionals and the CDC are making for the holidays this year ( <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/thanksgiving.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/thanksgiving.html</a> ) and could cause a significant spike in community spread cases. PLEASE consider leaving AM and PM cohorts as is to minimize the number of students in a classroom at a time and ensure proper social distancing. PLEASE keep the hybrid system to ensure the SAFETY AND

			PROTECTION OF OUR TEACHERS and school staff. PLEASE consider returning to the debate on whether to resume a full-time schedule BY MID-JANUARY ONLY. That way, if people choose to have gatherings for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's, there will be enough time to ensure social distancing and minimize community spread, because whoever ends up contracting the disease will have shown symptoms and/or no longer be an asymptomatic vector for infection past a 14-day window.
8	Amy Jamieson		I feel returning to full day on November 30th is not a measured approach given current rising COVID numbers and ask the board please postpone full day return until we can re-evaluate where we are as a city, county, state and nation in January 2021. Just because we can check the boxes on the state return to school does not mean it's the best decision at this time. Yes, kids need to be in school, but not safely social distancing will lead to higher risk of transmission. Although kids are not as high of severe illness and health complications, including death; they are known to be super carriers because you cannot tell when they have COVID. COVID cases are rising, Deaths are rising, substantially. Our community and nation are tightening restrictions. How can we send our children back to a full day, no social distancing when everything around us is moving in the opposite direction? Now is the time to consider not only what is best for our children, but also our teachers, family, neighbors, and community.
9	Robert Swathwood	Myself	What we have in place now is working. The schools district has been able to isolate cases and keep it from spreading. With cases rising it doesn't make sense to put more kids into a classroom and risk more exposure. Please delay the full time return until case rates begin to stabilize again. Rushing this and chancing our children's and staffs safety is not the way to go.
10	Tara Flores		I vehemently oppose going back to full time learning on November 30th. The hybrid model has been working and does provide a sense of normalcy and structure for our children while keeping them safer than having them crammed into a room for long hours with no actual playtime.
11	Angela Rivers	Children in 3rd and 5th grades at Rio Seco	These kids need to get back to school full time. The safety precautions that are being and will be made are more than sufficient. Being home is doing more harm than good. Please let them get back to school on 11/30!
12	Alexis Blackwood	Rio seco santee parent	Please do not move forward. The cases are rising across the US and will only get worse as the holidays approach. We must keep our families safe and we must remain limited or move back to distance learning. It is hard on us all but the loss of loved ones, loss of income from death is a greater hardship. Thank you
13	Brian Cohen	2 children attending Santee School District	Delay full-time return to school until 10 days after Winter Break. Returning immediately after Thanksgiving, or any holiday where families congregate together and increase their risk of exposure, is a dangerous decision. We support the rest of your plan to return, but time it wisely.
14	Sharon Dollar		I would like to offer my support and gratitude to everyone for the work that has already been accomplished by returning to school. I would urge you to continue with the plans to reopen full-time as planned for the good of the children and their families. Children remain at such a low risk that further alienating them is not worth it. If they have family members at risk, the onus is on them to self quarantine, not to punish the children. Thank you.
15	Michelle Scott	My Child	The new phase of full time school re-opening should be postponed indefinitely, until Covid numbers have decreased.
16	Ruby Jauregui		If we are having to virtual meetings due to covid then it is not safe to reopen with more children in a class, it puts everyone at a higher risk.
17	Taylor Deering		A vote to move forward with the current reopening plan, with the county in the purple tier and covid cases increasing every day, is a vote against the health and well-being of the children entrusted in the care of the school district. As a parent, I opted to reserve a seat in a classroom for my child because I believed at the time that the district would move forward cautiously and sensibly, following the recommendations of scientific experts and county health officials. Since that time, I have been deeply troubled with the speed at which the district is rushing to reopen the schools. Cases have more than doubled in the time since you last voted on this matter. To return from a long holiday break when students and staff are likely to spend time with members outside of their household is dangerously irresponsible. Please hold off reopening plans until January 2021 and keep the cohort hybrid model for the last three weeks of 2020.
18	Kristin Freitas	students at Carlton Hills	I do not think this is the right time to transition to full day learning. I think the hybrid method has been working well. I would love my kids to go back full time once it is safe. I think transitioning to full days/full capacity right in between major holidays where people will likely be having large family gatherings is not the right time to fill the classrooms. I do not think it is worth putting the teachers and students at risk when the county is back in the purple tier and cases per day are higher than ever. Please listen to your teachers and put these plans on hold until it is safer.



19	Ana espinoza	Student	I feel that we should stay with half day with half the class. We've seen other districts go full time with all kids and they are going to close again. Hopefully we can stay the way we are now so we won't have to go back to virtual.
20	Hanna Winchester	Nixon Winchester -1st grader currently hybrid & FT project safe student	While I know many parents are concerned we cant run from this virus forever. My son has gone to project safe since this whole thing happened. He has been full time since returning after the shut down. He wears a mask ALL day and never complains. He needs this!!!! Project safe is costing so much! Give us a chance! If parents are worried, they can keep their kids home. This isnt fair. I personally know someone who got a fake positive. I dont believe the media. PLEASE LET THE KIDS GO BACK! TY :)
21	Amanda Kelso	community	Covid may not directly affect you by having Covid, but Covid is straining the hospitals and medical resources. I recently had to go to the ER for a condition that has nothing to do with Covid. However, the care and expediency I received care was significantly impacted by the strain the Covid patients were putting on the system. Rather than being admitted into a room, I spent over 24 hours in an ER exam room -between 2 different hospitals-because the hospitals had no space . My point is Covid is not simply about the person who is ill at the time. We are in the purple tier and hospitals are full, doctors appointments are hard to come by because of the Covid cases. And this is my first hand testimony. It is socially irresponsible to combine all students on the campus. Even if a student does not get ill with Covid, what about their families? What about you if you find yourself or a loved one needing medical care, but the system is too overburdened you do not get the care you need in a timely manner? Please consider the larger picture, and do not create an environment where Covid is sure to be spread further straining the medical system.
22	Haley Shumaker	3rd grade student	As a parent, I write to express my concern regarding returning to full in-person learning at a time when COVID cases are increasing quickly. The timing of the full-day return is troubling given that it's very likely that families will decide to gather with other households, and perhaps even travel, during the Thanksgiving break before returning to school campuses. The Governor and our local health officials are "sounding the alarm" due to the rapidly increasing infection rates that are, worse than the rates of both spring and summer. I know that the hybrid schedule is a significant amount of work for teachers but it does work well by keeping student groups small. Airborne respiratory illnesses will spread more rapidly in a classroom with more kids in it. This is just the science of the disease. Currently, any COVID cases within the school community have not resulted in an outbreak on campuses. Cases have been effectively isolated because of small student groupings and masking. While the board is concerned about total instructional minutes, and high-impact learning, as a parent I believe our students are already receiving a high impact education in the hybrid model because of the smaller class sizes and individual attention received. What is not high-impact is students missing 10 days at a time on repeat through the flu season FOR ANY ILLNESS. Of great concern to families, and working parents especially, is the need for extended absence even if a student has a non-COVID illness as we enter flu season. My child, and others, picked up the common cold at school recently. The mild sore throat quickly turned into an absence from school, isolation, a COVID test (it was negative), and then several more days home so he could be cleared to return. This was a very minor cold. We are grateful to have quality healthcare and access to quick pcr testing. However many families do not. Those children are going to miss 2 weeks of school at a time as cold, flu, and COVID infection rates pick up. Please consider the learning loss associated with absences for the common cold and flu as they cycle through classrooms this fall and winter. That is not high impact. That is a significant amount of time to be out of school with minimal distance learning and no live instruction available. This is understandable because teachers are spread too thin to teach in-person and provide live remote instruction. Classroom teachers can't possibly provide meaningful distance learning resources to children for a 10 day absence on repeat for the next several months as colds begin cycling through classrooms. Even if there is no COVID outbreak or spread in classrooms, students will still be absent for extended periods as cold and flu pick up, in addition to COVID-19. Again, this is not high impact. A 10 day absence for any cold, flu, or COVID is going to cause major learning and social-emotional regression when students are missing 10 days of a full school day versus 10 days of a half day hybrid where they receive significant amounts of individual attention. Parents would prefer to have healthy kids and access to the current program that is working well, than to experiment right as we enter the worst surge our county has seen. Please consider



			delaying the full return until after winter break.
23	Crystal Wise	Channing Waller	Please let them go back. The kids need to be back on school full time. This is mentally hurting and affecting our children.
24	Tiffany Larson	Hill Creek - Parent	Please continue with the scheduled plan on Nov 30th. My child needs to be back in school full time for his mental health, socialization and for a better educational experience.
25	Amar Sharma	My daughter is a 4th grader at Carlton Hills and I am VERY concerned for her with the number of cases increasing in San Diego County. When the Governor is mulling over the possibility of imposing a curfew in the state of California then it seems irresponsible to open the schools full time. I think we can continue the hybrid model but I do not think its safe for schools to open full time at the moment.	
26	Lisa Lee	HillCreek	I feel it's not in the best interest of our children and families to proceed with opening our school to full-day. Things have been going well as I've seen it with an additional holiday vacation following in December, we should continue to stay safe and limit contact. There is a vaccine coming available in January possibly sooner, I feel we should wait until we begin the new year before proceeding further with Full school days. Thank you.
27	Landon Scott	My Student	Full Time re-opening of schools should be postponed indefinitely, until Covid numbers decrease.
28	Brianne Rushing	Students at hillcreek	I think the half days are great, I like the reduced class size I think it is the best of both worlds. It seems to be going well. I wouldn't mind full day but my concern is the full normal class sizes again more people in a smaller space and as it gets colder ventilation may become an issue.
29	Jenae Horeth	Garth Horeth	I want the district to still go ahead with opening on the 30th. The children need a full day. Dual income families need the children to attend a full day of school. It's enough already.
30	Lynn Steeves	Mason Steeves - 5th grade - Hillcreek	I would prefer to stay 1/2 days w am/pm sets of classes.
31	Jacy Stauffer	Grayson and Rhys Lindstrom-students at Carlton Hills Elementary	Please consider delaying the current reopening plan set for November 30th. As a full time healthcare provider, I'm concerned that the District is considering still moving forward with a full return to campus plan while covid cases are rising significantly. It is better to keep the current hybrid schedule until cases subside and when we have a vaccine. Thank you for your consideration.
32	Carmen Wormington	Levi Wormington	My son, Levi is in Kindergarten at Sycamore and he is thriving at the moment. He is making excellent progress and I think he is learning almost as much as he would if he were at school for a full day. I believe the smaller student:teacher ratio is helping with this and I don't see the need to combine the two cohorts. I like that he can come home and enjoy lunch and time at the park to play outside. If he is in school full days, I question how much play time he will be able to get and eating alone seems sad. I was all in favor of going back to full school days but the timing seems off, especially since the cases are up again. Maybe we could wait until the new year to see if it's worth going back full days. In the meantime, we are happy with the half days and don't see the need to switch. I realize we are more fortunate than some in that I can stay home with him and don't have to juggle work at the same time. I do feel for parents who are working and trying to take care of their children. Thank you for all that you're doing for our kids. We appreciate all your efforts in keeping us safe!
33	Carmen Daggy	Myself and my student	Hello, I would like to express my concern for the proposed reopening of Carlton Oaks where my child is currently a student. I don't feel as a parent who is higher risk due to an auto immune disorder that it is a wise move. I think we are rushing in for a sense of normalcy, but the other districts in San Diego currently aren't even attending in person learning. I feel better operating at half capacity without having a lunch break at school. Also if we do move ahead for full day/ full capacity, what are the options for the families at higher risk or who just don't feel comfortable at this time for full day max capacity learning??
34	John Doe	Joanne Doe	How does the school handle when a classmate contract Covid-19?
35	Sandra McGee		I feel that we should just wait until after the Hollidays and see how things are. I know how bad we all want our kids back in school but being a nurse I see first hand how much worse things have gotten since Halloween. They are bound to get even more severe with the upcoming Hollidays. As I do care about the children's health, this will be Even worse for teachers staff and their loved ones.

36	Paul Markevicz	My family	I hope you still plan to have my children go back to school full time on 11/30. My kids need to be in school. I work with them every night and I can see how they are not getting the level of education that they need. They have already missed 7 months of school in the most important school years of their lives. It is time they won't get back. School closures are doing more harm than good. Please make the right decision and allow my kids to go back to full time school.
37	Ashlyn Wilson	Santee teachers, my students, and my family	Good afternoon board members, my name is Ashlyn Wilson, I am a Special Education teacher at Rio Seco. Thank you for meeting again to discuss the important topic of reopening our schools full-time in person. As many of my colleagues, parents, and community members have already asked and pleaded, I implore you now to reconsider our full-time return on November 30th. Our schools are not ready. Communication to parents about the full-time return has not been clear, transparent, or consistent, especially for our families of students with special needs. Do these parents know that their student's classroom will not be fitted with the acrylic barriers that is promised to all other classrooms? There was no statement sent to these families indicating that their child would not be receiving these same protections. Where is the equity in that? Other districts (like Poway) refused to open in-person until all their classrooms were set up appropriately and safely for all staff and students, with barriers set up on each table for students and teachers (including barriers for kidney tables designed for small group instruction). Why was this not a priority for us? Special education classrooms run on small group, direct instruction for students. Why did you decide to open school back up for these students but not set up the classrooms with the appropriate precautions and equipment for the type of learning they require? We, special education teachers, teach some of the most vulnerable populations of students, we should have been set up with the necessary equipment FIRST. I understand the legal pressure the district faced to provide services for these students and why you would decide to bring these students back early. But again, did you consider the safety of these students and the staff that works with them? I love my job; I love what I do and the students that I serve. But I also have a family to consider. My father, who lives in Santee, has been battling cancer the last 18 months. He is undergoing treatment during this COVID-19 pandemic and being able to see and spend time with his family is critical to his mental and emotional health and well-being during this time. Since we have returned in-person, I have had to limit my exposure to him and take extra precautions when I do spend time with him, because I have been around 12 other little people all day, as well as the other staff in my classroom, and the rest of the staff at my school. That is a lot of exposure! I know there are other situations like mine across this district, I am not the only one. Maybe even some of you have similar experiences. The decision to return full-time on November 30th feels reckless, irresponsible, and inconsiderate of all the students and staff in your district that are facing medical challenges of any kind. Please, I beg you, do not bring our students back full-time on November 30th. Consider returning after winter break, at least. Let our county and our community get through the holidays, cold and flu season, and most importantly, the purple tier, before making any big decisions like this. We simply are not ready, and it is not in the best interest of students or staff to do so. In addition, when communicating with parents and families, please be CLEAR and transparent about the conditions and quality of school currently and remember that all means ALL. If you say ALL classroom and students will receive certain equipment, that does not exclude students with special needs! Thank you for your time and consideration, Ashlyn Wilson.
38	Christine Berardino	Faith Pepper Drive	Please do not put our students and families at risk. These are scary times. Look at the numbers, this is the time to Slow The Spread.
39	Amanda Grotewiel	Lucy and Layla	With the sick policy being what it is in the district, I feel as though keeping with the AM/PM cohort is a better option. We are in flu/cold season, and any child with symptoms must be out for 10 days. The likelihood of our children catching something (covid or not) is much greater when the population at the school doubles. This is really difficult for parents who aren't able to work from home and care for their children during those 10 required days out. Furthermore, I feel that moving forward with getting more children together, is negligible when we are in the purple tier. There is much more risk for students and their families when more students are together. I feel we should continue with the am/pm cohort until we see a significant decline in cases. Thank you taking my comment into consideration.

40	Anna Jackson	Jacob Jackson	I have had several family friends who have their children in school at Carlton Oaks and they have had close calls. Now being in a purple tier I believe it's going to be even worse. There is a large number of people in this community that are not taking this seriously and I feel like our children and teachers should be top priority. Please wait to open until it is more safe for everyone.
41	Steven Reed	My Child	Please move forward with the plan to reopen fully as our children need their proper education. One positive case doesn't justify moving backward with plans. Let me pose this question, when ONE child tests positive for the flu do we shut down the school and businesses?
42	Wade Cook	Coronavirus is a real danger to public health. There are simple steps we can take to greatly reduce the spread: masking; distancing; washing hands. Bringing all students on campus jeopardizes the "distancing" part of the equation. Especially, now that San Diego County is in the purple most restrictive tier and we do not know when that will end. We should keep our attendance restricted to online and using two cohorts (AM/PM).	
43	Laura Herron	Miranda Herron	Please reopen. Project safe is extremely expensive during hybrid, as are most childcare solutions at this time. You gave us all the option to stay home if we chose to, now it's time to reopen for the vast majority that want and need to go to school that is be back full time in-person. Please don't flip flop on this decision based on state and county covid not reflective of local Santee data. I appreciate all of your preparations for reopening and communication to us parents. Thank you.
44	Jeff Miller		While in-person instruction, especially for younger students, is important, there are real and significant risks associated with combining cohorts in physical proximity and extending the duration they spend indoors together. While our region is experiencing a surge, we are faced with a time where the "next step" seems alarmingly risky... in all of this, with in-person instruction already underway (albeit in a reduced format) the key question is: what is the benefit of this shift that is supposed to make the added risk worthwhile? Insofar as opening schools safely to students in small cohorts is beneficial, and the hidden/unknown costs we pay for closed schools (or of distance learning for elementary school-aged students), I am on board and am in favor of operating with AM/PM cohorts where the group sizes roughly represent the size of groups you have encouraged so far. My apprehension and alarm comes from the fact that students in AM/PM cohorts are not being denied in-person instruction, but that in effectively doubling cohort-sizes and duration at the same time, we are increasing the risk of close-contact exposure (mitigated somewhat, by Plexiglas barriers), but by potentially creating airflow restrictions at the same time as increasing duration of instruction- opening a path to concerns over airborne transmission. To keep schools closed or to force young children into distance-only learning is likely not a suitable answer to the problems we are all faced with, but risking potential closures by facilitating infections spread would defeat the purpose of all the good any of us have done to mitigate risks. The current path (AM/PM Cohorts) seems to appropriately fit the guidance and lessons learned in other countries- small groups, masks, physical distance, and relatively short indoor duration of classes. Transmission in this setting hasn't been a problem, likely because the measures to mitigate it are robust. Ultimately, my concern is that by attempting to do too much too quickly, we tempt factors of biology and probability that open a door to soaring infection rates that force schools to again temporarily close or go remote altogether. (ref: Santee School District; SAFE AT SCHOOL 2020-21 Reopening Plan, 15(c), p. 76) Doubling cohort sizes, increasing classroom density (even with barriers that help mitigate close-contact droplet spread) and opening a new mechanism of infectious spread (by complicating airflow and increasing class durations) increases the ability of a virus to take hold. Given that opportunity, and the nature of viruses to spread exponentially, it doesn't take much imagination to picture a scenario where this move results in closures that undermine all the good that opening schools has done so far. Listed here are links to WHO and CDC acknowledgements of the airborne mechanism of spread. Not wanting to get political with it, I have included both to show the overlap- along with highlighted excerpts for special attention. <a href="https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-how-is-it-transmitted">https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-how-is-it-transmitted</a> <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html</a>
45	Mia Volker	Parent	I wish for the board to push back on the reopening till after Christmas Break. With family gatherings in the next couple of weeks, I'm very concerned COVID infections rising which makes me very uncomfortable sending my child to school. Thank you for your consideration.
46	Adriane Bennett		I think the district should move forward to going back to school full time on 11/30/20 as planned. The kids are already in school, moving from part-time to full-time is not going to change things. Everyone is taking the appropriate measures to be safe and stay healthy. There is no bulletproof way to avoid this virus and keeping the kids away from school is having a bad affect on them. Our children are falling behind. They need to be in school full-time to help advance. There will be cases of COVID, but that doesn't mean they are getting it from school. School is number 1 and they should be getting the best education possible by



		having it full-time in person. They need this to not get behind as many have gotten behind. Please support and continue to move forward with the Nov. 30th plan.
47	Sue Koussa	Please consider the safety of the teachers and students, it's too soon for a full day return, the spread of the virus is on the rise and teachers are doing their best to keep the hybrid schedule safe and it's working fine! Please listen to the teachers that are going above and beyond to keep their students safe! They are working hard to keep everyone healthy, we can't put more pressure on them! Thank you! Stay safe!
48	KRISTI FERRER	CARLTON OAKS OUR CHILDREN NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL! THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED AND WORKING. LET SANTEE BE THE DISTRICT FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW AND PLEASE STICK WITH THE PLAN!
49	Kevin Nolan	We are alarmed by the covid cases in SD county and do not think it is a good idea to have children stay longer, especially since k-2 are only recommended to wear masks.
50	Ashley Carpenter	Carlton Oaks Hello. I would love to see our school district stay at the hybrid schedule. My two sons have done fantastic with this schedule. We have had low cases and I would hate to see the number of cases rise due to going back full time and then the boys missing out on more school. If it's not broke, please don't fix it. Thank you!
51	J. Ann Roberts	my 2 sons who attend Chet, a Kindergartener & a 2nd grader I support Chet F. Harritt in moving forward to full reopening of the school. Since my kids have been in attendance they have been healthier than ever before in the recorded history of attending school. Less colds and viruses. The teachers are doing a great job at keeping the students safe and sanitizing. The last thing I want to see is the school going backwards or closing down. Education is so important and the social emotional is even more important. Additionally, the continued cohort schedule is extremely difficult as a working parent, and hard on families.
52	Brad Rivers	My children The safeguards currently in place are sufficient to protect our children and all educators and administrators. Continued distance learning or hybrid in-person/distance learning is a bigger risk to our children than the current pandemic.
53	david antico	a parent and my child at Hill creek if we follow the precautions, rules , etc we should still open. we live in SoCal we can use outside to help mitigate. so far we have been doing well and not need to stop the trend. Santee is not in the worse shape as the city or other parts and should re-open.
54	Kevin Hermann	Jackson and Harrison Hermann I vote to keep the hybrid AM/PM cohort schedule. I am concerned that should we fully reopen on Nov 30th there will be a spike in sickness, and I don't want the school to be completely shut back down. I think we should maintain the AM/PM cohort schedule through the end of this semester and re-evaluate a full reopening after the New Year.
55	Peggy Knowlton	Granddaughter and all Santee Students I would like to urge you to continue with the District's original plan of bringing back students for full time, in person, education on November 30th. It seems a travesty that the children who need special one on one help, the IEP students, are basically being forgotten. The hybrid teaching, may be fine for students that do not struggle academically, but for those who do struggle it is a disaster that is putting them at risk. A risk for falling so far behind that it is impossible to catch up, affecting not only their future learning ability, but also because of this, it will affect their self confidence and self esteem drastically. In continuing the current hybrid teaching, you are in essence setting up some students for failure. Please, for the sake of my granddaughter and all the other children, let them return. The district had already made plans for bringing the students back safely during this covid crisis, and I sincerely hope the district stays with this plan. Sincerely, Peggy Knowlton 43 year Santee resident. Children and grandchildren attended and still attend Santee schools.
56	Lauren Cuenca	We want our kids to go back full time. They need their education!
57	Jonny shinabarger	Good afternoon, with children's health and safety at the top of everyone's priority have we considered the mental health and stimulation that students miss out on when they are unable to interact with peers? Additionally as a dual essential working household we have been unable to dedicate time and attention to my two elementary students and they have significantly fallen behind; I assume this is the case for all dual working households. Having to rely on project safe to ensure my daughter's remain up to date with assignments has been unrealistic. I appreciate the work and job the project safe personnel do and trust them with the care of my children however, they're is a lack of training and compensation for the expectations us parents have set in regards to ensuring my students complete their work. The project safe staff is tasked with providing a safe environment that gives parents the comfort of knowing their children are in

			safe hands. My household relies on the school and it's teachers to instruct my children. To ask untrained personnel at project safe or my wife and I to cram a full day of school while working until 5pm, cooking dinner, getting showers, read a bedtime book, and lights out by 830 is unfair and unrealistic. We NEED the schools open to teach our children as I can confidently say that I am not equipped to do so and the project safe staff has enough on their plate and is not capable of investing time with individual students.
58	Robert vigil	School age kids	Our kids are being affected emotionally by the closures . They Depressed want to see friends and are not learning up to standards pwhen it comes to distant learning. As a father of 3 kids 7thgrade 5th grade and 1st grade I ask we think of the survival rate of this virus ... 99.8% its no worse than the common cold . Our kids need interaction and need to be taught in a school like setting . This virus has become more about control from democratic govendors . Complete TYRANNY Look around the country schools are functioning no mask full operation DOING JUST FINE . I appreciate all the teachers hard work during these time but would like for everyone to consider the factual numbers relating to covid deaths ... we will get sick and we will recover . its time we step up and take our freedom back . Kids deserve better . The plandemic is politically Ran wake up!
59	Kim Sullivan	A child in special ed	We are happy with the way things are being run currently. I know it makes it harder for a lot of parents, though, not to have their kids in full-time. But I think going full time now will only increase the numbers and even end up having to close again entirely. I vote status quo.
60	Candace Garmer	A parent at Rio Seco	I understand the concern that the number of positive cases in the county is going up however we can not let this effect out childrens education. They have lost out on enough already and we shoudl continue with the plan to go back full day. Students are staying home when they are sick and practicing all safety measures when on campus. I vote to continue with the reopening plan on Monday 11/30.
61	Jenny Solis	Solis Family	I would like to better understand why we are returning to full time on site learning now, with Covid cases rising verses waiting until we get to a time of decreasing case rates or at least through the winter months?
62	Alexis Hermann	Jackson and Harrison Hermann	In my opinion, I would like to keep the schedule the way it is with the hybrid am/pm cohort. I don't feel it is safe enough yet to open fully open on the 30th. There will be a spike of illnesses due to family gatherings and holidays, and I would rather school stay open then shut down completely. I feel like the hybrid model is working out well and the children are able to be at school and with peers not just isolated at home. I vote to keep the hybrid model through the end of the year and reevaluate the reopening fully in January. Thank you all for listening to our concerns.
63	Sarah Kahler		As a parent of two sons at Cajon Park School as well as being the Site Substitute at Cajon Park I have been able to see the school situation from different perspectives. I have always been in favor of children being back in school. I see the value of interacting with peers and being able to have instruction delivered in-person. With the hybrid schedule I think we get the balance of the kids being back in school along with the safety so that children and staff are not exposed to as many illnesses. If we go back to full classes, I think the rigidity of the regulations will make learning not as effective. Since each desk will have plexiglass, I think this will cause another barrier of learning for students because they will be even more secluded. I also do not believe that the plexiglass will create a safer environment. From my experience the past few months being in multiple classes in three different schools I have seen how the current protocols are working. Students are able to engage with their peers even if they are two desks apart. Also, the increase of individualized instruction is advantageous for all, especially those students who fell behind academically since March. I also think that having students at desks for six hours a day without being able to participate in group work and not being able to be with others outside their cohorts will be a challenge. I have spoken to many teachers and most say that the smaller class sizes are allowing them to know their students and their students' needs better than before. I do have concerns about how more children in classes will cause more germs, colds, and viruses to spread, but my main concern is the quality of academic instruction and creating the best learning environment given the circumstances. I think that moving to bigger class sizes will jeopardize both of these because of all the protocols that will need to be followed with having more kids on campus for a longer period of time. I do not think that the hybrid schedule is comparable to how things were before Covid hit, but unfortunately we do not have the luxury of those freedoms and flexibility. My sons and their friends are all thriving with the hybrid schedule. I feel that the school is doing an excellent job of making the most of the time that they have in class. From a teaching standpoint I have also been able to see how the smaller class sizes are beneficial and the challenges that will result if we go back to full time school. At this point I think we will lose more than we will gain if

		we go back full time.
64	Amber Smith	I am not in support of returning to school on Nov. 30. Besides the fact that COVID cases around the county are spiking, the plan to bring students back on the 30th is not a sound one. I want my kids back in school as much as anyone. But bringing them back full time, with plexi-glass dividers, reduced lunch times, no P.E., being stuck at their desk for extra hours wearing a mask because there are more kids in class; it just isn't a good idea. After speaking with my kids' teachers, they are concerned with the rush to bring students back. And if they aren't comfortable, I am not either. I support our teachers! With the am/pm cohorts, kids are able to receive more one on one instruction; they're able to move around a little; they can enjoy their time. Plus, right now, if a student tests positive, you have 12-15 kids that quarantine. If you bring classes back full time, now you have 24-30 kids that are missing school 100% of the time. That is not a solution. There is a reason other districts haven't returned to campus at all. I appreciate the hybrid plan and what it's trying to accomplish. It is working well and should be kept in place until weeks after Winter break, to account for any spike in cases due to holiday parties or travel. Please, consider the health and safety, both mentally and physically, of every staff members and student involved and delay the return to school full time until well after Winter break.
65	Mary Broding	With the rise in COVID cases, Santee is one of the only school districts in the county to be pushing for full re-opening. Why is that? Neighboring districts, such as Lakeside, are sticking with their hybrid models. So far, the hybrid model implemented by the Santee district seems to be working without many positive cases of COVID and with our students, faculty, and staff being kept safe. Moving to a distance less than 6 feet between students in classrooms at full capacity is a chance the district should not be willing to take. Doing so is essentially using our students, faculty, and staff as test subjects to see what can happen when other districts are not willing to do so. I implore the school board to use logic, empathy, and the need to set a standard for other districts to admire and NOT allow for our classrooms to be at full-capacity until it is clearly and scientifically proven that it is safe to do so.
66	Erica Hardy	My family I strongly encourage the Board to delay the full reopening plan until after January 1st. In addition to the current spike in COVID-19 cases and County's move to purple tier restrictions, the increase in travel and social gatherings involving persons of multiple households that will begin next week at Thanksgiving and continue through the rest of the holiday season, will likely result in a dramatic increase of infections and exposures to COVID-19. Due to the incubation period of the virus and onset of symptoms, the reporting of this rise in infection rates will likely not show up in the county's numbers until the week AFTER our schools open to a full-time schedule. Then it will be too late to again, dial back to try to control exposures. I know the district's top priority is the safety of it's students and staff and have confidence you will make the right decision to delay a return to full-time instruction and limit further exposure to students, staff and their families. Most of all I want to thank the board and all district staff and teachers for their tireless efforts in the face of this unprecedented situation. You are often criticized and much of your work may go unappreciated yet you still continue to serve. Thank you for all your work on behalf of our children.
67	Kimberly McClure	My daughter - 8th Grader at Carlton Hills I'm writing to plead with the board to reconsider the reopening of our schools to all students full-time on November 30th! My daughter feels safe now, is learning so well and is getting the interaction with teachers and peers that she was missing with the online learning. The hybrid model is working fantastic for us and so many others I have spoken to so, why change it now?! There's no need to rush this, the kids and staff don't seem prepared and my daughter is scared for this change. Please hear the concerns of the parents, teachers, staff and students and reconsider putting our entire community at risk! It is NOT worth it at all with the current spike in cases and more expected as we enter the holiday season full of gatherings. We, as parents, trust you to do as you always have and put our community, students, teachers, staff and the families as the highest priority and make the right decision by holding off on the return to regular school schedules. Thank you!
68	Teresa Boulais	Teachers and the best interests of the students I have been a proud teacher in the Santee School District for 18 years. I love my students and I love teaching. I am very concerned about bringing my students back to school, on November 30, with twice the number of children in the room. We are accomplishing so much in our current hybrid schedule. The children are happy, they feel safe and loved, they are learning, and I can really spend quality time with each child. I can make sure the class is safe and disinfected. I know you want to look out for the best interests of our children, but I implore you to come into the classrooms and see how the hybrid model is working. See what learning looks like right now with the current protocols in place. See what it looks like before and after school. Then, think about what it will look like and how safe it will be when we have twice the number of children in the classroom. How



			happy and loved will they feel when they are stuck at their desks behind plexi-glass barriers that they can not navigate around? The plexi-glass barriers were installed at our school yesterday. If students had to exit the room safely and quickly in the event of an emergency, it will be difficult. Please come visit the rooms to see what the barriers look like right now with students in desks, and then imagine what it will look like when the classroom is full of students. I want all my students back in school, but we need to be smart and safe. We need to wait until after the holidays. We need you to visit classrooms and see what the current protocols look like before, after, and during school hours.
69	Alyssa Almada	Not re-opening	With the surge of CoronaVirus cases, I am against reopening fully. We have had good luck so far with the hybrid model. My family would much rather opening full time after all the holidays. Holidays mixed with flu season is just a bad combination.
70	Jacqueline Frankfurth	My children	As a parent I strongly support the reopening of Santee school full-time. Parents still have the option to have distance learning they are not being forced to bring their children back to school. It is crucial for children to go back to school for their mental health. I have seen a huge difference in my children's joy and happiness immediately on their first day back to school. Please allow parents the option to choose if we want our kids in school full-time or distance-learning. School is essential and distance learning even half days are just not enough
71	Elizabeth Groff	Ellie Groff	I beg you as a mother not to reopen with all 26 students coming back. We hit the purple tier in the county and to consider bring all the students back is a horrible idea. Will the Santee school system pay hospital bills for one of their students if they catch COVID? Please wait till after January. What is the rush? Thank you.
72	Lori Van Atta	GoodMorning	I wanted to take a moment and thank you so much for continuing to re-open full-time as of November 30. My daughter is in sixth grade at Chet Harritt and due to a recent retest lost her IEP services. Although she is no longer IEP eligible the educational deficiencies that made her eligible in the first place still remain. She is suffering greatly with the reduced hours of in person teaching. I believe returning to a more normal schedule will help her both academically and socially. I realize you will be flooded with people asking for the hybrid models to continue maybe it should be suggested that they go on full-time distance-learning. It was made clear when we signed up for in person learning that the goal was to return to full-time learning at the earliest point. I am so glad we are going back full-time in November 30. Please continue to keep the education and social development of our children a first priority versus the fears of others of this virus. Quite frankly if you spend any time on the boards for our city you will find most people just simply like the hybrid model and it has nothing to do with safety
73	Allison Mancino		When asked, I had opted for my son to return to in-person learning, he currently attends Hill Creek's PM Cohort. However, I feel that students returned to school prematurely. Under the current circumstances regarding COVID19, I am very concerned for his, and his classmates' well being. I am strongly against schools opening full time. Although the students are happy to be able to socialize again, the risk does not outweigh the benefit. I feel that it would be safer for all students to return home and remain on the distance learning program. Thank you.
74	Barbara Thronson	My children, Riley and Ryan Thronson (Sycamore Canyon Elementary)	Our children have all suffered greatly (emotionally and for some, academically) being kept away from their friends these past 8 months. In speaking with my 5th & 6th grade kids, they WANT to be IN school full time, even if it means masks, social distancing and anything else that's required of them. There have been many times of tears. While they're ok with the hybrid model, they have both expressed to me their desire for school to return full days. While my daughter hasn't skipped a beat (academically), my son is struggling with his academics. Remote education just doesn't work well for some students. Then there's the emotional aspect. The kids miss seeing their friends and teachers. By moving forward with the reopening plan, we're taking a step in the right direction. We can all take the necessary precautions but life has to move on! In my opinion, for those parents who are opposed to returning full time, they have the option to switch back to distance learning. We knew this was coming when we enrolled our kids this year and for the sake of all of our kids mental health, I support a full return on November 30th.
75	Kurt Belchamber	Kyle Belchamber	Do not close down the schools!! Our kids are struggling with just the limited time they have as of now. We need to move forward and stop locking down everything. Our kids need to have a steady learning schedule. After shutting down last year and starting this year online is making kids fall so far behind! Teachers and board members should not be paid if our kids are not in

			school physically!
76	We do you want ruin our children.	Gracyn Moniz	During this time the closure of schools is going to detrimental to all students. Personally I have seen a major change in my daughter's behavior
77	John Davis	Charlize Davis	The vaccine will be approved in a couple of days. Our kids future is in jeopardy for a virus that has a slightly higher mortality rate then the common Flu. Please open up the schools as our kids need to start learning in a structured setting again. Also, coming from a family where both us parents work we cant be a teacher and work also. The closing of the schools will add a large amount of stress on us. Please keep the schedule we are on to reopen. Thanks.
78	Kelly Nytes		Increasing class size to 100% when the state and county are telling businesses to either end indoor access completely or reduce to 25% or 50% depending on their type isn't reasonable or safe. As a teacher and a parent, I understand how important education is, but we should stick with the hybrid model until this spike is over. It's already likely kids will be exposed over Thanksgiving off families mingle. To return Nov 30 to full class size will then double to number of kids to whom they can transmit the virus. Then 3 weeks later they go on winter break. Why try to go "back to normal" for just 3 weeks when schools across the country are having to go back to distance learning? We are inviting disaster. I work in SDUSD. The message to us was we could continue the phase we are in but not expand to the next phase, so I was shocked to get the call that Santee planned to move to full class size, full days. I don't think that should be considered until at least 14 days after the winter break, depending on the numbers at that time. The hybrid model is working. My daughter, a 7th grader, says that due to the smaller class sizes, classroom behavior is better, the teachers can get to everyone, and they actually learn more and faster than when the whole class is present. So I would argue that the hybrid model is working academically and achieving in meeting the social- emotional needs of our children. Schools are not responsible for solving the child care/work issues of society. Keep the hybrid model for the 3 weeks between Thanksgiving and winter break. Keep our children, families, and community safe at school.
79	Terra Casimir		The current cohort allows the teachers and students to socially distance. Due to the current case rates opening full time puts our teachers and students at unnecessary risk.
80	Kelly Wright	two children at Sycamore	Let's go through with the opening on Nov 30 and see what happens, with an Emergency Brake back-up plan in place, to be able to stop if it doesn't go well.
81	Barbara Norton		With the number of COVID cases rising exponentially I do not think it wise to return to full school days with full class sizes. The risk to our children and educators is too great. There is a vaccine on the horizon. We need to be patient for the spring. The hybrid program is working well with enough distance between students to mitigate spread. My grandchild is currently under quarantine due to exposure from someone in his cohort in class. He does not appear to be getting sick due to the ability to provide adequate distancing due to the smaller hybrid class size. Had a full class been in session for a full day it is highly likely that others would have contracted the virus and then in turn infected their families. We are close to getting through this we need to stay the course.
82	Chris Johnson	Society	I believe that with the increase in cases in San Diego county and the surrounding areas, California, and the country in general it would be foolhardy to open the school up for full time services. Not only is it dangerous for the students and the staff, but it unnecessarily opens up the community during an incredibly dangerous time. Follow the example of the surrounding districts and continue to do distance learning until the numbers drop back down. The school districts responsibility is to the safety and care of its students and staff. Anything less than that is reckless and borderline criminal.
83	Jennie Sargent	Myself a concerned Mother of 2 Santee school children	I urge the board to please move forward with plans to transition to full-time in person learning starting November 30th. The children need the normalcy that a regular school day can bring in these trying times. For those who are concerned about infection, there is always the distance learning option available to them. Please don't force us all into this "halfway" or "no way" option.
84	Caitlin Svoboda	My child Alexis	The schools need to open at full hours. The kids are doing great with the return to school. The case rates that the county is posting are not reflected in our school districts covid numbers. I believe that if we continue to push forward and open the impact will be minimal. Set the example for the rest of the county to start moving forward with what is right for our children's future. Those families who believe the risk to return to in person instruction have the option of distance learning.
85	Eric Dickson	San Diego county is in the purple tier for covid-19 cases which is the most restrictive tier.	Granted, the school had plans to fully re-open before we hit this tier,

			however, now that covid-19 cases are climbing again I think some pause on this is in order. My primary concern is about school going full time the first school day after a major holiday (and the first day for students after having the previous week off of school). Families are going to gather for the Thanksgiving holiday regardless of what recommended guidance from health officials are. Families are going to travel, meet in larger than recommended group sizes, and may or may not follow masking and social distancing advice as well. Having students back in school full time following this is a recipe for another surge in cases which our health infrastructure can ill afford. I also feel this will put teachers and school staff at additional risk at a time when our country is struggling to take care of the sick whether they are infected with covid or not. I would ask that the above be taken into consideration when determining an appropriate time for full time school to resume.
86	David Knight (and Terri Knight)	Kevin and Chase White	My wife and I currently help our 2 grandsons in the mornings and then take and pick them up from the pm school session at Carlton Oaks Elementary School. We are both over 70 and feel relatively comfortable because there is social distancing with classes half full. We both believe there will be **much higher risk** of Covid spread with full classes particularly in winter with school classroom doors closed. I believe a maximum positive case metric should be used to determine when it is time to return to full time classes. That time may not occur until February 2021 based on current Covid info. Thank you.
87	Elizabeth Miller	Self	I am deeply concerned with the schools opening to normal capacities and schedules. San Diego County has move into the purple (most restrictive) tier and the number of COVID-19 cases continue to rise. My children do seem to benefit from in-person learning, but what is the benefit of being in class with more kids for a longer amount of time? Is this benefit worth the risk? Are we willing to risk our children's and teacher's health? Are we willing to risk the lives of families in our community. I'm not. Please do not make the move to combine the am and pm cohorts. The safety of our community is too high a price to pay.
88	Brie Medina	Educators	As an educator for the Santee School District, it is imperative we move forward with all students returning Monday, November 30th. From the viewpoint of the classroom, students are not only ready to return full time but schools are equipped and ready to support all learners safely. Let us be a district who responds based upon the original agreed upon guidelines set forth by Country Office of Education and Superintendents across San Diego and its surrounding cities. Let Santee and its schools move forward, ALL STUDENTS TOGETHER!
89	Jessica Alexander	Jake & Logan Alexander	I think that the current schedule is working well. I realize it is not ideal for all working parents but we have to think of the safety of the children and staff. Going full time in the midst of the current environment is not putting health and safety first. We need to wait until we are out of the purple tier. Keep up the amazing work and thank you for letting our voices be heard.
90	A. Rupp	Self	The potential to move forward, and not send the children back into full-time instruction is completely asinine, and quite frankly has nothing to do with the well-being or education of our children. You were all voted in as board members to uphold both of those things, please don't forget that. Our children are not getting the proper education that they deserve and that our community pays for. This should be a decision based on the majority, not the minority.
91	Christi Atkinson	Students and Parents	Please move forward with the re-opening plan. Our school has done a fantastic job of keeping our kids safe. One case in the last three months does not mean we should postpone opening. I believe getting back to some normalcy will help the children and parents well being. The coronavirus is not going away. We must learn to adapt and live with this. Staying home for the rest of our lives is not the answer.
92	Shawntae Smith		Please continue with your reopening plan on 11/30/20. The kids need to be back in school full time learning. They have missed so much education already and virtual is not effective. The cases may be rising, but they are not as a result of school. The cases are just cases....we do not shut down for any other illness affecting our community and we should not start now.
93	Tracy Osburn		As parents we all support our children's success in their academic endeavors. However, I feel that with the current restrictions in place and the daily increase of covid cases, we really need to consider our children's health and everyone they come into contact with on a daily basis and weigh the pros and cons of full reopening. Another concern to examine is the disruptions of having to reopen and then having to close again that this can cause on our children's learning. I feel that the schedule inconsistencies could hinder their ability to learn. I know that this is a tough decision to make but I hope that health safety is greatly considered in the decision making process. Thank you!



94	Danielle rodriguez	Children of Santee school district PLEASE DO NOT REOPEN	I believe it would benefit the health of both staff and students if we delayed fully reopening until after the new year 2021. With San Diego just being placed on the purple tier/most restrictive and cases growing, along with holidays, flu season etc. if we open back up and COVID is spread we will have to shut down completely which would be horrible for the kids. We are social distancing and doing well the am/pm schedule is now.
95	Michelle Hower		I strongly feel students need to be back to school full time. "Online" learning is not nearly as effective as in person learning. My kids are getting more and more behind academically. If parents are concerned about COVID, they already have the option to continue distance learning. It is not feasible to continue doing online learning both for students and parents. It is causing stress on everyone. The kids need to be back in school, full days so they can learn properly.
96	Karin von Kluegl	Joshua von Kluegl	Please keep moving forward opening to full time school. These kids need this. We are only making things worse mentally for the kids. Keep them in school full time. We will never develop herd immunity at this rate!
97	Gabrielle Zuniga	I'm a parent of a Rio Seco Student	I respectfully ask we KEEP the hybrid schedule as is and NOT begin full days in November. This is a constant evolving situation that should be assessed every step of the way. We should revisit full days after winter break. I want normalcy again for our kids but there is nothing "normal" about what school will look like under the full day regulations. I understand the need for safety but this is perhaps asking too much of our students to have to adapt to yet again. I think the full day regulations will be disruptive academically and emotionally for our children's progress. To put it simply, its clear our schools are not ready for this next step. I was doubtful of the hybrid schedule at first but now experiencing it first hand I see its doing it job of educating my child and providing safe social interactions with her peers. I am really impressed with how much my child is learning, in the window they're given. So I ask what is the rush? Full days were decided in July. The district should hear the voices yet again of their teachers and the parents as a lot can change in 5 months. Lets not take full days off the table for the school year but let's revisit it at a later date like after the holidays. San Diego County has since moved into the purple tier. I think it is safe to assume most of Santee's residents will be visiting or traveling through San Diego during the holidays and risking potentially spreading it here in Santee when they return, something to consider as well is it will be during flu season. There already has been confirmed covid cases at our schools as is. It only makes sense that there is potential for cases to increase with the classes full and some being in the same room all day. I can't believe some classes will even have to have their lunch in their classrooms. It just doesn't make logical sense at this time. Let's protect our kids, teachers, and staff. They're the ones in the thick of this every single day. I welcome full days when the time is right, but the facts are the facts that the time for that is not now.
98	Ditto Thomas	Parents	It is time to start being accountable for the education students are receiving or more importantly not receiving... in March the world decided to "lock down" for 2 weeks to slow the spread of an illness that was in time knowingly going to infect every human on earth... November 18th is a little more than 14 days after March 15th....for those who choose to stay home and hide from the inevitable, that is your choice, offer learning opportunities to them. For those who understand there is a risk at being exposed to an illness that they were never going to avoid, allow them to learn in a functioning environment that encourages human interaction and not staring at a screen, teach life skills.... there is no need for a "new norm" just reinforce basic human hygiene and allow "herd immunity" to work as it has since the dawn of creation....
99	Rebecca Moore	Hill Creek	Please do not continue with the 2nd phase of reopening at this time. My child is currently attending in person at Hill Creek and I feel the environment is reasonably safe as is - I do not feel it is safe to reopen the schools to so many children at once right now.
100	Ingrid Vega	I am a parent	I support Delaying further school openings.
101	Jessica Bosch	my two daughters who go to Chet	Because COVID rate is increasing, and we're in the purple tier, I would prefer the district to stick with hybrid learning until we move back into a lower color tier. I do not want to see Santee families (including my own) get COVID and school having to close.
102	Jonny Shinabarger		Good afternoon Board, I apologize as my previous comment was cut prematurely. The current learning environment paired with a dual working household has been a recipe for failure. With flu season on the horizon, where do we draw the line? With limited learning in person and the expectation to make up the rest

			by learning at home as a parent it's impossible to manage that school/home separation. Our students have no home life when the dual working household is attempting to cover the at home learning session from arrival from work until bedtime and still cannot catch up. As a parent who is directly affected by this decision, I plead for the board to continue with the very impressive reopening plan and get our students back on track. Thank you for your time R/ Jonny
103	Ansley Wilson	Santee School District	COVID-19 has existed long enough, and has proven again and again how unsafe public gatherings, meetings, outings, etc. are to EVERYONE. Please do not allow a full return on 11/30 of students to campus-- business cannot resume as usual. Be considerate, be smart, and don't assume this is all over, that's what's kept this pandemic alive for nearly a year.
104	Kendra Ruiz	Cajon Park	Please consider our kids education when you consider their health. My husband and I work outside the home and don't have the "luxury" of being able to help our kids with their school work when they need it. I feel our kids are safe in school and that everyone at Cajon Park are taking all the necessary precautions to ensure our kids safety.
105	Mindy Tarantino		As much as I want my child to have as much normalcy as possible, I do not think it is in the overall best interest of the students, staff, and families to be back to full capacity. I think the hybrid model has been working very well. It gives the appropriate spacing between desks and the students get more one on one attention needed. On top of dealing with Covid, we are now also in cold and flu season. I don't see how we can have on average 30 students in a class when we are being restricted from so many other things. I am requesting the School Board really reconsider moving forward with the plan.
106	Hannah Nguyen-Kwo	Concerned parent of Chet student	In speaking with my child, our concern is it appears many children do not adhere to the guidelines strictly (hygiene, not wearing masks, keeping socially distanced). This has already been observed but my child in the current 1/2 population attendance that's being implemented. I foresee it'll become a much bigger issue if school resumes with all students. We were part of any exposed group which got quarantined already. I'd rather have her safely at home for the remaining time of the year. Therefore, please Do Not move to full classroom attendance.
107	Elizabeth Tosspon	Santee Parents For Delay of Return to Full Day School	I am writing to you today as a concerned Santee parent. I have two children currently enrolled at Rio Seco School, a kindergartner and a third grade student. I have been very impressed this year with how well the Santee school district has handled students' education during the pandemic, especially in the virtual learning and hybrid learning phases. My children are thriving on their hybrid schedules, despite the discomfort of wearing masks and managing hours of learning without the free play and physical education that are so necessary for young, growing bodies and minds. Enduring these strict safety protocols and rules have been worth it to keep students and staff safe. I've also seen a great benefit in the additional teacher attention they receive in the short classroom hours, given that class sizes are currently so small. That being said, I am concerned about your decision to forge ahead with a full-day schedule at this point in time. San Diego County, as you know, was recently moved into the purple tier and it seems that Covid cases will only continue to grow as we move into the holidays and colder months. Given the great success thus far with the hybrid schedule, it is bewildering to me that our district would choose to put all of its students and staff at greater risk during this period of time by filling up classrooms to capacity and keeping cohorts together for 6 hours of daily exposure. For my family and many others I have spoken to, we would prefer to continue with the highly successful hybrid schedule through the winter and flu season months, delaying a full scale return until we see a significant reduction of Covid cases throughout the county. In addition, the long day will be very burdensome to the students and staff given the strict protocols that will remain in effect to keep everyone safe. For my five year old, and for my autistic third grader, six hours in a mask without any true recess or PE to alleviate an unusually strict and harsh learning environment is a lot to ask. I understand that it may be too late to change course at this point in time. But please know that if the school board were to decide to continue with a hybrid schedule due to the alarming increasing spread of the pandemic in our county, my family would be very happy with that decision.
108	Elizabeth Wright	my son Dawson Wright who is in the 3rd grade at Cajon Park.	As a high school teacher of 20 years, I understand how important education is right now during the pandemic. I personally have seen the educational gaps that have happened in many students over the past nine months that students have not been physically present in school. I understand that we have to ensure the safety of everyone in our community as well, but students need to be in school right now in front of a teacher, not in front of a computer screen. It has been proven that young children

			are less likely to be transmitters of the coronavirus. Although there are many adults on campus as well, that is why we have the safety procedures that have been put in place to monitor adults on our campuses. I plead with the district to please continue with the reopening plan of having students return to campus full-time on November 30. As long as all the safety procedures are carefully followed, then I feel comfortable with having my son full-time on campus. The long-term educational deficits that students will have is far more dangerous than the coronavirus. Parents who are not comfortable have the option of keeping their children in distance learning only. Please do not deprive parents of the option for putting education first. Thank you for your consideration.
109	Jessa valdez	Sean Garmer	On site Education is important and these kids need to go back to full time
110	Lara DeFrisco	My child and our community	I would first like to express my admiration and thanks to all of the Santee School District teachers and staff during this pandemic. They have had to find solutions in a hard and brand new challenge in order to carry out business as close to normal as possible. Everyone I have talked to these past few months has only been interested in the students thriving and continuing to learn as best they can. At Sycamore Canyon, my daughter has been treated with the same care as always and I commend and sincerely thank everyone working there for that grace. That being said, my concern about the rush to reopen school full-time on November 30 is not only coming from concern for my own child but for everyone working at the schools every day. They risk their health and safety of themselves and their own family to provide our children with an education. The current hybrid schedule is working. The smaller class sizes have been working. Distancing has been working. My daughter, I'm sure, misses how school once was but that is not a feasible option right now and she (at age 6) understands that. I do not feel that reopening full-time for almost 6 full hours a day at full class capacity is a viable option and I do not think it should be considered. I feel that it will be pretending that things can be as they were last year, which they can't yet with San Diego County going to Purple just recently. On Monday (11/16), we were at 9% positive cases and officials are pointing at Halloween as a result, another example of us forgetting that we are in a pandemic still and putting our impatience to get back to "normal" ahead of actually working towards that normality. For the safety of our children, their families, the people they come in contact with, and every single staff member at our schools... I am asking Santee School District to seriously reconsider this reopening plan on November 30 until after the holidays. If Halloween caused such a surge, what will Thanksgiving, Christmas, Channukah, New Years, etc. do to our numbers? Adding in full classrooms of children every day, being sedentary AND indoors for hours on end, and it spells for a clear health disaster Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.
111	Ashley Gravette	Parents, subs, family of staff	Please keep hybrid!!! The pandemic does not have an end date, therefore we do not need a firm date of when school should resume full time. Loading a ton of kids in a class for 2 more hours won't actually equate to much given all the procedures and distractions. I feel it is unsafe to send my kindergartener to a full classroom and I've been told there are no other options. Distance learning is full and there will not be packets of work for those wanting to keep their kids home. I made the decision to go in person with the trust in the school board to keep our families safe. I never imagined we would have to beg to keep our families safe. Test scores should be at very least second priority to the health and safety of our kids, teachers, staff and families.
112	Brooke Roehrs	Teachers & Students	First, thank you to Ken Fox for the integrity he showed in speaking up about his new concerns and changed opinion in a full time return- the community appreciates your honesty. As a wife, mother, and teacher in the Santee School District I am begging you to reconsider your plan to reopen full time on November 30th. The health and safety of our students and our staff should be the most important thing we consider when discussing a full time return (yes, even more important than test scores) and with the current state of our county and the rising case numbers it does not make sense to come back full time with 24-30 students in classroom. The state advises that no more than 3 families gather together outside for Thanksgiving, yet the Board has decided it is okay to gather 24-30 families in one small classroom. How does this make sense? Frankly, it just doesn't- it is irresponsible and downright negligent. The hybrid model is working. I can spend a solid 2 hours and 45 minutes diving deep into content with my first and second graders with little to no behavior disruptions and confidence that they are getting the



			<p>education they deserve. I have attended every board meeting this year. I have read the public comments made by our community of parents and teachers- most recently the over 100 comments from the most recent board meeting. The community has made it clear that we are not on board with the decision to return full time. It is not what is best for our students and it is putting the educators and staff members who work so hard for this community in danger. I ask that you listen to those of us who will be most highly impacted by your decision and use our voices to help guide your next steps. We as teachers are the experts in this field, we know and care deeply about what is best for our students... and this is NOT it. Please, hear our words, sit with them, and do what is right. Thank you.</p>
113	Peggy Achenbach	Myself and Transportation Dept.	I feel more comfortable with am/pm schedule. With numbers on the rise, I would rather stay the way we are. Thank you
114	Danielle Jimenez	My students	<p>I'm reading through the comments and am shocked that there are parents that do not wish for the Santee Elementary &amp; Middle schools to return to full time instruction. I have been so grateful for the flexibility and the grit that the teachers have shown through the pandemic so far and am so encouraged that they are ready to take the next step forward. I have seen that the efforts, planning, &amp; steps taken to keep our students safe while being able to participate in classroom learning has been impressive. Although our county may be seeing a rise in cases, we have not seen any major outbreaks in our schools. It seems foolish to punish the students when everyone is complying with what has been asked of us. There are so many negative consequences, outside of the virus, that are the result of kids not being in school. For parents that have flexible schedules, the 2.75 hours of instruction may be easy for transportation and childcare. However, for households that rely on working outside of the home, the current schedule (or the shutdowns) were impossible. How do you arrange to have your kids picked up/dropped off and watched while you are having to go to work? In the absence of alternative options, working parents often leave children alone when out of school. Working parents are more likely to miss work or not be able to work full shifts when kids are out of school in order to take care of their children. This hurts our economy because it is the small businesses that close and the essential workers that can't afford to take the time off. Children also need to be social and active. Schools are hubs of social activity and human interaction. Our kids are already missing out on social contact that is essential to learning and development. We are seeing a rise in anxiety and depression in our children. I've recently heard of two cases of 8th graders attempting suicide in the last month. My son has ADHD and has experienced an increase in his screen addiction and reliance due to an over-abundance of screen-time. Life under confinement for has been making our kids way more sedentary which can have lasting effects long throughout their lives. Also, with the shortened instructional hours, our children are falling behind and/or regressing in development. I have every confidence that the school district will take all necessary precautions, but we can't stop doing life out of fear and we can't isolate the "possibility" of the disease with the very real consequences of keeping out kids out of school. We are entering into what is commonly known as "flu season" and we should expect kids to get ill. We should trust that families are equipped to manage their family's health and comply with the guidelines put in place.</p>
115	Dan DeFrisco	My family	<p>Every day I am still so impressed by the teachers and staff at my daughter's school. I am an essential worker and go to work every day while my wife stays home with our children. That being said, even if she were also working, we both agree that we would disagree with the school's full time reopening plan on November 30. We all want this to end. 2020 has been such a stressful year for everyone and it's taken a huge toll on our children. I've heard many parents yelling for schools to reopen because of this but I think we SHOULDN'T be in a hurry to reopen because of this very reason. Our daughter has missed out on so much already and continues to. Cases are even higher as of Monday at a whopping 9% and we are officially back in Purple because of that same rush to reopen everything and just go about with our lives. Covid doesn't care what we want and I strongly think we need to follow science and state and local health guidelines because if we don't then my daughter and all the other kids are going to lose out on a lot of 2021 as well. It's not about what we want right now. It's about being safe. That's why I want to address the school board now and ask that you delay full-time reopening until after the holidays. Otherwise I'm afraid to see what those numbers will be when we're wishing for this 9% back. We can do it, we've been doing it. Our teachers have</p>

			been doing it and I'm sure it's so much harder for them. If they can do it then we can for our kids and everyone around us. Thank you
116	Dam Sutton	Parent of 2 students at Sycamore Canyon	As an educator with Grossmont Union, I am greatly concerned with Santee SD's full reopening plan. I believe this should be postponed due to spiking covid rates within the county.
117	Jennifer Gaebe	My daughter, concerned parents, teachers and administrators	Thank you to Dr. Branski and the Board for reconsidering the 11/30 full reopening date. As I had said previously in a letter I sent out, I don't believe that now is the right time to begin full-time back to school due rising case counts combined with regular cold/flu season, poor weather making maintaining well ventilated classrooms really difficult for teachers, and the fact that many people will be travelling or getting together with larger groups than normal over the holidays. I don't see anything to be gained by going back to full-time for 3 weeks before winter break, especially considering that the additional time that the kids will be in school will require them to sit at desks or lunch tables without any real interaction or activity. Please keep the hybrid schedule in place until after the first of the year and then reevaluate a date for a full-time return. I know that the open-endedness of this is very hard for families, but rushing to decide on a date before knowing what will be going on regarding our tiers and where we are in the pandemic doesn't seem to make sense. Thank you for developing a plan that has been maintainable and a great example to other districts. Please don't throw that away in an attempt to be ahead of the curve by going back full-time.
118	Josie Blackwell	Parent	I feel schools need to continue with their plan and fully reopen on November 30th. The District, Schools, teachers, and students have all done a fabulous job with the hybrid model, but, I feel it is time to move to the next phase. Our kids need to be in school full time! Thank you.
119	Justin Slagle	Father of Quinn and Felicity Slagle	It would be irresponsible of this board to move forward with the plan of a fully re-open at this time. Please do not choose to put our students, their families and the community at risk. The situation has evolved since you previously made the plan to fully reopen you must act now in the best interest of the students, teachers, staff and community. I implore you to reconsider and keep the small class sizes and the measures currently working in place. We voted for you. Now do the right thing!
120	Sharon Register	Sycamore Canyon Elementary	It is unrealistic to keep schools fully virtual or hybrid. If parents want to keep their child home that is their choice- they shouldn't ruin the education of the kids that need to be in school. I am an ER nurse and I can tell you that the numbers are not as bad as the media portrays. Going back to the purple tier was completely unnecessary. Please keep the full day opening date of 11/30!
121	Amber Leithoff	Kaelyn Hallman-Rio Seco	With Covid cases increasing rapidly, I do not feel it's best to have all students attend school at the same time.
122	Katerra Carrillo	Kerra Eckert	I am a single mother to my only child and I really am scared that Pride Academy might close for in person learning. I pray that it does not. My daughter was miserable at the beginning of the school year. She missed her classmates and teachers. She was emotional and lashed out because she was so unhappy. Since the school has reopened for part time, she has been excited to do her homework and a much happier child. She is so looking forward to being able to see the rest of her class on the 30th. I hope, even if you decide not to open full time, that you let the children stay on the current schedule. Not only for her mental health, but the other children as well. The staff at Pride is amazing and doing a wonderful job. I understand that we need to keep our children healthy but mental health is so important too. Distance learning right now is not what she wants or needs. Thank you.
123	Jashua Ronquillo	Kindergarten	I really think that it's too early to re-open full time on November 30th. The Covid cases are going sky high again and second wave will come if we don't take precautions. Other states like NYC is closing schools again on Thursday 11/19/20 and switching to remote learning. We don't wanna risk our children's lives in this pandemic when there's still no medicine for the covid yet. They can always go back to school full time when there's no more covid but they can't go back to school when something happens to them because of the covid and we definitely need to avoid that.
124	Brianne Austin	Student	Given the rise in covid cases I feel it's imperative that we hold back on moving to a full day schedule with all students in the classroom.

125	Joshua Pelfrey		Please reconsider the full return to school at this time. We are in unprecedented times and are being forced to decide between the virus and the education of our children. We want our children to return to school and thrive, it's just too risky at this time. The district has done a good job of partial day and online learning and should be applauded. Please consider sticking with this model for now. Thank you for your consideration.
126	Linda Mackey	Alexis svoboda	It is unfortunate that the children, who shake off this virus, are punished for the deeds of the electorate. We had 35 deaths yesterday out of 39,000,000 people. Please open up the school all the way.
127	Joseph Dolin	Mia Dolin	I am hoping that the mandate to return to in person learning will now be extended from 11/30 until the recent Covid spike goes back down OR until a vaccine is readily available for all San Diegians. I was disturbed to find out that our only choices were to have Mia return to class at the end of this month or find her alternative education outside of the district. I am hoping the Board makes the responsible decision to extend the distance learning options to all students and their families. Thank you.
128	Sara Cadena		I feel that it's irresponsible to fully open at this time. Our numbers are going up all over and things are getting shut down. Opening fully may make things worse. This rush to put children, teachers and staff at more of a risk is selfish. Please reconsider, nobody is asking to shut down fully again.
129	Summer Dew	Parent & Teacher (not SSD)	I would like to express my grave concern regarding the plan to merge the AM/PM hybrids on November 30th. With our county currently in the purple tier per state guidelines I do NOT see how it is possible to merge two cohorts together, maintain social distancing, and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Merging the two cohorts together is putting our children's lives at an unnecessary risk. Full day instruction is what is best for students, but NOT at the cost of their lives and not at the expense of teachers' lives. With the alarming and steadily increasing case rate in our county, it is NOT SAFE to send students back to the classroom full time with all their peers. The current AM/PM hybrid model with 50% of the students in class at a given time is MORE than any other district in the county. Moving forward with more students in the classroom while our county is moving in the wrong direction with the case rate is reckless and careless. Just today, they announced nationally, one-million children have contracted COVID; children are not immune. Our current case rate is climbing because people choose to ignore the safety protocols set out by the state and choose to participate in Halloween. Now we are approaching another holiday, in which many people travel and congregate in large groups. What makes anyone believe that the case rate isn't going to skyrocket after Thanksgiving after more people break quarantine. Maintain the status quo of AM/PM hybrid models and revisit the idea after the Christmas holiday. Carelessly, risking students and teachers' lives because "parents" want their children back at school is not grounded in science.
130	Maria Arreola		Due to the increase in Covid cases in San Diego, I would like the reopening of schools full day, November 30, 2020, be postponed. Also with the recent increase in local school cases, I believe it would be safer to keep them on separate schedules.
131	Jessica Mascari	Myself and AJ Mascari	PROCEED with the reopening plan. Our kids have suffered through enough and I'm tired of the comments of a few dictating how I want my child raised. We pay taxes for schools to be completely open so they SHOULD BE COMPLETELY open. This is beyond frustrating. Has gone on long enough. To the parents calling in and complaining- KEEP YOUR CHILDREN HOME IF YOU ARE SCARED OR CONCERNED. There should be a choice. A small group of board members shouldn't get to dictate when our kids go to school. Tell the scared parents to homeschool their children. Other parents like myself AND SO MANY MORE do not function well with this schedule. It is near impossible trying to navigate jobs, school, pick ups and drop offs and other kids. At what point do we tell our "do as I say and not as I do" government that they do not get to tell us how to live. At what point do we start putting the kids first? Teachers, sorry, but if you're THAT scared of a virus that has a 97% survival rate, stay home and teach remotely to the parents and students who are too afraid of in person learning. We're sick of this. It needs to end and you are only going to inflict EVEN MORE long term affects on our children's well-being and education. Let's get it together!!!! OPEN THE SCHOOLS!!!!
132	Dolores Peter	Ethan Escudero	I strongly feel that you should keep the classes as they are now. I am a grandparent over 65 providing care and schooling for my grandchild. Putting more children in each classroom is just going to increase the chances of Covid for the teachers and the



			students. There is already a Covid case at Rio Seco. We don't want more. The only responsible solution is to keep the classes as they are at the present time and keep everyone safer.
133	Igor Sfiligoi		Our children need the education that full-day school provides, and they need it now. Given that there have not been any outbreaks in the current setup indicate that the risk is very low; transitioning to full-day will not drastically raise that risk. So the benefit of full day school days significantly outweighs the risk.
134	Nicole Wallace	My Child	As a parent and health care worker I am deeply concerned about the impact full time return on Nov 30th will have on the health of our children. Cases are increasing at a rapid pace. Our entire state has been restricted. If we can't dine in a restaurant, why should our children be placed in a confined classroom?! Please reconsider your plan to reopen until after the numbers of Covid have decreased.
135	Meghan Brady		I believe that it would be in the best interest of our students, families and teachers if we postponed the return of full time until January 19th. This new date would not only give the district more time to prepare, but it would be a time that anyone who may be exposed during the holidays would begin to show symptoms and make an informed decision to stay home. In the Summer we were anticipating returning to school only to learn with little time that we would need to do distance learning. Once teachers and students were able to get in the swing of distance learning, we learned we would be entering a hybrid model. Now that we are feeling successful in a hybrid model, the decision to return full time on November 30th feels rushed. I urge you to reconsider this decision.
136	Brian Doerr		While I appreciate the desire to advance to the next stage, the world is making it clear that now is not the time. We are currently stable with the process we're using, and the pain of today is understood and manageable, albeit inconvenient, for most. I'd hate to see us press the issue and possibly jeopardize the health and well being of both our children and our teachers.
137	Nathan Lohr	Cajon Park	I would like to compliment Santee School District's current safety protocols to COVID-19 pandemic. Truly amazing. Current safety protocols have demonstrated that the district has the ability to keep students and staff safe at all times. There has been ample amount of time to ensure that the operating procedures work to ensure safety and allow for quick reaction should an incident occur. Principal Dobbins as well as his staff have taken a proactive approach and kept our students safe. With this said a full reopen on November 30th I feel is safe and also reasonable. There already is a plan in place should we have to back pedal and return to cohort schedule again. Members of the board and executive team are most likely aware of the science of the virus. COVID-19 is real and safety protocols should be adhered to. We can all agree on that. According to the CDC, research as well as data, the risk of serious complications from COVID-19 is low in the age range of K through 12th. It is vital that we move forward with fully opening. Research and data from multiple Universities such as John Hopkins University and Children's hospitals nationwide, suggest that children will be better off attending school full time. It is important not only for academics but also is important for mental well being as well. Students socializing with one another builds confidence and helps with conflict resolution. The cohort schedule is simply not enough. Our youth have been through enough and need to have normalcy returned to their lives. Parents have been through enough as well. With the help of your excellent staff we had to quickly learn how to be teachers as well. Enough pressure has been placed on the families as a whole due to the pandemic and schools being closed. Please move forward with the plan that was in place. Look at the science. Agreed cases are going up but that was expected. But not in the age range of K through twelve Santee school district has done an excellent job, has tested out the protocols and I feel is ready to roll and react if needed. Thank you for all the work that has been put into to keeping our children safe! Keep moving forward!
138	Steffani Curtsinger	Parent of two students	Our kids have been doing so well since they've been back to school in person. They've been excited to go full time. We haven't had any issues. This will cause problems with mental health, socialization skills, hands on learning (that they need) not to mention parents work schedules. Parents already have the option to keep their kids online if they so choose. so that parents willing to send their children back and the children willing to go full time shouldn't be affected I think closing schools is a grave mistake.
139	Lindsay barrett	Corbin and hudson barrett	I would think having the hybrid option to minimize class sizes is a better option during this pandemic. It will minimize a lot of lunch interaction and the kids won't need to breathe through their masks all day. Keeping the school schedule with half day

schooling is my vote.		
140	Amber Martin	I have mixed feelings about kids going back to full time sessions. I am one of the fortunate parents that is able to work from home. I know this is not a benefit for others that are working. My fear is that there are now up ticks in cases rising and I for one would be ok with how things are now with the option to change from in school to online platforms. Circumstances do change and I feel the district should be more accommodating in this matter. I don't feel packing a class of 30 kids is beneficial for the over all health of faculty and students. There are households that have elderly family members and having our children in an environment that has greater risk for them to contract COVID-19 needs to be taken into account. Thank you for allowing us parents to be heard. I was really hoping the district would not continue to make such a push for reopening the schools full time without us having a voice in the matter.
141	Agnès Baldocchi	Parent of students I wish the school district opens its schools as it has planned for November 30th. The virus will never go away now. So, we better start living our lives! Let's keep in mind that most of the people recovers from the disease. What is more dangerous is spreading the fear of it. The fear diminishes our immune system, and this is when we could get sick. Schools doesn't shut their doors for flu season even if the flu also kills people! Maybe instead of having a special meeting, parents or guardians could vote to see what they want. Families who prefer not sending their kids to school already opted for online education. I believe this option is still available to everyone if they want to switch to online education now. Getting out of our houses is a risk, and yet, we still do. We cannot afford to live in fear for the rest of our lives. Let's get back to normal and take the risk to live!
142	Brennan sunde	Student of Rio seco Going back full time is stupid isn't only 2 hours longer and it will be harder to focus since we have to wake up at 8:00 so I don't want to go back
143	Tessa Borgerding	My family and myself (SSD Employee) Another parent very eloquently wrote a comment that completely explains how I feel so I will be quoting her. (Thank you Elizabeth Tosspon!) – changed a bit for specifics: I am writing to you today as a concerned Santee parent. I have two fifth graders enrolled at Cajon Park School. I have been very impressed this year with how well the Santee school district has handled students' education during the pandemic, especially in the virtual learning and hybrid learning phases. My children are THRIVING on their hybrid schedules, despite the discomfort of wearing masks and managing hours of learning without the free play and physical education that are so necessary for young, growing bodies and minds. Enduring these strict safety protocols and rules have been worth it to keep students and staff safe. I've also seen a great benefit in the additional teacher attention they receive in the short classroom hours, given that class sizes are currently so small. That being said, I am concerned about your decision to forge ahead with a full-day schedule at this point in time. San Diego County, as you know, was recently moved into the purple tier and it seems that Covid cases will only continue to grow as we move into the holidays and colder months. Given the great success thus far with the hybrid schedule, it is bewildering to me that our district would choose to put all of its students and staff at greater risk during this period of time by filling up classrooms to capacity and keeping cohorts together for 6 hours of daily exposure. For my family and many others I have spoken to, we would prefer to continue with the highly successful hybrid schedule through the winter and flu season months, delaying a full scale return until we see a significant reduction of Covid cases throughout the county. In addition, the long day will be very burdensome to the students and staff given the strict protocols that will remain in effect to keep everyone safe. For my kids, six hours in a mask without any true recess or PE to alleviate an unusually strict and harsh learning environment is a lot to ask. I understand that it may be too late to change course at this point in time. But please know that if the school board were to decide to continue with a hybrid schedule due to the alarming increasing spread of the pandemic in our county, my family would be very happy with that decision. My comment as an employee: As an employee and School Secretary; the impact of full reopening on the entire staff is significant. We have been able to follow our protocols and manage them effectively in the hybrid model. I am not confident that would be the case with all students back full time. We have already seen an increase in the number of students and staff experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 which as you know results in the student and staff member being unable to return to school for 10 days. The protocols we follow in these instances are time consuming for so many staff members which we are happy to do to protect everyone. But heading into cold/flu season coupled with all students together on campus, I believe, will

			<p>cause an even greater number of these occurrences. With all students together there is a higher risk of exposure to teachers and support staff where substitutes are already so limited. In some positions, there are no substitutes available at all. This places a tremendous strain on the staff, especially when say a campus aide or instructional aide has to be out for 10 days. There are many other areas where a full reopen is very impactful. I pride myself on supporting our district, school, community, families, students and staff. I am so proud of what we've been able to accomplish so far! Santee School District is OPEN when so many other districts are not and the hybrid is working! During these challenging and ever changing times, I know that these decisions cannot be easy ones but please re-consider the full reopen on 11/30 until there is a clearer path forward</p>
144	Kelly Berkowitz	I would like to stay with the hybrid schedule until cases start to go back down.	
145	Kim Hill	Self - Parent of students at Sycamore Canyon	No matter the outcome, I want to say I appreciate your hard work and efforts. If we end up staying hybrid, I hope the upset families can look at the fact that we have daily onsite and are leaps and bounds ahead of many other districts.
146	Ruth Gindulis		I really hope you are able to align on moving forward with the next steps to full in-person learning. I think our school district has gone above and beyond to establish safety protocols to reduce spread and risk of COVID. I do understand there has been an increase in cases, but kids will be able to maintain distance with the new desks we will get for classrooms and new lunch seating areas. We have successfully implemented half days and taken great precaution in ensure everyone's safety with very minimal cases throughout the district. I see no reason to stop us from opening back up in full on November 30 as long as all safety measures are enforced and followed.
147	Elizabeth Salazar	The Salazar Family: Charles, Elizabeth, Alex and Easton	We do not support the upcoming changes to full opening. I work in a hospital here in San Diego and I see the worst of the COVID Cases. There is no rush to change anywhere else. I can not figure out why you are rushing to open up unless it is a financial thing. which I think is wrong to put finances before the health of your community. It makes no sense with the county getting more restrictive you would want to open your schools up to more infections.
148	Tuesday Miguel	Maverick Miguel- student	We, as a family with a child attending school currently, are in favor of a full reopen plan as originally planned for on November 30th. We are confident in the protocols that have already been established to be able to give us the best outcome for everyone involved.
149	Terra Alkhafi	Parent and PTA leadership	I understand the concerns and have read through all the public comments thus far. The issues and solutions are not a one size fits all. The district has done a great job offering distance learning alternatives for those families that do not feel comfortable. My question is what is the district doing for the families that want to keep their kids in full time school? The current hybrid model does not consider out of district families, low-income families, and working parents. Our low-income families are struggling most during this pandemic and it does not feel like the district is taking in to account those children. For the families that do not have the funds for after school childcare they are forced to make tough decisions on how to accommodate only a few hours of learning for their children a day. In a world that is so divided and uncertain maintaining a solid learning foundation for "ALL CHILDREN" which ever form the parents choose should be the priority. Please consider reopening schools.
150	Mandi Horn	Concerned Parent	In light of the cases going up and the cold and flu season in full swing, I feel it's too soon to have all the students return to school with full classrooms. It's not worth endangering all the teachers and kids. I think all the teachers are doing an amazing job with the hybrid schedule right now. It's working and I think it's the best option we have due to our circumstances. I think we should stay with the AM/PM cohort schedule until at least after the new year and things can be re-evaluated. My husband and I both work full time, so doing what we are doing right now is an inconvenience for us and we struggle with it. We do want our kids back in school full time, but only when it is safe. Even though it is an inconvenience to keep doing what we are doing right now, doesn't mean we should return full time. Safety should be our number one priority. I also feel that this time of year, the common cold will increase, and even though colds are not dangerous, people are treating it as COVID until the child has a negative test or symptom free. With all the kids returning to school at the same time, will increase their exposure to that as well. Not only could they potentially spread Covid, they could spread the common cold. As a parent, I don't want to have to deal with the red tape of pulling my kid out of school because of a common cold. I also don't want to risk my kids spreading it



			to me, causing me to miss work because of the strict regulations in my work place. If I have any symptoms, running nose, cough, I can not go to work. Most working parents are faced with this same dilemma as well as teachers. If we can decrease our risk of that happening as well as ensure the safety of others, I will gladly keep doing what we are doing. No one loves this situation, but I think right now is not the right time to return to full classrooms. I do support returning full time, but let's wait a little bit longer. Thank you for listening to us and considering our view points.
151	Melissa Modzelewski	Concerned parents	I do not agree that we need to move forward at this time with doubling the class sizes. The students will no longer be able to distance from each other and of course trying to keep masks on all of the students has been an issue. The risk of going from 12 kids in a classroom who are able to distance to having possibly more than 25 in a class for gaining 15 minutes of instruction per class is not an acceptable return on the risk.
152	Paul Barker	My two daughters. Grade 3 and 1	I would like the board to keep school as currently arranged with the half days. Virus cases on the rise show it would be wise to not send all kids together. I work for the navy and my command is still mission essential personnel on base only. I think we should treat our kids similarly.
153	Anna King	I am a parent of a student in the District	This comment is submitted with reference to the district's plan for the next phase of reopening on November 30th. We believe this plan is premature for a number of reasons, including the following: 1. San Diego is in the purple tier, based on the numbers that were reported at the beginning of last week. Based on the exponential spread, it will double by next week. Going back to full class sizes when community outbreaks are on the rise will likely endanger our teachers, students, and at-risk family members. 2. Covid-19 is spread through aerosols, and these build up in indoor spaces. Plexiglass will do little to prevent the accumulation of aerosols in the classroom, increased by combining the cohort groups and doubling occupancy in poorly-ventilated indoor spaces. 3. In spite of the Governor's travel advisories, many people will have get-togethers with friends and extended family during the upcoming holidays. There have been spikes in Covid-19 after every holiday so far this year. As such, there is a high probability of community spread at our schools after Thanksgiving. The decision to move forward with the District's plans has potentially grave consequences. We urge you instead to keep the status quo, as a reasonable way to balance the economic concerns of parents who need their students back in school, with science-based recommendations which indicate the number of students in an indoor environment will increase the likelihood of virus spread.
154	Deborah Gribble	Myself	Regardless of what tier Santee is currently in, the county is in purple and staff and families live and work in the county. That is what we should be looking to determine the safety of Santee School Community. Holidays are here with family gatherings, shopping and less than ideal social distancing. Flu and rainy season makes it extremely difficult to deal with these situations. Schools are not fully staffed. Cleaning and resupplying is not consistent and no records of cleaning is happening. Also, to continue with reopening while the county is in purple is to be approved by a local health officer per the reopening plan. Who is this person? It is better to error on safety than to rush into a full campus. No physical education or recess or lunch recess, means more academic instructional time than usual with only a few minutes for fresh air breaks. I am not feeling safe to reopen for all day full classes until after the holidays in January. Do the right thing and consider all the comments that oppose the November 30th full opening. Board meetings and the district office still does not allow anyone, yet they expect classrooms to be full. We can't have one without the other to avoid hypocrisy, something far too many leaders have exhibited. I have been struggling with a lack of staff and cleaning, protocol adherence and the massive rise in COVID, in particular, with children. Listen to the community you say you are here to serve. Unprecedented times require unprecedented procedures and it is temporary.
155	Jose	I think we should continue online learning intill it is safe to return to school.	
156	William Beaubeaux	Concerned citizen	I urge you, for the safety of our children, safety of our teachers and the safety of the general population, that you close in person teaching and continue with remote learning. We are fortunate to have the technology that allows for successful remote learning. I know it is troublesome and inconvenient for some, but until we get this pandemic under control we all need to work together. Let's not put our selfish needs ahead of public safety and well-being. This is only temporary and if we work together

			we will conquer this pandemic quickly. New York City is closing down their public school buildings starting Thursday. Cities across the country and world are doing the same! Please do the same. Thank you for your consideration on this extremely important issue
157	Jenna Kolocheski	Please reconsider full reopening on 11/30. We are in the purple tier and the holidays will increase cases. Not the right time to move forward with more kids at one time	
158	Cary Ryan	My kids, teachers and family	Please listen to your teachers! Only 5% feel the district is ready for full reopen. The teachers are the ones who are in this with our kids. They are the ones who will be teaching through the plexiglass; they are the ones who will be in the classroom with 24-28 kids trying to keep them all safe; they're the ones in the trenches with our children. Listen to them! Before spending so much money on plexiglass, why weren't teachers asked if they thought this would work for teaching? I understand it's a precaution you're taking to keep kids safe, but what are we doing physiologically to our 5 and 6 years olds starting their education like this? I was worried about them starting school with masks but then to add an actual physical barrier between them and their teacher and classmate seems unfair just to have more kids in the classroom together. This will not be school. And why the concern on test scores? Of course we should all be hoping and pushing for kids to be getting the education they need and deserve but to say you'll be looking at the test scores – why? We're in a pandemic! Scores seem like the least of our worries right now. Instead why not focus on the iPad work these kids are doing? See if there's improvement there that can be implemented. Please also consider doing more teacher and parent surveys. It was the teacher union who conducted that survey and as it was pointed out, parents haven't been surveyed since the summer, a lot has changed since then. I also ask that you do not settle on a reopen date during this emergency meeting either. We don't know what this winter has in store for us as a community and as Mrs. Ryan keeps saying you shouldn't keep changing things on the parents, teachers and children. So since there are still a lot of unknowns, I suggest keeping the hybrid model until further notice. These are trying times for all and no solution is going to make everyone happy but these are our children, our teachers and our families you are putting at risk when you fill the classrooms up during the peak season.
159	Amy Olson	Hill Creek Elementary School	Keep hybrid schedule as is. It's big a risk to bring all students back.
160	Lisa Mazor	Summer Silver (Monique & Marc Silver)	Requiring kids to go back to school after Thanksgiving is a big ask. Covid numbers are rising and and there is no control of who and where the kids & their families will go and if they will contract the virus. This would leave the other family members, especially those who are already health compromised, in danger. In addition, it is winter time and colds and the flu are shared during this season during normal times. Some of the kids have very bad anxiety about the virus and because of this, the learning will be hindered. It is very important that there are options for kids and their families if they don't feel safe going back to in-person schooling. The families pay a variety of taxes and options for education should be available. Thank you for considering my comments. Handling this situation with sensitivity is very important.
161	Kelly Boyle	Myself and my children	In this situation, I believe that leaning towards the safe side is the best option. To prepare for additional distance learning options and possibly continue with the current in-person schedule that includes smaller classes. I would vote against moving forward with the phased reopening that will place 20+ students together in small classrooms for extended periods of time. I understand that this is a difficult time for parents, educators, and...everyone. But, if it is decided to move forward with the current, phased reopening plan—during flu season when we're seeing a significant rise in COVID-19 cases nationally—please consider additional options for distance learning. Currently, there is a distance learning waitlist (that isn't moving) and pulling our children out of school altogether is an actual option right now. When many of us decided to enroll our children in the in-person, phased reopening plan, it was with the hope that the state of this pandemic would have shown some improvement by this point in time. Unfortunately, this isn't the case.
162	James Bobo	We were just put into the purple tier and the country is moving in the wrong direction regarding Covid-19. I find it very hard to believe the school district is	

			going forward with opening. Our teachers and young students are all looking forward to returning to normal but not until it is safe to do so.
163	Mallory Antico	Hill Creek parent	I'm a mom of an in-person 1st grader and would love nothing more than to have her in full day again. That being said, I think the question is are we willing to risk a school or district shut down to go full-time? I'm an RN and I suspect there will be an increase in cases at school once we go full-time due to less physical distancing and larger cohorts of students. This could potentially add fuel to the fire in a community outbreak. I would much rather take a slow and science-driven approach to reopening rather than opening too quickly and then having outbreaks that cause school to close down all together. While no one in our household is in a high-risk group, I see an awful lot of grandparents at pick up. I worry about their well-being and also that of the staff. There really are no good options here unfortunately. It's awful for the kids, for parents, and for staff. But I personally would rather us stay hybrid for longer than to get stuck doing full-time distance learning because we jumped the gun. Thanks so much for all the district is doing to mitigate the risks of this virus.
164	Andie Reyes-Purpero	Love Reyes-Purpero - City of Santee & My Parents	Again - I think you should reassess after the holidays. I want to add that I do not think you should issue a return date given the unpredictability of this epidemic. Why put yourselves through the embarrassment of having to change it again? Why not tell them a date of when you will reassess? Parents will understand, they see the news & they see other schools closed. No other schools around us are opening, or even changing their phases so it won't be surprising. We now know that people are having long term problems after Covid. It is much more serious then the flu that just goes away. Don't have that on your conscience. If you know a parent in need - ask for help. There are many volunteering parents who can help anyone who needs it. Start with PTA. Shout out to the teachers at Carlton Hills! My daughter is getting a great education. Even better since the teachers have settled in to the new program. It seems as if your responses never listen to the Teachers needs which is not the case in other districts. I truly feel sad for them because they are barely acknowledged. I would have chosen distance learning if I knew how reckless your decisions would be to return to school prematurely. The US lost between 30-60k people to the flu in the 2018/2019 flu season. Covid has taken the lives of 240k in the US and close to 19k in California. You have rising cases and it will obviously only get worse with double the students in a classroom, rainy season, holiday travel. I don't know why I even write these sometimes - I don't feel heard and I don't see others being heard. Change that tonight. I would gladly put forth any effort to continue with a better safe then sorry plan. I want to believe in our district's power protect us and the community. - 36 year resident of Santee, Carlton Hills Alumni/Parent, former PTA President & Tierra Del Sol PTA Board Member
165	Diane Rudrude	Please reconsider opening the schools to full time on the 30th. I ask that you please keep schools to am/pm cohorts while the number of cases for our county continue to rise past any level we have seen before. Our teachers need to be heard and helped; they too have children to think about and guide during these unforeseen times. We need our educators to feel safe and protected; heard and not ignored. Thank you!	
166	Vince Zelaskowski	Maintenance	All virtual or am/pm
167	Laura Gardner	Robert, Dean and Tyler Gardner	To our special Board of Education, I come to you with my full faith and support. With the arrival of flu season, COVID-19, and all the pre existing medical conditions many of us experience; I believe the safest, most effective, learning environment for all our children is to stay with the absolutely wonderful Hybrid Schedule! Huge kudos to ALL of you and the excellent leadership you have collaborated with your trusted and supportive community of special, unique, prideful, loving families.
168	Stacie Bartfeld	My comment is in regards to the full day reopening scheduled for Nov. 30. With the increase in cases of COVID19, I think that it would be unwise to reopen this soon. It seems to me to make more sense to stay in the hybrid model given that there are only three weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas vacation. Reopening with all students in class just after Thanksgiving is asking for a possible rise in cases. I believe that in the best interest of staff and students that we should remain hybrid until January then reevaluate the situation at that time.	
169	Amber Yale	Bianca	I feel strongly that the staff and the children to not proceed with the full days on November 30th 2020. Especially after thanksgiving break with 9 days of exposure outside the class room the potential is increased and all Californians are required to 14 day quarantine after leaving the state or anyone entering. Since most people don't do this requirement from the governor, I sugesst we wait at least 2 weeks after thanksgiving break to continue to full days. Its safer to wait. There has been over 1



			million children that have had or currently have covid 19. And thier now finding out even after recovering that humans obtain further symptoms. The vaccine is almost here I dont think it's worth the risk. It's too soon
170	Marion Rhodes	My family	Please reconsider reopening the schools to full-day instruction. The current hybrid model is working well. Let's not make changes now that COVID is on the rise again and risk getting shut down completely.
171	Joan McKeon	My 3rd grade son	Thank you so much for taking the time out of your busy schedules for this special meeting regarding (hopefully) postponing the planned full time reopening on 11/30. As evidenced by the 100+ public comments from last meeting, the parents and teachers are very concerned about the increasing numbers locally and globally. And especially concerned how the upcoming holidays will impact those numbers. I know in yesterday's meeting a council member raised concerns about how disruptive postponing the date would be to parents. However, as someone currently sharing a home with a positive Covid -19 case and having to quarantine for possibly 3 weeks or more, that is much more disruptive. If the parents have been following the news reports, they shouldn't be surprised with a delay to full time instruction. New York just announced that all schools are moving back to remote learning. I know that is something we want to avoid. Frankly, as many teachers have said, students are doing well with the hybrid model with smaller cohorts and more individualized attention. If you take out lunch and recesses, students are not really gaining much by going full time. Except more time sitting in their desks behind plexiglass and wearing masks. In addition to the increased chance of exposure to a potentially life threatening virus. One board member also raised concerns about student scores in April. I have every confidence that our amazing teachers are doing everything possible to make sure our kids do not fall behind further. And frankly, in my opinion, lives matter more than scores. Thank you for considering my opinion and for the work you do keeping our kids SAFE and educated.
172	Elena Rubio de la Torre	My son and daughter that attend to Chet F Harritt.	Thank you very much for providing this space to give our opinion. I wanted to express my concerns as a parent regarding the upcoming reopening plan for the schools in Santee. Given the number of new cases of COVID-19 we are having in San Diego county, I believe the kids should keep attending the school in 2 shifts to prevent the spread of the virus. Having less kids in the class, not eating lunch together and not having a recess where they mingle will definitively contribute to keep the number of cases lower in our community. We all know that during the holiday season (Thanksgiving and Christmas) people will go more shopping, have more visitors at home and more meals together with no mask in closed spaces. Opening the school for all the kids all day right after Thanksgiving will make easier the spread of the disease between families.
173	Joan Davis	My 4th grade son	We have been looking forward to returning to school. Our son is an only child and really looks forward to socializing with his friends and spending time learning in class. If same safety measures are being met as they are now we should be able to move forward.
174	Meghann Kemery	My family	A quarter of a million Americans dead from COVID-19. Over one million American children diagnosed with the illness. Our county in the purple tier and case rates in Santee on the rise. These are facts we cannot ignore. As a parent of Santee students, spouse of a Santee teacher, and educator at a neighboring charter school, I beg you to postpone full-day in-person instruction until it is safer to do so. Things are going well with the hybrid model and I ask that you stick with it. The current hybrid model provides safety – there are smaller cohort sizes, which allows for appropriate social distancing. They are on campus a shorter amount of time, which means less exposure to any potential germs as well as no mask-free meals. There is time between cohorts to disinfect. The current hybrid model also provides academic structure and support – students still meet with their teachers every day. The smaller groups allow students to get far more attention than they would with larger class sizes. Behaviors are at a minimum. In the proposed full-day plan, students will not be able to socially distance at the recommended 6 feet. Students will be eating together mask-free, and my understanding is this will happen indoors on rainy days. This is dangerous...and completely avoidable. Students will also be asked to sit in one spot for the vast majority of the day, with little to know play time or physical activity. Any parent knows that this a recipe for disaster. Is the current hybrid model ideal, or flawless? Of course not. It is a struggle for me, a full-time employee, to have to pick up my kids midday and then have to keep them busy while I continue my workday. However, I prefer the temporary struggle over the drastically heightened

			chances of contracting a deadly disease that full-day full-group instruction will present. Please – I beg you to push back the full reopen date until it is safer. I know it has been a struggle for everyone, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We have the opportunity here to keep our students and staff safe while continuing to provide that stellar Santee SD instruction in the hybrid setting.
175	Jennifer Blake		I'm very concerned about having my student in a full classroom starting Nov.30th with how high the covid cases are in our area I don't understand why you can't wait until after winter break I do not like this am/pm schedule and I want and need my child back to school but with the covid cases at such a high rate I can foresee a school closure with all the families visting over Thanksgiving and bring more cases to the school I do not feel safe for my child to return to a full classroom at this time
176	Alexis Gonzales	Taylor Veltre, Reegan Veltre , Rylie Veltre	I dont see the need to rush to full time with covid rising. I think it would be a better choice to wait till after winter break to reevaluate and plan for a safe return to class then, if safe to do so.
177	Rachel Corbin	Parent of students at Carlton Oaks	I strongly disagree with the schools re-opening for full days on 11/30/20. This is not the time to increase the amount of students in the classroom and for a longer period of time as the pandemic is at its worst yet and is continuing to worsen. They predicted this and the schools should act accordingly and take it seriously. If you are not going to reconsider, please offer a home study for the students whose parents are not comfortable. It should not be a surprise that there has been a sharp incline of COVID cases in the county. In East County we saw numerous families gathering with people outside their households and trick-or-treating without masks. If that's any indicator how families will treat Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's we're looking at continued increases in cases in the next few months as the medical experts are predicting.
178	Jennifer Porter	Student	Thank you to the board for acknowledging the need to review the re-opening plans now that cases have increased around the county. Please consider that we can keep more teachers, students, and families healthy if we keep the current schedule until after the holidays. We have had a successful experience with the hybrid model so far this year. I feel this mitigates risk by keeping classes small, students spread out, and limiting time of exposure. The classes are now going to double in both size and length immediately after the Thanksgiving holiday. It is very likely that many families may gather in larger groups for the holiday. I think this could increase the chance of positive cases in the district. Students are only in class for another 3 weeks until they break for the holidays and gather with family yet again. What are the negative repercussions for keeping the schedule as is for only 3 more school weeks this year? Let's see what things look like in January instead and plan for a solid start to the new year after the holidays. For my own family's sake, I no longer want my son attending school in person as it is not worth the risk of getting his grandparents sick, who help watch the kids so my husband and I can work. I also think we are putting a lot of stress on teachers, who have to manage larger class sizes. I still haven't figured out how Kindergarten teachers are going to keep 25 children separated and in masks all day. When I try to imagine it, I think that kids would look happier and more free in their smaller hybrid cohorts. Please, let's take care of our teachers and elderly family members and keep what works.
179	Shannon Rowe	Parents and children	I can understand the concerns some people have about the questionable increase in cases that are being reported. We all need to take into consideration that more people are being tested and with more testing, there are more reported results. Putting aside all the opinions about the testing and results, what we need to take into consideration is our children's need for an education. The schools are doing a great job in taking precautions for their safety and our children need full-time teaching. If we want to have a generation that is not special education, we need to get our children full-time teaching by our outstanding teachers. Thank you.
180	Michelle Johansen	Teachers	First, I would like to thank you for having this special meeting. This is important for all involved and the fact that you are willing to take the time to reevaluate this is wonderful. Yes, we will have 3 weeks if we stay on Nov. 30th, however, once we have retaught the rules and procedures with the whole group and did the fun things the week before Winter break there is not very much time. We need to be able to adapt and adjust. Just because you feel one way does not mean it is the right way. I

			understand that not everyone will get their way, but just as parents and teachers do, we adapt. We have adapted to every change that you have thrown at us. I feel that the board also needs to adapt and realize that things change and not be stuck with "This is the way it is!" Thank you
181	Sarah Lathers	Myself	I urge the board and Dr. Baranski to consider the severity of this illness, especially given the rising numbers in both San Diego and Santee, when discussing a full reopening. I do not believe setting a date for full reopening is feasible until after we see how case numbers are affected due to the holidays. I strongly encourage you to halt plans for a full reopening or for setting a full reopening date until the January board meeting. Please know that my students are thriving in the hybrid model. The ability for me to have much more personal time with my students, due to the lower class sizes, has not only strengthened my relationship with them, but is also helping me to produce some of my best writers and mathematicians in years!
182	Ellen Silver	Marc and Monique Silver	As a grandmother of many elementary school children, I feel that going back to school is a detriment to these children. COVID has gotten worse in November and why should they be put in harms way. Also for children that have special needs why send them to a different school or district. Anxiety plays a big part in most children. Please let's do virtual learning until we get a vaccine and some control over this virus. Thank you for you consideration on this subject.
183	Annette Luong		I understand in person schooling is extremely beneficial academically and emotionally for the kids. I know my kids definitely benefit from in person schooling. My concern is the school has taken precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 with modified schedules/accommodation that still resulted in 3 positive cases at the school. With the current school schedule there are less students at the school at one time. With the school returning to full re-opening there would be more students and staffs which means a higher chance of exposure. If restaurants are not allowing for in restaurant dining, gyms not allowing indoor workouts, theaters not open, even with social distancing and mask then how can we ensure kids and staff to be safe in an enclosed space?
184	Heather Fuentes		Please reconsider the full reopening of our schools. Our county has entered the purple tier-this is not the time to move forward with mixing cohorts. Students are catching up on their learning loss with this hybrid model and we have been able to do so safely. The benefits of full day reopening do NOT outweigh the risks. Please reconsider the full reopening on 11/30.
185	Sidni Olea	Myself/family	I'm unclear why there is even a question about keeping the status quo or closing all together, this seems to be the safest course to stay on at this point. Are we up against a time line that we are unaware of? Why risk teachers, staff, students, and everyone's family with the cases being exponentially higher than when the decision to reopen full time 11/30 was made? And why risk it during a time when people will be coming from celebrating the holidays with extended family. Can we please stop all the back and forth and agree that the best time to consider full time school for the children is mid January? Once the holidays are over and a two week holding period for symptoms to become evident.
186	Erin Enslow		As San Diego enters the purple tier again, I am wondering why the board still is moving forward with bringing all students back in the classroom at the same time. Right now with the smaller class sizes I am able to manage student behaviors and maximize learning while still maintaining a somewhat "normal" classroom feeling. I'm asking that you please keep the AM/PM model so that we can continue to foster a love of learning during the weirdest time of our lives.
187	Donna Weaver	Staff and students	Santee School District Board- I'm asking you to please reconsider pushing the full return date until January, at the very earliest. While the county's numbers are rising putting us back into the purple tier, our teachers have gone above and beyond to make this hybrid model successful. Our students are happy, they are able to see their friends and teachers in person, and the smaller class sizes allow the maximum amount of learning while still ensuring safety. Please, for the safety of our staff, students, and families, delay the full day return until after the holidays.
188	Dennae Lovell	Teachers	First, I would like to personally thank Ken Fox for taking teachers, staff and parents concerns about returning on November 30th. I don't see the need to rush a full day reopening at this time for many reasons. • Students are thriving and excited to be at school learning EVERYDAY in the classroom. • Potential exposure to COVID 19 during the holiday season while many families will be traveling and meeting with extended family puts students and staff at risk. • The smaller class size makes it so teachers can focus on individual students and the needs they have. This will no longer be the case when we go back to having 24-30 students in class. This schedule has allowed staff the opportunity to be able to work with each student on a more personalized,



			individual level. • We will never have this opportunity again to have such small groupings of kids to work with. Why rush this when it is such a positive thing to happen during such an awful time? • January 19th will be 15 days after the holiday break where students may be exposed to show symptoms, so only an AM or PM cohort would need to quarantine, rather than the whole class. Again, I hope you will consider the January date at the emergency board meeting because a delayed full opening is in the best interests of students and staff.
189	Charlene Alsbaugh	parent	Within days of each other we received notices from both my son's school and my daughter's high school that they were both in a direct exposure group. We are fortunate that they both had a negative test results and have not sick, but it is clear that the virus is more active in Santee than we would like to admit. While my son is doing better academically since returning to campus and I would love for him to have more direct instruction time, I don't think the timing is appropriate to increase the number of students that are in the classroom at the same time.
190	Michelle Chase	Teacher	I have been a teacher in Santee School District for over 20 years. I love our district and how we always put students first. I am concerned however, about reopening on November 30 under these conditions. I am thankful that our district is putting so many measures in place to help keep out kids safe, however, I am very concerned about the plexiglass barriers that were installed at our site yesterday. They are a physical safety issue. Right now, with only 12 students in my class, we have difficulty getting to the door. We need to go through other students' desk spaces to get to the door and can only do this because half of the class isn't here and their chairs are pushed in. When all of my students return and are sitting in those chairs with backpacks on the backs of the chairs, there will be limited access to get to the door quickly in the event of a fire, earthquake, or other disaster. We are putting students at great risk because they will not be able to evacuate quickly. This has created a very unsafe environment for students and teachers. I am also concerned that we are being encouraged to not have Thanksgiving gatherings with our own families, yet we are about to put 20+ students from all different families in one classroom all day breathing the same air. We are sending a mixed message. Please reconsider reopening with all students in class together until we can do so under normal conditions. Thank you.
191	Kirstin Peters	Parents of children in the district	I am a parent of 3 children in the district and reside in a household in which both parents have been required to continue working in person essential worker positions during the pandemic. As hard as it has been to juggle distance learning and alternate work schedules I feel the option that provides the most stability, mental health benefits and safety for our children, school staff and families is to continue with the AM/PM hybrid model until community spread is flattened and/or declining. I feel coupling the Holiday season during COVID Fatigue and the initiation of fulltime classroom attendance is irresponsible. The extra time spent at school would include a lunch break, fresh air break and most likely the use of i-pad apps our children are already doing at home. I do not feel keeping our children at school for a longer period of time will benefit them in anyway and may lead to an increased impression that they do not need to abide by public health recommendations and guidance.
192	Mary Singh		There is no need to rush into a full reopening with the case rate being at an all time high and a huge gathering holiday (Thanksgiving) just days before full time classes should start. The kids are already benefiting from attending in person in small cohort groups in which they are able to stay 6 ft apart but still have in person instruction and some social interactions. It seems reckless to not hold off on a full time reopening especially through the holidays like all other districts have decided, it's what is safest for not only the children but for the teacher, staff, and families of these children. I really hope Santee School Districts considers holding off on the full reopening until sometime after the new year.
193	Kelli McGowan	Pepper Drive	I do not believe that we are in a position to return to full class size at this time. My daughter was sent home due to a positive case in her class, this was a big disruption to our schedule and our teachers. My suspicion is that this will not be the first time, certainly if we are expected to return full time.
194	Ben Coon		I haven't seen and continue to not see anything that would warrant continuing to subject children to lockdown measures. They aren't being harmed by this virus, only by the overreach our government continues to demonstrate by closing down parks, schools, early on the closing of clinics and canceling of medical procedures, etc.. We are more than capable of operating during these times in a safe manner (i.e. staying away from family members who are in the true at

		<p>risk groups) with gov agencies taking an advisory role, not strong arming us. We don't need to place harmful lockdown measures on kids. I'm confident that those who may be afraid to work in the schools can be accommodated, but the best possible practices for kids education should remain. Subjecting them to anything less and the economic and mental health issues that go along with that should be avoided. Our kids well-being and education is essential, and so are all of our jobs. Please keep schools open, we're not in the middle of a case-demic. Cases may be up, but pretty much all other indicators are down.</p>
195	Lisa Kenyon	<p>With all due respect to Dr. Baranski and the Board-We need to look at the facts not "I think" or "I believe". 1) There are 3.3 million people in SD, 66,382 cases, which is .02% of the population. 2) Abuse, suicide, depression, anxiety in kids has gone up significantly (statistics can be found online) not just in US. 3) Most parents have exposed their kids to family, friends, people at stores, etc. 4) Approx 85% of Santee families want their kids back in school. Typically the minority objects the loudest that is why I decided to comment for the other side. 5) The video posted on our website from Rady's hospital says child transmission is low. Those are the facts. I hope that's what you base your decision on. Thank you for your time!</p>
196	Brenden Darsey	<p>Please reconsider reopening schools on 11/30. This country is dealing with a significant outbreak, opening more things will only make it worse. Kids, teachers, and the families will be put at risk by doing this. Also, it doesn't exclusively impact people that attend school, it impacts the entire community. We all use the same grocery and convenient stores. We all use the same restaurants and shops. Please consider pushing back reopening the schools until at least, after the holidays. Everyone's safety is at risk.</p>
197	Ryan Darsey	<p>This board should be putting the health and lives of children and teachers first. It is appalling to force children and teachers to return to the classroom during a deadly pandemic and when San Diego County has gone into the purple tier. This is not political this is about public health and doing the right thing. It is completely irresponsible to not put the lives of children and teachers first. Do the right thing.</p>
198	Julia Partridge	<p>Given the increase COVID 19 cases and the expected increase in community spread after the holidays due to family gatherings, I am against moving to the next phase of the reopening. While I understand the challenges of having children home for half a day, the answer to those issues would be to provide working parents with more support for the times when their children are not at school, rather than to bring all children back when infection rates are as high as they are. I note that disruptions due to exposure and quarantining will also be disruptive to a parents' work schedule, as there is no way to plan for exposure, whereas one can plan around a set hybrid school schedule. I understand that there are some in this community that think the virus is "not that bad" or that because children are generally in the low-risk category schools should be able to reopen, but the fact is children DO get sick, and some get very ill, and nobody knows whether their child will fall into this category until they become ill. These considerations are, of course, in addition to the consideration of the health and wellbeing of the faculty and staff, some of whom are older, in high risk categories, or live with at risk individuals. Multiple schools in our local area have had to close after reopening due to COVID exposure. Whole school districts across the country are shutting down to prevent further community spread. Why are we not learning from their experiences and staying in the current phase? Finally, if there is a plan to fully reopen, there should be a robust plan for frequent testing of students, staff, and faculty. Early detection and quarantining would go a long way in keeping the virus at bay.</p>
199	Jessica Graves	<p>1st grade daughter at Hill Creek</p> <p>Opening the district to full days of learning is playing a dangerous game. As you know, positive Covid cases are turning up in record numbers across the county and the nation. Several school districts across the nation have already cancelled in-person school completely including those in Michigan and New York. Just today, SDSU has cancelled all in-person classes for the rest of the semester. My concerns include the following: all students starting at the same time every day, the inconsistent schedules that are going to happen when classrooms have to quarantine, and unknown long-term health effects Covid exposure will have on our children. All students starting at the same time dramatically increases foot traffic which will dramatically increase the risk of exposure for everyone to Covid. I see parents every day at pick up and drop off not wearing masks on school property, yet dropping their child off right at the gate. Next, young children need consistency in their lives to thrive and learn. It's already hard enough on them not being able to live their lives as they normally would be able to. Having to flip flop back and forth to quarantine is going to hinder all of our children's ability to successfully complete this school year. Last is the concern for long-term effects on health due to Covid exposure. We are already seeing that "cured" patients are still holding Covid cells in organs like the heart causing major health complications such as Myocarditis and Atrial Fibrillation. We've seen Covid patients that</p>

			were other wise very healthy individuals getting double lung transplants due to this illness. We simply cannot sacrifice our children to be statistical guinea pigs. Our children have been able to ward off this virus because we hae been making the right decisions, up until now, to keep them safe. I strongly urge the borad to seriously reconsider the decision to open to full-time learning. Our children's and families lives depend on it.
200	Julie Mattas		the county metrics now have closed all indoor activities and how is it safe to have a full class of 25+ kids in a room if everything has to be outdoors? Im considered at risk and it makes me very nervous for other people at risk as well as to what the kids would be bringing home from being exposed to such large numbers in classes
201	Chris Peter	Ethan Escudero	Our grandson, Ethan Escudero, attends 1st grade at Rio Seco School. My wife and I, who are both over 65 with underlying health conditions, take care of him in our home after school and help him with his homework and distance learning. We are quite concerned that he could become infected with COVID-19 if full time classes with all students present resumes. I am a PhD microbiologist with more than 36 years of experience working in public health as Director of the San Diego County Public Health Laboratory and also as a consultant for the CDC. It is my belief that you should not resume full time classes because the risk of spreading COVID-19 into the community through infected students is much too high.
202	Nancy Bobo		With COVID-19 numbers increasing so much recently, I feel this is a terrible time to have full in-person classes. It isn't safe for students, teachers, or parents.
203	R Brown	Pride academy	We have had an incredible success rate opening up the school as we have. There have been no cases reported this entire time with kids in the after school care since it was reopened at the first point of covid, and remains successful. If Newsom can be at a party, we can educate our children that have suffered long enough. Our children need socialization. This means even just being in the presence of others. Many children suffer from anxiety and depression and need a sense of normalcy. Its also hard on working parents to juggle at 2 hour work day. I think we should re open the school as was scheduled
204	Danielyn Flores		As a parent that experienced a level 3 quarantine I feel that it is too early to reopen. If we continue to escalate on the number of positive in the county, why would we fully reopen if its worse than when it started? or even back to square one? We should continue to take the measures needed to do hybrid learning until numbers are down so the risk is lower overall. Especially if we dont have the option to change our mind and have our hybrid learner go to full on distance learning at this moment.
205	Betty Grable	teacher	I implore you to reconsider your decision to bring back all students to school Nov. 30th. It is irresponsible and illogical to bring students back to school at full capacity while the community around us is tightening restrictions. The school board isn't even having opening meetings, employees cannot and walk into the district offices to pick up or drop off documents, paychecks etc. yet it's acceptable to bring student back to campus full time and full capacity. It makes no sense. The hybrid model we have allows students to be at school in a safer manner and it works well. It would be awful to have to shut schools down and go back to distance learning, no one especially teachers, wants that. Hybrid is harder and more planning and work for teachers but we are happy to do it because it's working and we despise distance learning. Please help stay in the classroom safely with our students. Please show you care about students AND teachers.
206	Veronica Vanderhyde		The benefits for having kids back in school full time outweigh the minimal risk for having them at school full time with a full classroom. Our children need to be back in school learning full time. Please continue with the plans to have them go back on November 30th, as planned. Thank you.
207	Sharlyn Rocha	Ryan Rocha	Please, let our children go back to school full time. Those who do not want to attend have that choice. Our choice to attend school should not be taken away from us. It is damaging for children to be denied education and hurts them in their learning and psychological development. Covid is not dangerous to most people and those who are at risk can isolate. Our children need to be with their classmates and their teachers. Please, allow us that right.
208	Ashley Mullins		Please continue with the plan to return to full-time in person learning on November 30th. Our children need full time instruction from an actual teacher, rather than relying on parents who are not trained and certified to teach the subjects being taught. We are watching our children fall behind, and it will only get worse the longer we prevent them from returning to a full day at school. Please let our children's education be a focus before their regression has amounted to so much they can't



			manage to get caught up to standards. Our school, Sycamore Canyon, is doing an incredible job implementing safety procedures, and I believe they are fully capable of maintaining a safe atmosphere for our children, as well as staff, with full days. If we believe in the science of masks and social distancing, we should be comfortable letting our children return with the plan as scheduled, knowing they are masked and distanced to the standard set by the CDC.
209	Krista Dupps	Myself	It has been very beneficial for my children to have the opportunity to be back in school under the current am/pm hybrid model. We have been looking forward to returning to full day on campus instruction as well. We would be in favor of the district moving forward with full day campus instruction with all of the planned pre-cautions. If that is not possible, we would then alternatively be in favor of staying with the current am/pm hybrid model. We feel that there are real benefits to the children being able to be in school if that is appropriate for their particular family situation. Additionally, we feel that the school and the district have done a good job of putting sufficient health protocols in place that makes the school a safe place to be.
210	Megan Houfek	Teachers	I am frustrated with the board's decision to move forward with a full return to school on November 30th. Cases are rising in San Diego and things are shutting back down to help slow the spread, so it seems irresponsible to increase the number of students in a classroom as well as the amount of time they are in the classroom each day. Why put students and teachers at higher risk when we currently have a plan that is working and is allowing for kids to be in the classroom? It is upsetting to hear that the board does not think we are providing our students with a quality education simply because we are on a half day schedule. My students are all currently getting more one on one support and individualized instruction on a daily basis than they ever have with a full class of 24. With the smaller class size, teachers are able to spend more time supporting and getting to know our students. I have seen so much growth academically and socially so far this school year and would urge the Board to reach out and hear from teachers if they still think that we cannot be successful in providing a quality education for students with this hybrid model. Sitting in a desk wearing a mask for 6 hours is not what is best for students. I am so proud of how my kindergartners are handling wearing masks and staying at their desk for 2 hours and 45 minutes, but I think it is unfair to expect them to do this for 6 hours every day while also receiving less one on one interaction from their teacher. They will not get recess or the opportunity to play with friends, they will not be allowed to gather on the rug for a story or enjoy the benefits of flexible seating but will instead sit at a desk in a mask behind plexiglass all day. We are doing a disservice to our students if we rush to return full day before it is safe to do so. I believe that pushing back the opening date to January 19th is best. It will allow us to see how the numbers look two weeks after our holiday breaks and will give the district more time to prepare for a successful reopening.
211	Brittany Dishler	Two daughters 3rd and 6th grade	I sincerely hope that the school moves forward with the reopening of school as planned. I can speak for my girls when I say they need the personal interaction with teachers and class mates. I am a working essential employee and single mom. I provide as much help as I can for my girls at home but a lot of what my 6 year old comes home with I can not help her with. Also I have seen a significant improvement in there grades and learning since we have returned to school. My youngest daughters reading level fell during the quarantine and she is now just starting to pick it back up to be at grade level. I know in speaking to my daughters who attend Chet F Harritt that the school has been very good at keeping safety protocols upheld and distance between students. I understand there could be some concern but I believe that not moving forward could cause more harm to our children then not. We can resume studies at school, be safe and succeed in improving the education of our kids.
212	Jack Smith	Virginia Smith	While I understand that there has been an increase in COVID-19 cases across the county, I am also aware that a vast majority of them are affecting the 20-29 year old demographic, which I understand to among the least vulnerable to the virus. I am also routine checking on the Santee School District site and not see an uptick in the number of cases among students or staff. I would enthusiastically endorse maintaining the plan to open schools further on the 30th.
213	Crystal Chouinard	Parent	I was so relieved at Tuesday's meeting when you decided to revisit the date to return to a full day schedule. I understand how hard it must be to make this decision and I am sure it is a heavy and stressful burden to carry. I know that you all have the best interests of Santee children in mind and for that I thank you. It is true that Santee is still in the red tier but we do not live in a

Santee bubble or even a red tier bubble. Most of the cities around us are in the purple tier and as mentioned in the last meeting not all staff and students live in Santee. I see parents not wearing masks during drop off and pick up and I worry about the poor choices that families might make over the upcoming holidays. A recent survey found that nearly 40 percent of Americans say they will likely attend a gathering with more than 10 people, and 33 percent of those surveyed will not ask their guests to wear masks. This makes this year's Thanksgiving holiday a potential super spreader event. I would hate for our teachers, students, and families to suffer from the impact of Thanksgiving in addition to returning to a full day schedule. As mentioned in Tuesday's meeting, there hasn't been a parent survey since June/July. I think it would be wise to postpone the return to a full day schedule, conduct a parent survey to determine the feelings and needs of our Santee families, and continue to discuss the best date to return, ideally after the holidays in mid/late January. I would suggest you continue to move forward with adding the additional safety measures (shields for desks, lunch tables, etc.) and give teachers and students time to adjust and work with these new protective measures while in the safety of the smaller am/pm hybrid classes. Change is hard for all of us and we are all dealing with so much change and stress right now. Please don't add the additional change and stress to our teachers, students, and families when the hybrid model is working. We received my son's report card and he is doing great. I was so worried that he would be behind due to distance learning and summer learning loss but he has bounced back beautifully in the hybrid. I realize that this might not be the case for every student but I felt it was worth mentioning. As you continue to move forward please consider increasing the communication, signage, and enforcement of masks to parents. We have to work together as a community to keep everyone safe and high-quality education for our kids. Thank you for doing your part to provide a great education to our kids while keeping them, their teachers, and our community as a whole safe.

214	Robert Arnold		I think reopening full time should be considered for January 2021.
215	Diana Deckert		On Tuesday, prior to our knowledge of this meeting, my 13 year old and I were just discussing how and why Santee school district might bring back all students together, after Thanksgiving. It's not clear to us how students would be able to distance themselves, when there will be twice as many present as there are now. Moving forward with re-opening just seems counter-intuitive, when Covid cases are rising exponentially. My daughter even asked me to send a letter to the district! It is rare that my teenager and I so readily agree about something. We do not think that school should re-open any further.
216	Kaitlyn F	3rd Grade Student	I urge you to reconsider a full re-opening and move to January. I am anxious to have my kids back, and I applaud your efforts so far, but no is NOT the right time. I fear that opening during a time when cases are on the rise is negligent. I also worry that although my family is safe, others are not. That if a kid from my daughter's class comes in sick, that she will be out quarantining over the Christmas and missing yet another holiday with her family. So much has been taken away from them. Waiting 4 weeks will be well worth it! In all honesty, most kids "check out" mentally as winter break nears and very little education is absorbed. January would be so much better for millions of reasons.
217	John M	Choice	The best thing about America is freedom. Choice. I won't make unfounded claims about my "feelings" or the "potential disaster"(remember in March when the gov said millions of Californians would die?). Instead, my comment is to encourage the board not to delay the start of full time for the children who want to go back full time, while also allowing for the parents who don't, to go full time from home. Giving people choices will always allow for the highest amount of satisfaction amongst your audience. It is odd, that if people are afraid of disease spreading, that the thought process is half day won't spread it but a full day will. Covid doesn't come out after 3 hours. That logic is erroneous. Please, allow people to choose. Don't force anyone to do anything that they don't want. I would suggest taking the hybrid off the table. Full time in person or in home. And if the situation is so dire, the kids shouldn't be in there at all.
218	Stephanie Ramos	Gordon Ramos	As both a mother of a Rio Seco student and a scientist for an organization researching COVID-19 and developing a vaccine, I strongly discourage reopening schools to regular full-time schedules. Rather than the hoped for decrease in infection rates, we are now seeing steady rate increases that are only bound to increase further with the approaching holidays and colder weather combined with reduced mask use and household isolation we're seeing over time. It would be far more sensible and safer to

			wait until after the holiday season, when social distancing is bound to breakdown, to reopen after evaluation of infection rates. If schools are reopened before and during, and then we see further infection rate increases, it would be too late to turn back the clock and prevent potential spread throughout our schools and to our children's susceptible relatives, neighbors, and friends.
219	Rob Fox	Gavin and Ava Fox, students at Chet Harritt	While cases may be rising 'dramatically', deaths are not. Throughout this 'pandemic' the IFR (infected fatality rate) among age groups 0-65 has been an average of 1.2% or 98.8% survival rate. Children through this crisis have never suffered substantial mortality rates from this virus and it has been shown that they are not the super spreaders that they were thought to be. In addition, what the County and CDC are not telling us, is that the PCR test that is causing all these positive results doesn't differentiate between COVID, SARS, MERS, H1N1, the flu or the common cold. A positive case can mean being positive for any one of those maladies. Furthermore the vast majority of these cases experienced extremely mild symptoms or were completely asymptomatic. By the CDC's own data, anyone can infer that this virus has been completely overblown, highly politicized and is no more deadly than seasonal flu when taken into account that only a small number of the covid death toll died 'from' the virus as opposed to 'with' it. That distinction is important because by our own county medical officer's admission, as well as several others, people who die in car accidents, are in hospice or die by other means will be listed as COVID deaths just because they incidentally has the virus antibodies in their system. What has not been in question throughout all this is the impact on our children: mentally, physically and emotionally. Our children are suffering needlessly while we keep schools closed or on modified schedules that come nowhere close to fulfilling their educational and social needs as they learn and develop. The crisis is not Covid-19, instead it is the suicides, drug use, lack of social interactions, domestic abuse and failure to be provided an education which is the crisis. Our children need their schools open! The WHO has even come out and said lockdowns do not work and are detrimental to society in all aspects. Multiple European countries have successfully kept their schools open throughout all this without death rates soaring as the fear mongering media would have you believe. In short, open schools NOW!
220	Amy Adams	Concerned Parents	We strongly urge the Board to pause on reopening schools 'fulltime' with full classes, until after the Holiday season. Please allow 15 days POST Holidays before returning to school fulltime as well. This will help limit the risk of further spreading covid. Family and friends will be gathering over the Holidays, and by delaying full time return until January 19th or later, will help minimize the risk of further virus spread associated with full classrooms. This hybrid model has been working really well! Kids are getting quality, focused time with their teachers. Please Listen to the teachers, who are on the frontline. The teachers and the school administrators are putting in the hard work! Teachers are expressing their concerns that their classrooms are not ready. Why the rush to get back to fulltime, when we can delay until after the Holidays and have greater peace of mind, while our children are still receiving quality instruction. Thank you for your consideration.
221	Kay Richards	I am 100% in favor of schools reopening, in particular CAJON PARK ELEMENTARY in Santee, CA. My daughter is in 5th grade there. I feel she is completely safe there and have complete trust in the principal and the teachers there. I know they have the welfare of the children and their parents with the decision to open fully on NOV 30, 2020.	
222	Helen Rosati	Teacher	I strongly urge you to extend the current hybrid model, long enough for the declining infection rate to no longer disrupt or interfere with the educational process. Moving forward will create more instability as COVID cases increase and classes are forced to shutdown. Vista Unified School District chose to return to full time in-person. In three weeks, they had to close five campuses. These shutdowns are not only emotionally distressing for students and teachers, it also disrupts their learning. Our students need as much stability as possible and increasing class capacity will only increase the instances of class shutdowns, thus negatively impacting the "fragile normalcy" we are trying to create. Please consider not reopening until after Winter Break, after the effects from the holiday gatherings have been assessed and the county is no longer in purple tier.
223	Desiree Holdeman	Jack and James	The schedule as of right now works best for my family of 5. I am so very thankful that our district is at least doing a hybrid schedule compared to other districts. I am also concerned with going full time as cases are increasing and risking a complete



			shutdown. Both parents are in law enforcement (no work from home option) we are so fortunate the hybrid schedule has been working!!!!!! We'd really hate to screw it up now...
224	Elizabeth Butterfield	Retired Santee Teacher	One of the most powerful tools of a school board is the ability to acknowledge that circumstances may have changed and to adapt to that change. Six weeks ago it may have seemed reasonable to consider November 30 as a date to move to full time. However, it is now clear that San Diego county is experiencing a surge in covid cases and has moved back into the most restrictive tier. It is clear that the most prudent choice would be to push back the opening date to mid January, when this current wave has subsided. Meanwhile, we trust in our teachers and administrators to provide a quality education to our students, as we always have. They are the heroes in this battle against covid. Let's support them with a wise choice.
225	Christine Hartpence	Self	I strongly feel it is of the utmost importance that we allow our children to return to full time schedules starting November 30th.. Even the middle school ages! There's no reason you can't have physical education time with socially distanced outside activities. I also don't understand why electives can't be offered as well.
226	Larry Hartpence	My Children	I strongly believe the district should continue forward with its reopening plan to send children to school full days starting Nov 30th 2020. The district has done a great job adhering to guidelines and establishing regulations to keep them safe. If we always wait for everything to be totally safe, we will never go be able to go back. The district has gone to great strides to help prevent any spread of covid or any sickness for that matter, and must stand firm in continuing down its current path to reopen. I strongly urge the board to maintain the established decision to go to full school days.
227	Rebecca Smith	Parents of a student in Santee School district	We are and have been watching the statistic posted in the Covid Dashboard at the Santee School District website. We are thankful that this information is here and available. It gives us the ability to make an educated decision for the health of our child, instead of guessing and only receiving updates through the media, as most of our friends in the San Diego School district. Given the data we've seen here, coupled with the outside statistics and what we know of the Corona Virus and its effects on children, our family is comfortable with our school district continuing down the path of reopening fully on November 30. We see the statistics of the county on a whole and feel that the decision being made by lawmakers is not out of the given scientific evidence. We can't take our leaders seriously. At the time of this very meeting, there is a group of 100 politicians from California and Texas whom have traveled to Hawaii for a conference. And I wonder how many parties the Governor has gone to and gotten away with, all the while tightening the noose on the businesses, schools and families of California. After all, his children go to a private school and are in school full time currently. As parents, we see and feel that the negative effects of not being in school, out weigh the the good. As with most parents in the community, we are a family where both parents have to work. In our experience this spring and then again the first part of this semester, the strain on our household to get everything done in a day was tremendous and, at times, detrimental to the fabric of our family. And we have 1 child. We can't imagine having multiple children in multiple levels of study. The pressures of our jobs did not go away. We used our work time to help our child with her school assignments, then continued on our own to find ways to fill in the gaps left by not having physical education, art, history, social studies, geography, reading etc. Once that part of our day was completed, usually around 3 or 4 pm, we would go to work at the jobs that pay the bills. We alternated the duties of parenting and work which left no time for FAMILY or ourselves. This left us resentful of each other and dare I say, truthfully, our child at times. We took ALOT of deep breaths and counted to 10 countless times. We are discouraged by what we see as fear mongering by the press and the government of California. There are other diseases more prevalent then Covid that are killing the citizens of California at a higher rate than Covid. Now that those illnesses are going untreated due to closures of clinics and dr. offices, its even more evident that the closures are NOT for our protection. New statistics show that the majority of cases are not coming from Bars, restaurants, gyms, or churches but from homes and in home gatherings where families have been forced. The recovery rate for this virus is 99.97% and I can live with that. Nobody talks about the recovery rate or the negative testing statistics which are in outer space compared to the number of people within the Santee School district that have been ill. Parents who do not want their children to be exposed to Covid still have the ability to keep their children at home for online learning. Give everyone the

			opportunity to make that decision now based on what ever new data you are offering. We want our daughter to stay in school and to continue back, as close as we can, to her normal life. Thank you
228	Marcel Williamson	We are not comfortable with transitioning to full time in person Nov 30th. The numbers are increasing, we are now in purple. We have already been exposed with kids testing positive on a part-time basis and will only increase with everybody retiring to full-time.	
229	Karen Nylund-Lieb	My two children who attend Carlton Oaks	I am very concerned about the decision to reopen at full student capacity while cases are rising so rapidly in the county and state. There is a very real possibility of students returning on November 30th after gathering with large families and friends for the holiday, as we witnessed by the large number of county cases happening after Halloween. Doesn't it make more sense to keep our children in their smaller cohorts for three more weeks, then do our best to get through the holidays safely so the kids can return full time in January? If we all do our part, we will see case numbers lower at which point the district could safely reassess the full reopening upon returning in January.
230	Napoli	The only way to get through this is to push through it. The kids NEED school! Statistics show Covid can be serious for elderly only. Closing schools or moving to online will do serious damage to the fabric of our youth and communities. Let's treat this according to the numbers which are close to the flu and live our lives. We are all free Americans that want the same thing. Come on everyone, the answer is clear as the day is beautiful, OPEN UP!	
231	Rosemarie Lambert	Makayla Sampson	We prefer to send the children to school with the precautions of face mask and distancing
232	Sandra		A slower more balanced approach (staying hybrid) is the right choice. Teachers do not feel safe with a full reopening on Nov. 30. Safety should always come first!
233	njenga	Parent	Several covid cases has been reported in our schools and the health of our children is paramount.Let revert to online classes until the safety of our children is guaranteed.We are putting our teachers /children at risk Please save our children! .
234	Robert	My wife	My wife does not feel safe teaching with the full reopening plan. All of her colleagues feel the same as she does about continuing with hybrid only until a vaccine is widely available to keep everyone safe!
235	Bonnie Wilson	Teachers, Students and Family Members	Good afternoon Board Members, My name is Bonnie Wilson, and I am a Santee resident and the parent of 4 children who attended school in the Santee School District from Kindergarten through 8th grade. My oldest daughter is currently a teacher at Rio Seco for students with special needs. Her desire to teach is a direct result of the education and mentoring she received over the years as a student in the district. During my time as a parent of students in this district, it was consistently encouraging to see our school staff, teachers, families and board members (at that time) work together to provide a healthy, positive and safe learning environment for both students, their teachers and the school communities. These people were always forward thinking with the student's and teacher's best interest in mind. It is disheartening to see, hear and read about such a drastic change to this once healthy relationship between the groups that comprise our schools and community. As a member of this community, I am concerned now more than ever, of the board's plan to reopen fulltime on November 30th, especially considering the recent rapid increase of COVID-19 19 cases and the County being moved into the Purple Tier. I would ask that you please reconsider this reopen date until after the winter cold-flu season and once the County has moved into a safer tier. It is careless to push this reopen date when the schools are already challenged to meet the safety guidelines in the reopening plans as posted on the district website. Only one school in the district has had plexi glass barriers installed on student's desks, and this installation process just began on Tuesday, November 17th. It should be noted that these barriers are only being installed in general education classrooms, the special education students are not being provided this critical safety measure. Additionally, and of equal importance, is the fact that the communication from the district regarding these barriers and classroom conditions-modifications do not specify that special education classrooms will be excluded. Rather, these communications would lead the parent of a student with special needs to believe that every precaution provided to the general education population would also be made available to their students, when in fact, they are not. Teachers have risen to the occasion to provide meaningful instruction at a time when going to work can be literally life-threatening for some and their families. This threat is real for my daughter, as her father (my husband) has been undergoing treatment for cancer during this

			<p>pandemic and her ability to spend time with him is hindered by all the extra precautions she must take just to see him given the risks she takes every day by going to work. This threat, for many, triggers anxiety in teachers and parents alike, only increasing the health risks of all involved. It seems reckless to push reopening when you consider the number of students, teachers and staff (households) interacting approximately 5+ hours a day when State and County guidelines recommend a total of 3 households at any given time should only meet outdoors, with masks and for a maximum of 2 hours (when gathering). It is odd, and particularly concerning that the board would push for fulltime reopening at a time such as this. I ask that you reconsider and postpone this plan. Respectfully, Bonnie Wilson</p>
236	Annette Saul	Annette Saul	<p>Santee has been a leader in opening schools during COVID. The hybrid schedule has been very difficult to navigate with multiple children but has been worth it. The increase in their grades has been tremendous as well as the increase in their happiness. The full time schedule is still not good enough for Junior High, but is better than the hybrid. Distance learning is not good for kids and is much more harmful than COVID. Please continue with full re-opening and consider a way for Junior High to get electives.</p>
237	Theresa Dowers	BRONSON DOWERS	<p>I was formerly a DOU/Cardiac nurse and as of 2/20 am now a nurse on the strictly COVID positive units at Sharp Grossmont. I would quickly like to share my opinion on the matter at hand. While I'm the first one to admit I was ecstatic that school was reopening in September I couldn't help but feel a bit of guilt sending my "vector" off to possibly infect others who were considered high risk seeing that I was treating or attempting to treat the same population of people. I have many friends who are educators and they differ in personal beliefs and opinions on going back to work. While I've been impressed with what was able to be accomplished quite frankly in what I thought was an impossible amount of time I think that we don't quite grasp what's ahead of us in the future months to come. Yes we know more, a tiny percentage more, nonetheless more than we did in the beginning about this Virus, I can attest to seeing a shift in who is becoming ill. My patients have gone from 70's and up all with comorbidities like COPD, diabetes, obesity etc. To an average age of 50 but I've also treated a number of patients in their 20's and 30's. The numbers could be read to say the death rate is dropping but that doesn't mean these patients aren't coming back within weeks to months and dying of illness due to the treatments they received ie bipap, ventilator use etc. Or that my 32 yr old who is now on 3L of oxygen at home like a 90 yr old man is at a higher risk of dying than most his age. I also am worried that my two sons are falling further and further behind because while I'm grateful to be working I work nights and trying to part time homeschool a 2nd grader and freshman in high school is laughable I weigh the risk vs benefits. My child's life vs. additional tutoring and summer school heck even repeating a grade is better than not graduating because they died from the virus. Or thinking that my lil booger covered germ infested 7 yr old who is possibly positive but asymptomatic sends it home to a classmate's loved one or his teacher and their family. I say this coming off a 14 day quarantine of my 7 yr old and isolation of my husband who tested positive. Nope I didn't bring it home from work he did and continued to work and not practice social distancing or masking while at home with us because he had NO CLUE his apprentice would come up positive. They are pipe fitters no workplace contact with COVID. Thankfully we all tested negative and he ended up only having 48 hours of fever and SOB before bouncing back but even for me who has seen it exposed myself to it knowingly, helped family say good bye to loved ones from 42 to 90 something yrs old, and wiped down bodies before zipping up body bags before wiping down the bag for the first of 3 wipe downs to transport downstairs to the morgue, it hit too close to home. I'm not sure we can go backwards at this point but I definitely don't think we need to be adding extra hours of possible transmission and exposure to the public. Thank you for the chance to have a voice regarding something so personal to me and I know that the decision is complex so I don't envy you but felt I needed to speak up.</p>
238	Devin cedergreen	Kylie and novalee cedergreen	<p>I do not think schools should reopen full time due to the number of cases at the school already and within the district. I think distance learning should be continued. It is hard to keep kids away from one another especially the young ones that don't understand. They want to play and have fun with each other. No matter how much myself or any other parents drills into them the importance of everything they are still kids and don't understand. We all have family and friends and want to social with each other and be together again but it's not the best time still. People are still getting sick and deaths are still happening. We</p>



			<p>need to protect each other and the elderly and those that are high risk. School is very important and I want nothing more than for my girls and all the other kids to be able to go to school and be themselves and have fun learning. Right now it's still not the best time even though we all want them to go back to learning and getting the social interaction that they need.</p>
239	Michelle McNearney	What is best for students	<p>Thank you for the consideration. Getting through holiday gatherings is going to be risky. Taking my responsibility to keep students safe and healthy serious, I plead with each of you to allow us to continue with the hybrid until we know that large gatherings are acceptable- that is, after all, what full day class is: 29 people indoors for over 5 hours. If I can worry less about that, quality learning can continue in Room 13! Our Kids are doing great!</p>
240	Shannon Ruddick	Mason ruddick	<p>I know our family and the families in the neighborhood were really looking forward to having full time school. We are for the opening and hope that this continues as scheduled</p>
241	Kristi Tague	Pepper Drive	<p>I'm all for my children being in school full time. Currently you need to show me your safety measures work. I think the plexiglass and tables should have been tested with the cohorts before going full time. Given our current environment and that the children only have 16 days left before going out on vacation what is the rush. Test the products show the parents they work and then in January they can come back full time. I've been one of those quarantined parents due to another child it's not easy and for my family it was traumatic because it meant my daughter missing out time with her cousin. 7 days missed from school for nothing fun and luckily their teachers were wonderful and still have assignments to complete but it was not fair they missed their friends and face to face education you are claiming every child needs. Mrs Ryan if 2020 has taught us anything it's we have to comprise and change at the drop of a hat. So please don't act like we're haven't all learned to adapt and change. Our children seem to be better at it than we are. Lastly, Mrs Baranski Pepper Drive has children from El Cajon not just Santee are their numbers as good? Did you only worry about Santee numbers? We are a community doing our best. Please show us the safety measures work then next year we will start to have confidence in you as our leaders. Thank you</p>
242	Nikki Horne	myself and my child	<p>I understand the need for families to have their children in school and of course full time is needed for most. I for one know that my child struggled during distance learning to the point he would beg daily if he could drop out of school. This is a child who normally excels in all subjects and enjoys attending. Since being back for the partial day he is much happier and beginning to excel again. I also realize that teachers in the classroom are able to get to know their students on a more personal level and interact with them more individually than before. Where Santee is doing things right is having every school offer the same program and requirements. The district I work in every school has a different plan and parents all over the district are in an uproar. What I don't care for is that our students are spaced apart approximately 6 feet and still cannot remove their masks while sitting at their desks and only get to take them off if they are standing outside at required distance. What the school I work at does is allow the children to take masks off if they choose while sitting at their desks. Many of the kids choose to keep them on but those that prefer to can take them off. As someone who works in a classroom I can tell you that it is often difficult to hear students with their mask on when they are talking. Many families are very cautious about covid and are worried about their students health. Why should the district rush sending them back near full time with the rising cases in the county? You the district and our families have made this work and it seems to be working fairly well. You'll never satisfy everyone, but the cases in our schools is very low and quickly controlled. Why not wait a little longer, our kiddos have had so many changes since March and have finally gotten into a much needed routine. Teachers are able to teach in the classroom effectively. Why risk everything everyone has worked so hard to accomplish. Keep the A/B groupings a little longer. At least until after winter break and when you can figure out how to offer recess and the ability to remove masks while sitting at desks and eating. Maybe take a look at what other schools in the district are doing. See what's working and not working elsewhere and where you can improve for our students and faculty. Feel free to contact me about things my district are doing. We should all be working together throughout our county. Thank you.</p>
243	Lisa Bowsman	Parent	<p>I feel it is not responsible to transition to full days at a time when covid cases are increasing and have resulted in San Diego Being placed in the most restrictive, purple tier. I have firsthand knowledge that I look up fast food establishment had an</p>

			employee test positive last week and as of today for workers have still not returned assuming that they have positive test. The most responsible decision is to wait until January for for reopening as we know people are going to travel during the Thanksgiving and winter break holidays why risk exposure by doubling class sizes and increasing the length e time that's higher numbers are together
244	Sarah Kirk		Please reconsider the full date start date. The staff and families are just not comfortable with the November 30th date as our county cases are spiking and we have been moved into the purple tier. Our town may be in the red tier, but most families do not just stay in Santee every day. The hybrid model is working and positive cases are staying low in our schools. We need to protect our children and staff. We need to respect that the staff and schools will struggle to accommodate full classrooms due to the size of the classrooms, too.
245	Cindy Frankenberger		I feel very safe with my Grandchild going back full time..I believe the School district has done a good job and will continue to keep the Children safe.. Nothing is perfect, but we must move forward....The Mental Health of our Children is as important as their physical health....They are already in School, adding the additional hour and a half in their School day will not change the Pandemic..
246	David Lee		We have to continue to open school for full time class to ensure student gets the education they deserve. Our student needs regular school time to keep learning what they need to learn. Online learning is not the solution for pandemic time.
247	Vanessa Orabuena	Noah J. Orabuena	How will social distancing be upheld if there will be about 28 students per class? How is that even safe, if cases are popping up like every few weeks right now (schoolwide) as it is even with the cohorts?
248	jennifer knoll	Summer Silver	It's hard to understand how education people can make such an uneducated decision and force families to send their loved ones back to school while COVID is on the rise. This is extremely dangerous for all involved from teachers, to students to their families. Children who suffer from anxiety will be left helpless and incapable of learning while putting themselves at risk in school. Why force this on people? Let families choose what is best for their when their family's health and well being is on the line.
249	Kierstin Losee	My Students	I feel that it might be good to wait until after the holidays to go back to school full time. I think mid January might be a good time to move from hybrid to full time school.
250	Jessica Deitchman	My Children and the Health and Safety of our students, educators, and community.	While I want life back to normal and my children to be at school playing with their friends, I am angry I have to beg for a school board's vote to keep our students safe. This hybrid system was a wonderful decision when it comes to the mental health and stability of our students. Although it is a bit of an inconvenience for parents, this system is WORKING (HUGE thank you teachers, who have sacrificed so much to make it work)! As far as a return to full capacity when we hit all time high COVID cases in San Diego County and holidays fast approaching, that should be an easy 'no' for every person on this board. It makes me sick to think that the safety of our educators, students, and community members would be a difficult decision for this board. With recent COVID 19 news, if you think this potentially lethal gamble of full capacity on November 30 is still a great idea, then please before you leave this meeting, provide alternatives for families who are concerned about the safety of their children. We have always tried to teach our students "what is popular is not always right, and what is right is not always popular", please step up to the plate and show our students that some people still do what is right.
251	Susan Starkey		My wonderful SDC students attend class from 9AM-2PM. Once time is taken for SLP/OT/APE services (30 minutes 2x weekly at least), breathing breaks (2x15=30 mins)hand washing (10 mins x 4=40minutes)and lunch( 30 minutes), their total average academic time is about 170-200 minutes, or just around 3 hours daily. My students are thriving within their shortened day, and this time frame is about the same as what their gen-ed counterparts are getting with the AM/PM model. With the meteoric rise in COVID cases in the US/CA/San Diego area, we would be wise to heed the logical steps that science says we should take in order for EVERYONE to stay healthy during this trying time, and not let our emotions demand from us otherwise. We all want to be back to normal, but normal has shifted-for now. State tests will not be the ultimate measure of how well school systems navigated this pandemic. Smart use of the tools available to us-classrooms with a minimum of students, mask wearing and handwashing, and most importantly, flexible thinking-surely will be the ultimate success. In short, I believe we should stay with the current school timeframe model through the holiday season and meet again in January to make continuing-and

			flexible-plans. Thank you for your time in this most important matter.
252	Donne Grable	Community Member	I would first like to start by commending the board, administration, teachers, and classified staff on the tremendous undertaking that has occurred during this pandemic in order to get our children back in school safely. Each of you deserves praise as you worked together to make this happen for our children. The AM/PM model has proven to be safe as it adheres to the guidance put forth at local, state, and national levels. While we would all love to see our children back full-time, I think it's imperative to analyze why there has been success and what could result in moving away from the guidance provided. There is simply no way to bring all of our children back together without going against this guidance. Classrooms are too small, circulation is not adequate, lunch areas are too small, there are not enough restrooms for social distancing, and pickup/drop-off cannot be done safely. Additionally, school nurses are already struggling with keeping up with half the kids. I'd like to remind the board that no business is at 100%. This school board can't even meet with an audience; yet some board members actually think bringing kids back full time is a good idea. Your teachers and classified staff have been nothing but supportive and have made the AM/PM model successful. Now these same people, the ones putting themselves at risk, are telling you the risk isn't worth it. They cannot provide a safe environment for the children or themselves. I employ you to make safety your highest priority, and keep the AM/PM model until we are able to take off masks and no longer social distance. Thank you and I trust you will make the right choice, which is the only choice.
253	Julie Scott		I am in favor of my child going back to school full time as initially planned. She is already very behind as are other students. Being face to face full time in the classroom is essential and critical for their social and cognitive development. This is hurting them and the families far more than the virus.
254	Krista Rosen	Teachers	To the Santee Board of Education, Please strongly reconsider the reopening of schools to full time instruction. It is simply unsafe for our staff and students and the conditions upon student's return are not great. First off, we are in the purple tier with record breaking numbers. With the holidays coming up and people being around family, I just don't see any way for these numbers to come down and for San Diego to slow the spread. I understand that Santee is in the "red tier," but Pepper Drive is in El Cajon and they are in the "purple tier." Not to mention that your staff comes from all parts of San Diego. Secondly, the conditions upon student's full return truly needs to be thought through a little more. Imagine your child or grandchild sitting in a seat with plexiglass on either side in a mask all day. There is no group work, small group or collaboration allowed during this time. Kids will be spaced in most cases 3-4 feet apart. With 100% of kids on campus it is hard to have them social distance in the hallways, or as we go outside for our mask breaks. The "mask breaks" will allow students to be outside, but no P.E., recess or equipment out at this time. As a teacher, and parent this just seems sad. I am so proud of our students for adapting to everything we have thrown their way this year, but at what cost? These conditions are just not worth it. Hybrid is working right now. The small cohorts allow for some wonderful things. In the event of a positive case, a smaller number of kids need to be quarantined. In class amazing things are happening. I am seeing students make leaps and bound. Kids are focused during this time on campus and are getting more individualized support. I urge you to really rethink the decision of November 30th. This is an unprecedented time and things change so rapidly. I understand parents need some timeline and this is hard for everyone, but coming back full time when it is safe is the most important. Most of your teachers are parents themselves and we empathize and understand, but safety is most important. We are just not ready. Is this really what is best for kids?
255	Laurie Rush	Myself	To the board, the parents, local media and all concerned santee community members. I would like to address a major concern that I have about the COVID-19 dashboard the district displays on the school district website. This dashboard is misleading in the way the covid cases are displayed. It is missing an important column where the total number of cases that have occurred since August 12, (the day the teachers reported). Those numbers have not been shared with the community. The cases are only listed for fourteen days. In August I reported to campus uneasy and afraid that the safety measures would fail. I was sent home to be quarantined on August 14th after being exposed at school. I was faced with the decision to quarantine by myself or risk



			bringing this into my home. I was never counted in the dashboard totals nor were the other 5 teachers who were sent home. By not showing the public how many total cases we have true transparency is not occurring, instead you are manipulating the statistics to show a low risk of spread. I urge you to be truly transparent and have an overall total of how many positive cases we have had thus far. With the increase in cases within our district, the increase in cases in Santee, the increase in cases in San Diego, the increases in California and the increase in the United States I hope you will do the responsible thing and put us back on remote learning because our campuses are not ready to safely bring students back.
256	Lorrie Abboud	Concerned parent and student	Our child is thriving in the current school schedule. Our family urges the school board to continue the hybrid schedule. Rio Seco had a positive case this week. Over the next two months there will be holiday gatherings and we are in the purple tier. These factors are make is illogical to double class sizes and exposure periods at this time. With a household member having an autoimmune disease, caution is a must. It's not worth risking even one life.
257	Haley Cydell	Teachers	I have and will continue to reiterate that it is not safe to return to full day instruction. Students will be less than 6 feet from one another, in a mask for 5 and a half hours a day, and unable to do PE or play outside. My biggest concern is that if exposed, entire classrooms will have to close at a time. What if 3 siblings get it in different grades? That immediately shuts down 3 entire classrooms. Our school alone has had 6 cases already. You say that Santee has a low number of cases, but I work at Pepper Drive where a lot of our students live in El Cajon, Lakeside and other surrounding areas. Hybrid model is working in so many ways. I do not support the idea of reopening to full day/ full classes in a short 12 days. We are in no state to do something this drastic. I am asking you to postpone this plan indefinitely- until safe to do so.
258	Lahren Rogers		Please continue to keep am/pm cohorts until cases have decreased more. As a family with many high risk members we are trying to find a balance between normal life and caution. The half capacity helps my kids have social interaction and much needed classroom time while still lessening the chances of spreading illness that could come from full classrooms and less distance.
259	Crystal Matushek		Until it is safe to play with friends on the playground equipment, play games with friends during recess, participate in PE, freely move about the classroom and read books where comfortable in the classroom it is not fair to ask little kids to sit in a desk all day. A desk that is in a row and will be fitted with a plexiglass shield. I can provide students with a guided reading group, modeled writing, math instruction 4 days a week like normal. I can also provide science, social studies and art lessons weekly during the hybrid model. Students are only gaining about an extra hour of classroom time with a full reopening and that time would be shared between 24 kids verses 12 kids. Twenty four kids that are now only distanced about 3 feet apart verses the recommended 6 feet. Hybrid allows our students daily contact and and focused instruction for 2 hours and 45 minutes each day. I want what is best for my students. I do not mind teaching for an extra 40 minutes each day in order to provide my students a better option.
260	Nicole Cavanaugh	Concerned Parent	Please delay opening the schools full time until next year. People were reckless around Halloween. Thanksgiving and Christmas are not going to be any different if not worse. Do we expect a miracle, no, but at least we would have a fighting chance to make this work if we were waited. Picking a date and sticking to it isn't an option. Waiting for a couple weeks after the new year and then discussing again seems like a safer option. This year is a mess but we are lucky enough to be able to go to school half day with half classes and it's working. There's no need to rush this. Kids taking off their masks for lunch is NOT ok. How are we going to have all those kids inside the classroom eating? It doesn't make sense. That goes against everything some of you have said about the key things we need to do to keep our kids safe. Hand washing and masks ON! That is not ok. We don't eat at restaurants as a family for that exact reason. Sharing air is the number one problem and then adding in 25 kids in a small room and they aren't in our bubble! There's no way to feel comfortable with that at school. At least now we don't have to worry about that. I do think we all need to get into our new normal but to do that we need a fluid plan. Not a set in stone no matter happens what plan. We haven't had a voice in any of this. When our teachers aren't convinced this is a good idea then how are we going to feel. Please support them. Please support us. My child is getting the best of both worlds right now. Time AT school

			with his teacher and then work at home and it's working. I don't want the back and forth of the quarantine. That would be so much harder on them and us. Please pump the breaks on all of this for now. We are begging you. Please.
261	Dolores Juarez	Juan Bautista Kindergarten Student Carlton Oaks Elementary	With the increase of Covid-19 here in San Diego I vote that we continue with the hybrid schedule and postpone opening regular schedule once it's safer for our children
262	Danielle Gregus	Nolan and Austin Gregus	I have felt incredibly safe with the school's record-opening plan in hybrid model and look forward to schools opening full time on November 30th. My kids are also looking forward to it and they have been practicing protocols and are more than prepared to follow the safety guidelines. They even know it's going to be with plexiglass and are just looking forward to being back in their school community.
263	Elysa Childs		I am a mother of 2 children attending Hill Creek school. I work full time as does my husband. We do not have the luxury of keeping our children home or placing them in after school care. We rely on the times they are in class and not having a full day schedule has negatively impacted our family. Cold and flu season has always been a part of our yearly lives and will continue to be. We cannot live in fear nor can we allow our children to be permanently and negatives affected by this pandemic. My children have endured enough this year and the one constant they and many other children have had in their lives is school. Our children need school. Our children need the assistance offered for IEPs, therapy, and social interaction with other children. In my opinion, resuming full-time academic activities is in the BEST interest of our children.
264	Caterina tarantino pineiro	Sophia and gabriel tarantino pineito	I feel that the hybrid setup is working and our kids have a routine that works. It is giving them responsibility and keeping them going. Putting them in a room indoors with too many kids is taking a big risk that im not comfortable with. I really hope that this time frame of full day is revoked at this time and until it is safe for the kids to return to normal.
265	Marissa Johnson	Teachers & my middle school students	Please consider postponing our full-time return. Our primary duty is to ensure the safety of our students and the current situation is not putting their safety first. My middle school students have shared with me that they feel uncomfortable coming back to school full-time. Of course they'd like to see more of their friends, but they are aware of the situation we find ourselves in being in the purple tier and seeing rising cases all across the nation. They are scared and they don't know if we can keep them safe. Especially because there is so much beyond our control at school. Students are sharing that there are many families in our community that are not following health and safety guidelines outside of school (masks, gatherings, distancing, etc) and they are concerned for their health and the health of their family members. We are seeing record highs in COVID cases among children within the past couple months, which seems to suggest a strong correlation between schools opening and child exposure. During the last board meeting it was shared that we haven't seen student transmission on our campuses, but how do we know that for a fact? Especially, when we can't require students to be tested? Barbara Ryan even stated that many children at her hospital are testing positive who were asymptomatic. How many of our own students would be in this category? It is terrifying to think that they are unknowingly passing it on to their loved ones at home or their beloved teachers, who might be at risk themselves. Not only is it safer, but the hybrid model is doing wonders for our kids. My students are demonstrating extreme growth in this model academically, socially, and behaviorally. They are engaged and participating, while also receiving more individualized instruction and support. They are also receiving more intervention support in the current model because they are able to meet virtually with RSP teachers or IRT teachers for support during the times they aren't on campus. This won't be able to occur when we come back full-time. Please consider postponing our full re-opening until after the holidays when many of our students' families will undoubtedly be traveling and gathering with loved ones. At that time, we can evaluate whether it is safe enough to return.
266	Blake Biery	Parent	Good evening. The past nine months have been challenging for us all. I'd like to express my sincere appreciation for the hard work from everyone within the Santee School District. With that being said, I'm writing to urge the board to postpone the plan for full reopening. With case numbers skyrocketing across the country, there are too many unknown variables to safely

			implement a full reopening. While Santee has managed to dodge a severe outbreak, it's not as if we are geographically protected from San Diego. I don't feel that the educational gains made between November 30th and the end of the year will outweigh the inherent risks involved. I feel the prudent choice is to continue with the current hybrid model while we ride out this spike in cases. The situation can be reevaluated after the holidays when a clearer picture is hopefully available. This is precisely the moment to set emotion aside and to look plainly at the facts. Thank you.
267	Tim Boen	Students, Families, Staff	As much as I would love to see things back to a full normal schedule, I don't see the purpose of shoving the kids into a classroom with 20-30 kids 2-3 feet apart surrounded by plastic cubicles. The thought of kids sitting for hours with one or two fresh air breaks a day and a 30 minute lunch sitting at a table, no recess, no PE. Absurd. We shouldn't even be considering going back with cases skyrocketing around San Diego like they are. Ken was right, we have several students and teachers/staff commuting from other areas in San Diego County. Opening to full capacity is neither safe nor necessary at this time. Hybrid is working, and we should stick with it until the Spring at the earliest.
268	Justin White	Myself and kids	Please reconsider a more appropriate and reasonable full-day return date. Our family is in agreement that ultimately students should be in school, on-site for the full day. However, given the current necessary constraints, our kids' educational experience would be more effective with the current hybrid model. In this model, students are given the benefits of reduced class size, intensive focus on core subjects, and limited time in a restrictive environment (masks on, having to stay seated in one place, no free play etc). More instructional minutes in this situation prioritizes quantity over quality. Perhaps the district could offer free or reduced cost daycare after school hours, as that seems to be the intention of the extended day. I've never attended an in-person board meeting, but in attending the last two virtual meetings I was surprised to see how little consideration is given to teachers' opinions on this subject matter. The teachers' input seems to have been buried in bureaucracy. Kids and community first over politics.
269	Tom Napoli	If Gavin can eat dinner inside a restaurant without masks are kids can go to school and learn.	
270	Toni Ferris	Reopening Concerns	November 19, 2020 Attn: Santee School Board of Directors During this past board meeting, the superintendent stated that Santee numbers are low compared to the rest of San Diego County. The Santee Covid numbers have increased 34% since 10/20 when the board decided to reopen full time on 11/30. That is a huge increase in one month, that cannot be ignored. Furthermore, the residents of Santee do not stay in Santee, they travel outside the city for work, shopping, medical, recreation and many other reasons, not to mention the residents around us that enter Santee. Back on 10/20, the county's average daily numbers for that week were about 250 new cases a day, during this past week the county's average daily numbers are 774 new cases a day! Again, a huge increase that cannot be ignored if we are doing what is in the best interest of our children, teachers and staff. It was also mentioned during the meeting that the 11/30 date should stand because the reopening date has already been changed and parents are planning on the 11/30 date. Well guess what...life happens! That is not a reason to push forward during this increased outbreak! None of us are happy with the situation we are in, but unfortunately, we must be flexible, bend and change when the threat of this pandemic increases. Throughout the State people are having to make adjustments with work schedules, appointments and everything else in their life as the numbers have pushed us back into the purple tier. No one has answered the question: Why the rush to reopen the schools to full time when the numbers have far exceeded any since the pandemic started? During the next two months, the schools will be closed for three weeks for holiday breaks. Can someone please answer the question why the rush? If it's not broken, don't try to fix it during a serious outbreak of increased cases. One thing we all have learned is that after every holiday this year, there has been a rise in new cases, but nothing like we are seeing after Halloween. With the holiday season upon us, along with the Thanksgiving and Winter breaks when more people will be traveling, visiting and co-mingling households, I'm sure we can all agree that the numbers will continue to rise, they will not decrease. The AM/PM hybrid schedule is working, what is the harm to wait a few more months? Why risk an outbreak that would force the schools to close and push us back into distance learning? Why? For what reason or purpose? I was shocked



to hear that only 5% of the teachers surveyed felt the schools were properly prepared to return to full time in student learning. The board needs to listen and re-read the list of concerns and comments from the teachers that Mrs. Hirahara read during that meeting. The teachers must be heard! They are in the classrooms day in and day out, they know what is and is not working. If the teachers aren't comfortable with the "set up" how are the parents suppose to feel? The superintendent said that decisions are being based on what is best for our children and teachers, well if only 5% of teachers are comfortable with the procedures that are in place for returning full time that is a problem! With the wild spread of the Covid virus at this time, how can it be a smart move to cram 24+ different households into one room? Desks less than three feet apart! Unacceptable! What about rain days, eating inside, nothing to stop the close contact. Plexi glass does nothing but maybe slow down how fast a cough or sneeze spreads across the room! It is an airborne virus! HELLO!!! Sincerely, Toni Ferris

271	Chad Deitchman	COMMON SENSE	I would like to thank all of the teachers and administrators who have been working tirelessly to make sure our students receive a quality education given the challenging circumstances. As the board is aware following halloween, we are currently experiencing the highest surge in cases yet. With this surge being connected to a holiday I believe that it is extremely negligent to return students to full class sizes through the holiday season. Any board member that is considering the return to full class size is not thinking objectively, but folding under the pressure of parents that are wanting to risk the safety of the community to serve their individual needs. It would be best to wait until after the return from winter break, to re address returning to full days. This will give any surge from the holidays, time to show itself and give the district the information needed to make an informed decision on when to bring students back full time. At this point in time the hybrid system is working excellent for the students, it is providing a good balance between mental health, education, and safety. I do understand that it is an inconvenience for many families, including ours but that is a worthy sacrifice to ensure the health and safety of the students and the teachers through the holiday season.
272	Michelle Tomaszuk	Santee School District	As a teacher in the district for 23 years, I do NOT believe we are ready to go back full time. There are too many questions left unanswered about how we can stay safe when all the students return. The hybrid model is working, allowing ALL kids to have more teacher attention. They ARE getting a quality education, and don't need to be in the room for 6+ hours to get one. We are not ready to return. I absolutely don't feel comfortable having 20+ kids in my classroom, especially when masks are not required, but highly recommended. Please think about the safety of the students, their families, and teachers in this district.
273	Laurie Rush	My family	I know as a teacher my "issues and problems are not your concerns" but I want to share my story with you. Today I sat by my father's bedside and counted the breaths he took, I listened to his labored breathing, wanting to do it for him. He is not sick with covid but with congestive heart failure. I sat and wondered what would happen next, the hospice nurse has no answers to my questions except to say time will tell. She explained that the risk of Covid 19 for my father. As I watched his labored breathing I was thinking of all the families who have lost a loved one to this disease. The nurse told me she has lost four family members since August, never had the chance to say goodbye. Her pain was raw, her eyes welling up with tears for the loss of a brother, her father, her grandparents all to a disease that you can not see, you can not stop. We sat together holding my fathers hands that comforting touch, that shared compassion. I know when I return to the classroom on November 30, I will not be able to see him again. That I will have to say goodbye. I can not risk bringing Covid-19 home to him. I hope you think about the impact your decision to put us back in the classroom full time has on our lives, the lives of our students and their families. I feel you are being reckless during a time when everyone else is urging us to be cautious. Do the right thing.
274	Brandy Valadez	Please delay full time transition.	Please re-evaluate conditions again after the holidays.
275	Stephanie Price	My 4 grandchildren who attend Hillcreek and Rio Seco	These kids need to get back in school. How many of these "new" cases are asymptomatic? It's already proven they have a 99.9% of not getting sick. We need to move on and let these kids be kids. Life is full of risks, open the schools!
276	Haley Maxwell	Gabriel Meza	Please postpone the next phase of reopening. The kids are just getting used to the way things are now after adjusting back from

distance learning and with the rise in COVID cases it is not worth the health/safety of students and staff members as well as the emotional toll of another transition right now. Thank you for your consideration.

277	Heidi Harris	<p>I work in healthcare and am heavily involved in COVID discussions. My company is not allowing me to come back to work due to this same discussion we are having regarding our children. We have quarantined for the past 8 months and held our family away from certain activities to keep us safe. I feel that bringing all children back to school at the same time is counter-productive to everything that is going on in our county. The District has said that “children will be 5-6 feet apart”, which does not meet CDC or state guidelines. I also feel that kids are not going to follow the rules of staying seated all day and not playing on the playground while outside. If you think that a kindergartener or first grader is going to stay in their seat from 8am to 2pm, you are sadly mistaken. The reason COVID numbers are lower regarding children is because we have protected them with distance learning and cutting the class sizes in half. That is the only reason we have been this lucky. Other districts around us in the county either have not opened yet or are having to close cohorts down due to exposure and infection. It is only a matter of time before it comes into our neighborhood. I also feel that the District isn’t providing adequate information to us as parents. I do not like that you provide an asterisk (*) next to all the cases. A case is a case. You should also be providing a comprehensive count of cases that affect our area. Every other reporting entity provides a cumulative count for the area, whether it be county, state, or whatever. I also do not like that these cases are being reported 3 days after positive diagnosis. At that point, it is too late. Contact tracing has already had an affect at that point.</p>
278	Kraig Hughes	<p>I don’t understand the rush back in to full day scheduling if the children are thriving with the half day model and conditions are not safe. For example, I can take my kindergartner to school to sit indoors for 5 hours, but I cannot take her to eat in a restaurant for 30 minutes or a movie for 2 hours because it is not safe. Just because we can take them back to all day in-class learning does not mean we should if the risk outweighs the reward. I do understand the importance to have the children in the classroom in front of a teacher, but let us not forget that our children do have this now. Rushing back to full days increase the chances of a spreading event, which would force us all back to iPads full time. This would hurt the learning opportunities for the kids and possibly expose them to a harmful illness. I ask the board to not vote with a personal bias or belief, but rather listen to the parents of the children that will have to assume the risk. These kids are known best by their parents and if the majority of the parents have a genuine concern of well-being for their child, why not listen to them and keep with a successful model for another month or two longer? I believe that the board understands everything I just noted and I hope the board takes the safety of our children as seriously as we do by voting to push back the date. Thank you.</p>
279	Katrina Swathwood	<p>Parker &amp; Oliver Swathwood</p> <p>I first want to thank you for taking the time to discuss this important issue. I feel that returning to school for a full day in this current state is dangerous. In my observations of the community I am concerned as people are being very negligent and not adhering to public health orders/recommendations. Having a child in RSP it has been difficult however his teachers have really developed distance program where he is improving and not falling behind on his goals. With cases spiking with no fall I have great concern with my kids returning for a full day on 11/30. Not only are we in an extreme spike, data is reporting higher and higher record numbers each day with no drop in sight. Hybrid schedules are working in that the children are getting one on one instruction while limiting their and the Staff’s exposure. I am also concerned with the amount of sedentary time as the children will be required to be seated from the time they arrive at school until dismissal. Until there is drop in infection rate I feel the district should table the full day reopening for another time. We have no idea what our community is in store for over this holiday season. With the current numbers it does not seem like our trajectory will be moving in the right direction where it is safe to return to full day instruction anytime soon.</p>
280	Carrie Peterson Koch	<p>My child</p> <p>I believe our kids need to go back to school. They have been back for over a month, practicing the distance learning, and there are few issues. The kids are falling behind and they need an education.. Some parents don't have the choice and have to work still. Project safe isn't free like it is in some other districts. Its almost the cost of rent. I am worried about the virus but we also have to worry about our children's future.</p>
281	Holly Ellis	<p>I think that returning to full time should occur once we are no longer in the “Purple.” Continuing small class sizes would be best for now. Safety is more important than convenience. Thank you!</p>
282	Patrick Farrier	<p>Farrier Family</p> <p>The C.D.C. recently updated mask wearing recommendations to include school settings where children will not be 6' apart for all children above age 2. Since this would apply to our classroom settings, will there be district wide mask requirement</p>

			consistent with said guidelines?
283	Robynn Bennett	Community member, parent, concerned citizen, myself and my granddaughter	<p>As a resident of Santee since 1976, I have sent three children through the Santee School District and currently have a granddaughter in 8th grade at Carlton Hills. I am concerned that it is deemed unsafe to eat indoors in a restaurant with just one other person for even one minute, but it is ok to sit in a classroom with 30 other people for 6 hours. I am confused about how both of these situations can coexist. I am worried that with the holidays approaching, many families will gather to share love, fellowship, food, memories and traditions while also increasing the likelihood of spreading the Covid virus to then share with others in the confined quarters at school. I am wondering how five year olds will do with 6 hours in a mask without recess, no PE, no building blocks or buddies to work with, and no opportunities to high five or celebrate successes with a pat on the back or a hug. When we worry too much about where a child will be next year academically, we might forget who a child is right now and what his/her needs are for safety, significance, and success. I feel that the hybrid schedule with smaller classes allows more individualized instruction and more opportunities for student to participate in the learning process with less interruptions, discipline issues, or even feeling afraid to talk in front of "everyone". These smaller classes have given my granddaughter a new-found confidence and have raised her grades in every subject because she feels like her voice matters. She can't "hide" quietly in the background. With less students, she has increased opportunities to speak, share her ideas, and ask for help when she is confused. Her new goal is a 4.0 GPA by Christmas - thanks to the extra time teachers have to encourage her. Unbeknownst to me, she also felt called to write her own board comments for the last meeting because she felt like she should have a say in this decision since she is the child actually in the classroom. That is what our teachers are doing right now - educating our future! Teachers should be applauded, valued, respected encouraged and listened to. If teachers do I feel safe, that is a huge issue for me. I feel strongly that full day, full class return is unwise right now. The purple tier is not a time to try something new. Our hybrid schedule is working so I ask the school board to postpone the full day plan until it is safe for everyone. Maybe when it is safe for the public to appear physically at a school board meeting and voice our opinions, that might be a good indicator for schools to consider a return to full days with full class size.</p>
284	Lisa Ginel		<p>This is an unprecedented peril time we are collectively living in. There has been no rehearsal for such a time. What we have accomplished is uncertainty and have had the audacity to accept "a" life lost by turning our heads. Santee may have had a low number of cases, but consider this may very well be our time to act, respond and take care of our family members and all others by not having two cohorts combined and think a plexiglass is going to keep our children safe. Nail salons work one on one with clients up to an hour at a time. You are asking that we take children who can not grasp the reality of this virus to be amongst each other for 4.5-5.0 hours. Every single establishment that has had to close due to being in the purple tier didn't even come close to having their patrons around for that period of time. This may or may not not cause a death, but it may or may not cause lingering effects after contracting this virus, we simply do not know the effects just yet. You are asking us to go on, with our already anxiety driven day, as a Russian Roulette for our children...our children. I recall years ago believing if anything could save just one life it's certainly worth it. How ready are you to truly open school? Where is the real concern about education? My son sneezed twice, was sent to the nurses office only to have her call my sons father to have him picked up and not return until he quarantined for 10 days or take a covid test with results in 3-7 days. . In the meantime, he would not be able to attend distance learning or he would have to wait a week before they would send a homework packet at home. How ready are you really and how can you make these life health decisions for so many families you know nothing about? By the way the guidelines given to my sons father did not list sneezing as a Covid symptom and the doctor verified this as well. Thankfully he was able to attend school the next day. To only have the substitute teacher ask him to leave back to the office to verify he could be back in class. You and we are not ready to make any more decisions during this most critical time. We are asked not to have large gatherings for Thanksgiving we are asking you please do not move forward to having a larger gathering for our children with added hours at that. We are close to a remedy let's sit tight either many others playing the safety card!</p>



			Thank you as I can continue and could probably address any obstacle thrown my way. Lisa Ginel a 57 year old mother/grandmother My daughters father in law passed away due to Covid, My 37 year old friend is now living with compromised lungs and is using a walker.
285	Chau Tonnu	Rio Seco	As a parent of two students at Rio Seco I believe it's best to wait until 2021 to reopen school full time. We have been doing good with this hybrid AM/PM class why not continue until January of 2021. I don't think it's wise to reopen school full time during covid surges, cold/flu season. Plus with holidays approaching with big family gatherings and traveling it is in everyone best interest to not reopen school full time.
286	Robynn Bennett	Error on previous comment	Oops! I found a typing error in my comment. It says "if teachers do I feel safe..." when it should say "If teachers do not feel safe...". Thanks.
287	robert leal	Kaiden	OPEN THE SCHOOLS NOW .....This has gone on long enough...the science does not back up schools needing to close .ose this is nonsense
288	Ron Burner	Callen Burner	I understand that the COVID cases are increasing but our kids have been out of school for to long and need to resume some normalcy. My kid looks forward to going back to school even though it is only for half day. He needs to have social interaction even if it is at 6 feet wearing a mask. The kids have already missed out on so much because of the pandemic and think we should do anything possible to provide our kids the opportunity to return the classroom. I strongly agree with the plan for the kids to return to school full time on 11/30.
289	A.C Boyd	I am a parent	I believe students can attend school safely as long as we as a community of students, teachers, parents and people who live & work in Santee adhere to wearing a mask and limiting school hours to 2 separate cohorts A & B.
290	Nicole Eacobellis	My first grader	Hello, I am writing to request that you please postpone the full day instruction until January after the Holiday break. I feel that my son has excelled since the Hybrid plan began, the small class sizes have been such a blessing for our family and many others. We will never again have this unique opportunity so I feel like there's no rush to change what is working so well. I was scared at first to go back to school at all but I felt the district was following strict protocols so I felt more comfortable. As we are getting closer to reopening for full class instruction, however, I dont feel these protocols are being met appropriately. Children eating within 3 ft of each other and being in a confined space for a longer period of time with twice the amount of people just so they can get a couple extra hours of instruction is not worth it. I have been told by our teacher that the children are expected to sit all day besides the seated 30 minute lunch and short breathing breaks ( where they are also expected to sit) they will be in a classroom being sedentary. My childs heath, mind and body is just as important as his education. Also, I know many parents who work are happy to have kids go back to full day because they will have a better set schedule that doesnt change, however, I feel that if we return to full day with the lack of social distancing we will have twice as many cases which will cause the schools to shut down and that would be way worse. The hybrid model is working so well, why risk it by opening full time during two major holidays. Lastly, my sons substitute had his mask under his nose today when I picked him up from school, you're pushing to open yet your staff isnt following easy protocols. I want to thank you so much for reading the comments, hosting this last minute meeting and considering the postponement. I love our school and my son tells me everyday how much he loves school, we would be heartbroken if it had to close. Thank you for creating such an effective hybrid model and for working so hard for our kids.
291	Rebecca Bukolt	Our five children who attend Carlton Oaks	Our family would prefer to go back to school full-time on 11/30 for two reasons. In our opinion this is too long for the children to be without school and face-to-face interaction with their peers. In addition to this, please consider the families whose parents are grateful to be working full-time but rely on the amazing teachers that we have in the Santee School District to make sure their children receive a solid education. Thank you for your consideration.
292	Carmen Luna	Elementary Mom	As previously stated, maximizing in person full day for K-3 is extremely important to create bases for reading & writing, the kids need the interaction to learn such important fundamentals, and here is my proposal:K-3 full return to school, 4 -6 hybrid model

			(AM/PM)
293	Tara Meade	Parent	At the board meeting on Tuesday it was stated that even though the County is the purple tier, Santee is only considered in the red. My family along with many others that attend Santee schools do not live in the city and are here via interdistrict transfers. To only look at the Santee zip code is irresponsible. Many of the teachers live outside of Santee and many parents work in different cities as well. Additionally, Pepper Drive is located in El Cajon zip codes, which according to the dashboard, currently has a case rate of 24.1, well above the requirements for purple tier. One cannot narrowly focus on one zip code to determine the concern level for a school district when schools span multiple zip codes and so do the students and teachers. The entire county is seeing an unprecedented surge in cases and Santee is included in this county. Based on the current trend of cases, it is not in the best interest of students, parents, teachers, or the community to return to full in person instruction until after the county and state get a handle on the rampant infection rate currently observed. A study by Stanford University found that reducing indoor capacity to 20% can reduce the infection rate by 80%. Furthermore, it was found that the longer one stays indoors, the greater chance of exposure. This data suggests that reduced capacity is the solution to reducing the infection rate. Until cases subside and the county is out of the purple tier, I find it reckless to increase capacity in the classroom.
294	Judy Ascroft	Grandparent	According to County officials, travel and indoor gatherings are driving the current surge in COVID cases. Despite the caution from the CDC about traveling during the holidays, AAA predicts that 50 million people will travel this Thanksgiving. With the inevitable travel, large gatherings, and celebrations that will occur over the holidays, Santee School District should remain in the hybrid model at least through the beginning of the year. We are currently seeing a large spike in cases that was due to gatherings during Halloween. Until the infection rate is under control and the holidays are over, we should not put students and families at greater risk of infection. The decision to return to full in person instruction should be driven by the science and the current numbers, not based on an arbitrary date created during a less restrictive time. Students should return from winter break still on the hybrid model and this issue should be reassessed at that time, based on the county numbers. As the County status evolves, schools should do the same. Reopening to full in-person instruction should not be considered when every other indoor business must shut down or reduce capacity to 25%. Governor Newsom put an emergency brake on California, Santee school board can do the same for the district.
295	Jesse Meade	Parent	For the safety of the students, families, and staff the current hybrid model needs to stay in effect until the county is no longer in the most restrictive tier. While the County dashboard places santee in the red tier, not purple, this is obsolete because the website is only updated every Thursday and currently covers the week of Halloween: 10/25- 10/31. The last four days have marked the highest daily case counts since the pandemic began and according to Dr. Wilma Wooten, San Diego County's public health officer, the current spike is due to crowds and gathering at Halloween, which is not reflected in the dashboard yet. The dashboard also shows that during that week, Santee experienced 26 new cases. However, if you look at the County of San Diego Daily Coronavirus Summary of Cases by City of Residence, <a href="https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/COVID-19%20Daily%20Update_City%20of%20Residence.pdf">https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/COVID-19%20Daily%20Update_City%20of%20Residence.pdf</a> data is tracked daily from each zip code and is current. In a four day period, from 11/13 to 11/17, Santee has seen 51 new cases. That is double what the dashboard shows in half the time. To say that Santee is currently in red is a bit of a misnomer because that classification is based on data before the county saw the great spike in cases. Cases are doubling across the county at an unprecedented rate with no indication of slowing at this time, and Santee is no exception. It is negligent to increase capacity at any indoor facility as cases continue to grow at this rate.
296	Simran Ranouta/Kirandeep Ranouta		We want to express our concern about the full-time opening of Santee schools. We have 2 kids in Rio Seco. Given the present circumstances, we think that full-time return to school is not a right option. Our kids are enjoying their hybrid schedules and are benefiting academically. On the contrary, having them at school for 6 hours everyday will be risking everyone involved, including the families of teachers and students. This means putting a huge chunk of the community at risk. Our 1st grader child has been refusing to go back full time as is our 4th grader. Today, they told us about the plexiglass shields installed in their

		classrooms. They don't feel comfortable with them. Our 1st grader said that he was not able to see his teacher's screen due to the barriers. This will directly impact his learning. Also, our older kid doesn't have enough elbow room. The plexiglass just seems like a formality, we really doubt its efficiency in a classroom setting. Another concern is the mobility of the kids in school as they will not be allowed to play or be involved in group activities. They'll be spending a majority of the day sitting at their desks. This is not good quality education. Please reconsider the full-time school goals until COVID-19 infections are not as widespread as they are now. We really appreciate this opportunity to express our concerns. We hope that the board will consider everyone's concerns/suggestions for deciding our community's health in the future too.
297	Robin Villi	I am a parent of two children in the Santee School District. I am also a middle school math teacher in another district. I understand the the extent of the complications and logistics involved with the decision of whether or not to return full time. I empathize with the teachers who are currently teaching twice as fast TWO times a day. I empathize with the students who crave normality and would love to see more of their friends. I empathize with administrators and members of the board who are trying to keep the community happy AND safe. I know it makes us all so sad, but I think we know it's too soon. How can we let students return full time when Covid cases are increasing? Even with furniture removed and desk dividers, there is not enough room for students to spread out enough to keep each other (and their teacher) safe. A vaccine is coming soon. We can wait a little longer to return full time.
298	Kayla Kelly	I am concerned about the current rise in COVID-19 cases and my child's safety with an increase in number of students in his classroom. The students would only be on the full time schedule for 3 weeks prior to going on winter break. I believe the board should wait until after the holidays and go back to full time instructions in January. I also believe many families and students will travel and attend large gatherings over the holiday season and therefore believe this would be the most challenging time to go back full time and keep everyone safe. I would push the full time opening to mid January for these reasons.
299	Lori Zurmuhle	Teachers Why does the District want to increase the number of students in a class when the COVID cases are rising and many students are visiting extended family for Thanksgiving. If we open as planned, it will be more difficult for teachers to manage 2x as many students, enforce Covid safety precautions, and prevent any potential outbreaks. I foresee problem behaviors developing. The students have limited opportunities to leave their desks and release any physical energy during a full day of school. It does not make sense to leave the hybrid model with these current conditions.
300	Lindsay Dapremont	Let me start by saying that I understand there are a myriad of factors and challenges that go into the decision on how best to educate and support our students, their families, teachers and administrators during this difficult time. There is no perfect or easy answer. We all want what is best for our kids. At the same time, there is a very real pandemic that is incredibly easy to transmit and is spreading at record breaking speed. I have been working in public health, specifically in how to control epidemics of infectious viruses, for over 10 years now. I am also a mother to two. Do I wish my kids were in school full time? Yes. Do I think it's safe to do so in Santee at this time? No. In fact, I think it would be incredibly irresponsible, not to mention a complete disregard for the safety and mental/emotional/physical health of our teachers and administrators, many of whom are in high risk groups. The class sizes and physical space in Santee schools do not allow for proper health guidelines to be implemented, such as 6 feet of socially distancing between members of separate households and adequate ventilation. On October 19th, the percentage positive for San Diego County was 3%. On Tuesday, November 17th, it had doubled, despite more than tripling the amount of tests (in general, the more wide spread testing of a disease, the lower the percentage positive will be). This should be concerning for all of us. I know no one wants to hear this, but community transmission is only going to continue to rise for the next couple of months. Colder weather, holidays, pandemic fatigue, and cold and flu season are going to exacerbate the spread of COVID. Now is absolutely not the time to increase the number of students/households in a confined, indoor space. It will mean more outbreaks in our Santee schools, which will only cause more stress, anxiety, and hardship on our students and families as they scramble to adjust to quarantining, last minute distance learning, or, worse yet, illness. The hybrid system in place now is working. Students feel safe. Teachers feel safe. Is it perfect? No. But we are providing an in-person learning environment while still, mostly, being able to implement safety measures that we know work to slow the spread of COVID. Now is the time to stay the course. I strongly urge Santee Unified to remain with the hybrid model and NOT to move to full in-person instruction on November 30th.
301	Candace Schmitthenner	Distance Learning First, I want to thank the Board for reconsidering returning to a full campus on November 30. I know how much the Board wants to stick to this schedule. However, if there is one thing 2020 has reminded us, it's that we need to be flexible and fully consider options before making decisions. That said, I have attended every board meeting since June, and I feel that the Board is so fixed in its beliefs that it's not able to hear what parents and teachers are saying. I ask that today you stop and listen to what the community is saying before you decide on how you will vote. Please reconsider how and when you move into the next



			<p>phase. These children will all leave campus to return home. Then, most will spend time with family over the holidays, only to return to full campus as if it's business as usual. That is a lot of risk for our teachers to take on. We have significantly more positive cases in our community now than when we first closed our campus. We also have more positive cases than when we opened the campus to the hybrid option. Why is now the time to fully open our campus after a week of travel for most children? Parents were forced to make a choice in July regarding which program they wanted their children to attend. That was not an easy choice for any parent, with little information regarding what either program would look like. Now, with the full picture of how on-campus learning will be performed, parents are wanting to switch to distance learning because they are not feeling comfortable with the risks their families are having to take. Now, though, there are no options for these families because all alternative programs have reached capacity. If you move forward with your decision to fully open the campus on November 30, I ask that you once again find a way to offer viable alternative options for families. Not all children are the same or have the same needs. It is true, there are children who need to be in a classroom to learn; their families need a full school day so they can work. But this is not true for all kids. There are many children who can learn outside of a classroom, perhaps even thrive in a distance learning environment. It is time that our District starts using this opportunity to offer a variety of educational platforms to meet the needs of all our students. I request you either delay this phase until after January 18 so families are more confident in this phase or offer more options now.</p>
302	Amy Tate	Savanna Tate	<p>My child is in 4 math grade and attends the pm cohort session. I am not in favor of sending my child to school full time as Covid cases continue to rise and we now a Covid positive case within our school. The thought of my child being with so many other children is disheartening. Social distancing is difficult when you have 29 children in one classroom. Wearing a mask for several hours and social distancing can be challenging for anyone especially children. Being in a classroom with several students sitting behind a plexiglass barrier without much movement around the classroom and limited activity outdoors doesn't sound like a positive learning environment. More of a distraction. The hybrid schedule provided a better balance. Less exposure and less time at school. Wearing a mask and social distancing is more manageable.</p>
303	Carrie Trantalis	Students and teachers	<p>I am commenting to express my concerns with our district moving forward with a full reopening on November 30th. I feel that the policy of the district should be that we continue with a hybrid model to keep students and staff safe as COVID cases in our county have surged and our county has been placed on a more restrictive tier. I feel it is irresponsible to double the amount of students in the classroom and on campus when many parts of the country and world are shutting down. Hybrid has benefitted my students in many ways. They are getting more individualized instruction daily. I am dealing with minimal behavior problems because we have less students at a given time. Students have more opportunity to participate in the lessons. I am able to get through my academic lessons each day and meet with all my students in very small groups (1-4 students) while socially distancing. This is especially beneficial for students who have fallen behind while schools were closed in the spring. I am concerned that with full classes starting right after the Thanksgiving break we will see more cases occur. I am also very concerned with students being confined to their desk all day behind plexiglass. This is very hard for anyone, especially young children. Another concern is the logistics of pulling students for speech and resource services. While in a hybrid model students who require services can meet when they are not in class. Once we are full day, it is going to be much more challenging to provide services for these students. Students are not returning to "normal" school. They are not allowed to play with other children or participate in recess activities. I feel that the hybrid model is working and I ask that we continue this model. Please don't put our students and staff in any unsafe situation.</p>
304	Amanda Thorne	First grader at Carlton Oaks	<p>Thank you for navigating all of the ups and downs that we've all been facing. PLEASE reconsider your decision to continue with the full capacity opening after Thanksgiving! I'm deeply concerned about sending my child and having any other child or staff member put into a vulnerable position with cases of Covid at an all-time high. We've already had a scare and my daughter had a bad cold and had to miss a week. I can only imagine how that's going to be after Thanksgiving and Christmas/Hanukkah. The hybrid model is working well and I vote to continue on with what we know is working and not tempt fate and put others lives at</p>

			risk. It won't be worth the rush when everyone gets sick. Please wait to reopen full time. If you do decide to open full-time, please give us an option to have our children in distance learning. Thank you for your consideration.
305	Rosemarie Catalfo		As elected officials you have the responsibility to represent the best interests of the children and their education. You have a district hybrid program in place, that is working so well and children are thriving, what is the rush to change it before the holidays? With covid cases on the rise why risk increasing the numbers and having to close completely? Ask yourselves, is 2 more hours of education worth the risks involved? As a grandparent who picks up her grandson, the rush deeply concerns me for all these reasons. I ask you once more to remember you risk not only spreading to family and grandparents but risk school closure altogether if the cases double. Your district program is working during a very rough time and for this you are to be commended. Please continue to lead and set the example for other districts to follow. Make the tough decisions.
306	Bronson Pate	Audrey and Juliette Pate	PLEASE. Consider the families. We are so grateful to have a school district that is not under the thumb of SDUSD. Please help our families and our children by moving forward with a schedule that is as normal as possible. Thank you.
307	Aaron Kawczk	Aaron Kawczk	We have significant concerns with the Santee School District moving forward with the next phase of re-opening on November 30th. Our family has two members that are immunocompromised and we take many measures to limit exposure to COVID-19. How can the board justify increasing the risk of exposure while San Diego County statistics indicate a significant and rapid increase in the case rates, community outbreaks, testing positivity, and hospitalizations? Do the benefits truly outweigh the costs, the ultimate cost being a person's life? This next phase will bring more children into the classroom and in closer proximity to one another than the CDC recommended 6 feet while also increasing the amount of time in that setting. No matter the protective measures put in place in the classroom, they cannot be guaranteed to prevent accidental/intentional person-to-person contact, the cross-contamination across commonly touched classroom objects, and the accidental/intentional ineffective wearing and removal of masks. This will also increase the likelihood of increased introduction of respiratory droplets inside the classroom and especially respiratory aerosols that can transmit COVID-19 and may linger in the air for hours if not effectively removed by ventilation. The increased danger will also be present surrounding the school campus during arrival and dismissal times, putting families in impossible to avoid close proximity to one another which will also be compounded by those that refuse to wear masks and practice social distancing in accordance with CDC guidelines. Our community has not yet reached the point where protective measures can be relaxed. We cannot let caution/prevention fatigue enable our desires to return a sense of normalcy. Until a vaccine is widely distributed, the only rational course of action is to stay the course and slow the spread of COVID-19.
308	Eryn Williams	Addison and Avery Williams	It is too soon to enact a full reopening. The current model is working with very little outbreaks. Covid numbers are increasing at a rapid rate. Keep our community safe by slowing the spread.
309	Jennifer Reynolds	5th grader at Carlton Hills School	In order to keep exposure at a minimum, I would vote against moving forward with the plan to bring all of the kids together. It is easier for teachers and other staff to enforce masks and social distancing and monitor for signs of illness in reduced groups. If a positive case did come in then it would also reduce the number exposed. I am a registered nurse and I have witnessed the recent spike in positive Covid cases, mostly mild (needing only home care) but some severe (inpatient, intubation, sometimes death). COVID-19 is real and none of us want to be the one with a severe case in our family. I think it is important for the children to attend "in person" school, however we have to do everything we can to prevent the spread so again I would advise against moving forward with fully re-opening at this time.
310	Jamie Asche		My request is that we keep the current half day schedule and not move forward with full time in-person or fully remote instruction at this time. The half day arrangement allows us to limit our children's exposure while also allowing some much needed social contact that is so important developmentally. While we were fully remote, my son suffered emotionally and I would prefer to avoid that situation if it is possible. I appreciate the district's efforts to revisit the plans and to determine what is best for our students' and teachers' safety during this unprecedented time. Thank you.
311	Marcella Zaleski	Concerned Parents and Teachers	Dear Santee School Board, I do not support schools fully reopening on 11/30. Given the rise in positive COVID-19 cases, cold and flu season and major holidays in which families may be traveling and gathering, I think it would be irresponsible and

			possibly detrimental for schools to fully reopen. By adding on an additional 3 hours to the hybrid model, consider how much real academic instruction students will truly get. Subtract 30 minutes that will be used for lunch. Subtract minutes for structured mask breaks. Subtract minutes for hand washing time for 24 to 30 kids every 60 minutes. Subtract minutes for temperature and symptom checks for 24 to 30 kids. Adding it all up, is it really worth it at this point in time to put students' and teachers' health at an increased risk? Also, are classrooms genuinely meeting all the health and safety guidelines? Is social distancing really able to happen in classrooms with 24 to 30 kids? Show of hands, which school board members have physically been INSIDE multiple classrooms recently to truly see the size, layout and function of the classrooms during a pandemic. Do you want to sit at a desk wearing a mask surrounded by plexi-glass unable to get up and move freely when needed for 6 hours a day knowing that COVID-19 cases are rising? If you can't do it, how can you ask our young children to? Please do not open schools on 11/30. Reassess the reopening plan on January 19th, 2 weeks after the winter break and then make an informed decision that puts the health of teachers, students and the Santee community first.
312	Amy Devenere	Damien and Tristen mom	Let schools open the children need that and so does everyone
313	Paul Arce	Rio Seco School	Kids need to go back to full day school we need to bring some normalcy back in to their lives!
314	Chris Stanley	STA	Good Afternoon, As you continue to look at setting a date, are you considering our preparedness as well as the consensus of the experts? When you set this last date, no one knew that the United States would hit 1 million new cases in a week. This is not about just safety for COVID-19 but preparedness for when school sites must send employees home. Who will cover those classrooms because Santee has not secured enough Substitute Teachers? I was out the first week of hybrid due to close contact in the classroom. Santee had three adults in my classroom within a 2-hour period. Is that COVID-19 Safe? Is that student safe? How does that support continuity of classroom management which always leads back to safety? At a previous board meeting, it was stated that 2-3 classified employees would be needed at each site. Is it 18 or 27 employees? There are some classified who are taking on the responsibilities across many areas of the campus. If that employee tests positive, how many classrooms, teachers as well as Project Safe or the State Preschool program will be impacted by one person? Once again, I want students back. I want my fishing programs back. I want my DJ program back. I want the students to receive the full experience! The staff, students, and community deserve a completed and comprehensive plan that fits what is happening in the real world. The community deserves that! The children deserve that! Thank you,
315	Jodi Cohen	my family	As both a parent of children who attend school in this district and a teacher within this district, I feel that right now is not the time to be returning to school at full capacity. I agree that we do need to eventually return to full time but directly after a holiday break when we are in the purple tier does not seem healthy to me. In my opinion, we should continue with the hybrid schedule until at least mid January. This would enable us to get through the holidays while providing a 2 week buffer afterwards. Thank you for your consideration.
316	Amee Hughes	As a very concerned parent, I am asking you to reconsider the previous decision to open for a longer school day starting November 30. Rushing to have students in school for a full day is not only unnecessary, but could cause harm to students, teachers, families and the community. Many students are thriving with the school schedule as it is now and I do not think risking their safety to send them back for a full day is something the board should ask Santee families to do at this time. I do not doubt the school board has the best interest of students as their top priority. However, I do ask that they try to keep every part of the bigger picture in mind while they make the extremely important decision of delaying the return to a full school day until some time next year. It is not worth risking the safety of so many for a longer school day right now. Opening schools to larger classrooms and longer days could cause cases at schools to rise and force campuses to close. The school days as they are now have allowed cases to stay low. Let's not risk that by forcing a full day return on November 30.	
317	Casey Verdugo	Myself	We have kids back in school in this hybrid system and students are getting the attention they need to help them flourish. Children are arguably getting even more attention, behaviors are down, kids are making progress and it's amazing. If we switch to full time learning when we are in the purple tier in San Diego County, it could set us back completely. If we have to shut down and go back to distance learning (because kids and teachers come from various parts of San Diego County and parents



			are working in various parts of San Diego County) these children would only be set back even further. As we go in to cold and flu season, it is a huge risk for our district to take. I personally feel the most effective as a teacher when I can be in class with my students. I would be devastated to have to see us close down again and I would also be devastated to put the students in my classroom at risk when they are still learning and struggle to follow the guidelines. I don't feel there is a complete plan and as a teacher, I feel uncomfortable with being responsible for my students health and safety not knowing that complete plan. Hybrid is absolutely not an easier way of teaching. We are working longer hours and weekends to make sure we are making the most of the time that these children are at school, but if we are urging the district to consider staying hybrid (when it is more work), there is a reason. That reason is the safety of our students and that reason is absolutely their growth and their education. As educators who absolute love what we do, we have only ever wanted what is best for our students.
318	Liz Gershwin	Owen	Greetings, I am a parent of a second grader at Sycamore Canyon. I am also a frontline healthcare worker and have seen an uptick in cases at the hospital. I truly believe it would be foolhardy to go back to school full time immediately after the Thanksgiving holiday, when many children will be undoubtedly exposed to multiple people without masks on. I also think it's too much to ask of the kids to change things up so much during a time of year that already has so much going on. The half day option is working very well, and the reduced class sizes have been a positive experience for our children. I know it may be hard for working parents without other options. Perhaps you can expand on project safe. But for many students, mine included, they have been able to blossom with a less overwhelming classroom and it would be amazing if the district can see that this IS working well, and offer something like this in the future as a reduced class size option. I'm probably dreaming there, but the rapid reworking of life during Covid has opened many companies up to the benefits of their employees working from home. We should really look into the benefits of half days for our children as a permanent option. Thank you!
319	Laura Riley	Keep schedule as is until able to reopen in different environment	As a parent who has been all for reopening since day one, my feelings have changed now that we have an understanding of what "full reopening" means. If our children will spend more time at school only to eat lunch in a classroom behind plexiglass and spend recess outside "stretching" instead of interacting with friends and being allowed to play on playground equipment, then my vote is to leave things the way they are until our children can have normalcy back instead of more restrictions. The extra amount of class time is not substantial and the iPad work is easily done at home.
320	Regina Keyes	Please delay the plans to combine the AM and PM student groups. With cases on the rise, and significant restrictions back in place for other indoor gatherings, increasing the number of people on campus is not a safe move. It puts staff, students and families at significantly more risk. There are only a few weeks left until the winter break. Please continue with the current schedule and re-evaluate in January. When the full return is considered, please take another look at the grade-level dismissal times. Parents who have children in different grades will need to make 3 trips to school every day, significantly impacting our own daily work schedule.	
321	Scott Kaforey	Children and staff attending Santee schools	With cases on the rise across the city, state, country and world, I strongly encourage the board to reconsider their decision to return to full time. Not only are cases on the rise locally, but we have major holidays coming up where people will be gathering and will likely make the situation worse. The CDC has recently reversed their recommendation on kids returning to school. Children of all ages have been shown to be spreaders of the virus, and I think it's hardly a coincidence that after schools across the world started returning, that case counts have been exploding. If anything, the board should be considering moving back to full time distance learning, not the other way around.
322	Lea Hallinan	Teacher, my family, our community	Please postpone! Safety should be the priority. Returning students to full time right now puts our community at an unnecessary risk. Increasing the number of students in classrooms across the district increases the chances for unnecessary exposure. Hybrid schedules are getting students to in person learning safely. The increased severity of the pandemic makes it unsafe to have large groups of students in a room at the same time without sufficient distancing. Plexiglass in a full classroom is not a substitute for distancing.
323	Colleen Peterson	Test scores WILL go up. There's a saying— "If it's not broken, don't fix it." Hybrid is working and it's working well. PLEASE, don't "fix it" by bringing back all	

			students together. Students are back in school, able to socialize with friends, in a routine, and enjoying school again. Most importantly, they are learning more than ever in small groups. Why would we want to upset that? You want students happy and learning? Leave things the way they are. You want test scores up? Leave things the way they are. Let's do what is best for kids and continue on with quality over quantity.
324	Clarissa Meckstroth	Myself	I think the Santee School District pop using too har and too fast to reopen schools to the full extent of the law. With COVID cases spiking and closures ramping up all over the world, we should be exercising restraint, and only mover forward when we are overwhelmingly sure that our students, teachers, and a staff will be safe. I think one of the most damaging things to do is when we are sending students and staff to school, then sending them home because of close contact or a COVID case in their classroom. This is mentally damaging and unnecessary.
325	Risa Farber	teachers	Hybrid is working! For continued safety and health of our students and staff we should remain hybrid until after this surge is over. Students are learning just as much if not more with this current model. Behavior problems are a minimum. Personal attention is at a maximum. Including lunch time and an extra hour of instruction will mean more sitting and wearing of mask for over 6 hours, it will not actually increase productivity. As a teacher, I feel my students are showing progress and are receiving the instruction needed to continue to grow. I am in favor of keeping hybrid.
326	Katie Fossing	Parent of SSD grad and current SSD kindergartener	Good Evening, I am hopeful that the outcome of tonight's meeting will support and reflect the Santee School District Mission Statement: "Providing an extraordinary education in an inspiring environment with caring people." If we move forward with a Nov. 30th reopening date, I am sad to say that students WILL NOT BE RECEIVING AN EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATION IN AN INSPIRING ENVIRONMENT!!! Big plexiglass barriers on every desk, 6 feet distancing, hand sanitizer, no collaboration, no interactive play, lonely lunchtimes, and so many more restrictions are far from what my child's school experience should be! These kids deserve more! I urge you to reconsider our reopening date. Teachers are working TIRELESSLY to create good learning experiences in hybrid and online EVERY day. Our kids will be fine for a few more months!
327	Chris frankfurth	Dylan and Ellie Frankfurth	Parents have the option to have their kids distance learn. PLEASE do not allow paranoid parents to decide the fate for all of our children. Let each parent have a choice, and the option to decide for their own children. Work schedule difficulties for some parents not wanting full days is NOT a reason to not go full time. That is their own personal situation that they need to figure out. The kids NEED school for their mental health. I have seen depression in my 6 and 8 year old this summer from the lock downs. Now they are happier, I saw their spirits get lifted when they returned from the very first day of school. The half days are still not an adequate amount of education for the children. Please please please go to full days. Thank you santee school bord for re-opening, and for thinking about the wellness of the children. I proudly tell people how happy I am with the decisions you have made so far. Other parents (friends) in San Diego have expressed to me how lucky I am to live in santee and have my kids back to school. We all want what is best for our kids. Thank you
328	Joseph Kemery		Just yesterday, there were 922 new cases of COVID in our county. Numbers of cases continue to rise and we are entering both the holiday and flu season. People are gathering and spending more time inside. There is no sign that the rate of infection is slowing. We should be doing everything we can to maintain AT LEAST 6 feet of distance. Plexiglass is not a replacement for 6 feet of distance. Students will not be eating 6 feet apart either, adding to the increased risks to students, staff, and their families. Please reconsider pushing our district into full-class, full-day instruction on November 30. Our current hybrid model has been effective. Most important to its success are the small cohorts which allows appropriate social distancing. The current hybrid mode of instruction has so many strengths for the safety and learning of students during these difficult times. While we can currently claim that we have not seen any community spread within our schools, this is only due to all of the social distancing in place. We should not be removing those safeguards now, when we are seeing skyrocketing rates of infection throughout our county, state and nation.
329	Patty Wilber	HC and colleagues.	Dear Mr. Fox, Thank you for reading comments and taking the time to process and hear what we've said in regards to this not being the best time to fully return. I truly appreciate that you spoke up and requested further discussion; it made me feel far more appreciated and valued than I have felt the past year. I sincerely hope that every board members reads and reflects as you did. Thank you!

330	Hailey Bennett	Not going back to school full-time.	I am in eighth grade student at Carlton Hills you to reconsider going back to school full-time on November 30th. With all the new cases and the deaths I advise that we should not go back full-time. I also think that we should not help COVID-19 spread faster than it already is. I can see why some people would go back to school full-time but I don't think it is wise. Me and my fellow classmates are the ones who have to live with this decision so please pick something that works for me and my friends and caring teachers. Pick what's right for us, all in all whatever you chose I will respect it. Thank you for reading my comment!
331	Anne Coman		Although I am still distressed from the threat at the last board meeting, I recognize that it is important to candidly share my experiences and concerns for the upcoming reopening. I am a Resource Specialist working with 6th through 8th graders. I was unsure how things would go this year as I had a hard time getting students to engage in the spring. Fortunately, things have gone beyond my best expectations since we have returned to hybrid learning. Although I am still teaching via video because I cannot have my students crossing cohorts, my students are engaged, receiving their mandated IEP supports, and experiencing success. I am able to meet their IEP service minutes without impacting their access to their general education classes. Because of the modified day and the ability to split my students between the am and pm schedule, I can offer additional office hours beyond their normal group time. I have been so proud of my students' attendance and participation beyond their required times. It was an unexpected bonus and a gift of time that I normally do not have. That being said, I have been tormented since the news of the November 30th reopening, trying to find a way to create a schedule that will support all my students once they are all at school the same time while keeping us all safe. Needless for me to say, the quality of my program will not be the same. No more office hours; no individual support. The issues are many. I would be happy to elaborate if anyone cares to contact me. In addition to my logistical and programmatic concerns, I have extreme concerns over safety. I have an immunocompromised family member whose welfare is foremost in my mind. I follow all precautions recommended by my doctor including wearing coverings and shoes that I remove before I go home. I worry that our schools will become super spreaders. As Member Fox stated in the meeting last night, many people in this community are not following the guidelines. I have seen this for myself and have made a conscientious decision to no longer shop in Santee unless there is no other option. I am scared. I am scared for our students. I am scared for our families. I am scared for our staff. These are our friends, family and community. If the district leadership has a tunnel vision on the clock and only evaluates a quality education based on the number of minutes on a campus, it will miss the successes of our current program, the risks of packed classroom that cannot follow social distance guidelines, the reality of an airborne illness, and the emotional wellbeing of our staff, students and their families. With our county progressing to the purple tier, the beginning of flu season, and the probable participation in holiday gatherings, to re-open on November 30th or immediately after a holiday break seems a reckless endeavor. I beg you to reconsider for the welfare of all in this community.
332	Jeanette Gil	Hope our schools stay open.	
333	Kim Romero	My two sons (1st & 8th Grade)	These kids NEED to be in school full time, there is more social/emotional harm to them being out of school. Let them be kids and experience a proper school life. They are the lowest risk population, it's time that we start standing up for our children and stop allowing this to take over our rights! These kids deserve better, and we as adults have to do better.
334	Virginia Geviss	My family and Santee community	Please postpone sending kids back for full day school with their whole class. My grandchildren attend your district and I am worried for our family's health. If they are pushed in with their whole class all day, they will have more of a chance to contract COVID and bring it home to me and their grandfather, who are both in the age range of concern. It is not okay that they will not have 6 feet of distance, even with plexiglass around them. It is also not okay that they will have almost no time to play or move, and that they will be eating around each other mask-free. We are about to get a vaccine, please let's not rush into a dangerous situation when there is a solution coming soon. Moving into full day classes with all the kids crammed in together affects the entire Santee community I live in. I do not want our numbers to skyrocket because we have been pushed into a dangerous situation that is absolutely avoidable. You have a responsibility to teach the kids and keep them safe. The teachers are already doing both of these things very well in the hybrid arrangement. They will not be able to keep our kids safe if they go back to full day at this moment in time. Please do not gamble with our lives. Please keep the kids in the hybrid arrangement until it is safer.
335	Tina Conlee		San Diego County is currently in the purple tier. There are to be no new school openings during this time. I believe that opening up for full time in-person learning during this time of unprecedented COVID cases is overwhelmingly foolish. Further, having this occur after a week long school break is even riskier. Students and staff may take part in large Thanksgiving gatherings, exposing them to infection. I implore the school board to look at the science and make the



			only decision that does not risk harm. Continue the current hybrid practice.
336	Chris Ortiz	Huh?	The policy, 'if the student has a headache or feels tired, send them home' is very short-sighted. Not sure where this came from, but a Pediatrician will not approve of a COVID test for just a headache (HELLO!) This would flood the health-system, so maybe just go back to remote learning since this policy is half-baked and there is obviously some hyper-sensitivity to a headache. The back and forth, of in-person attendance and extreme caution is contradictory and needs to be thought out better, by qualified professionals.
337	Thomas Collier	Santee tax payers/voters/concerned citizens	The santee school district is trying to force everyone back to school on the 30th. 29 - 30 kids in one room. No recess. One air break where they are not allowed to get up. 30 min lunch with 6 kids per table.. no one can get up. If possible a second air break in the afternoon. 5 hours, sedentary. Indoors with 29 people. Separated by inches. Not even the outdated indoor standard of 6 feet. These conditions are what we expect to see in a detention facility. Not a children's primary school. They are untenable and inadequate to protect public health and safety. Everyone back to school just after the holiday. During the largest increase in daily totals we have seen in the country and locally here in San Diego... It has already been a compromise for my family to participate in any return to on campus learning during an airborne pandemic. Bringing all.of the students together at this same time will lead to increased absenteeism. Because of increased illness and families rational fear to keep themselves safe. My family will continue to listen to the science and put everyone's safety 1st even if others do not. We must put the health and safety of our community first. A quarter of a million... 250,000 dead. Reckless reopening now. "Because if we don't do it now we never will". Is unforgivable and comparable to negligent homicide. Listening to certain board members in the last meetings disdain for even holding this meeting today made me sick to my stomach. Statements like I dont have time for this meeting because of my planned vacation or do I have to be here or can I send my vote via email. I am busy, I work for a living. It is just too inconvenient to change now. Just wow... everyone has life going on. If you are not up to the task step-down and let someone else do the work. Finally seeing a retroactive raise and provision amended to the superintendents contract ensuring that she gets a raise whether a performance review is done or not... with a clause that states the board and superintendent could forego the raise in time of crisis. What is this if not a time if crisis. The priority for some members of the board do not seem to fall in line with what is best for everyone. Do not bring all of our children together in these crazy times. Combining thousands of kids into the same rooms... the guidelines in this are clear... DON'T
338	Cameron Williams	Teachers	Thank you for your careful adherence to Robert's Rules of Order to consider this topic. As you discuss dates for a possible postponement of the full return date, I hope that you consider caution due to holiday celebrations. An immediate return after break would be premature with family gatherings having just occurred. A mid-January return would be much safer and prevent another possible postponement. Thank you.
339	Courtney Bueno	myself and my Kinder	I am concerned with the current plan to reopen on Nov. 30th as both a parent and a teacher in the district. My son is currently thriving in the current hybrid environment. His social and emotional needs are being met as well as his educational needs. He feels safe at school. As a teacher, my students are also thriving. They love being at school, the parents are happy, and I am able to spend much more one-on-one time with each student. The current safety protocols are also working. I am able to keep my kids 6 ft apart in the classroom, the students wear their masks if they are out of their seats. I feel safe. My students feel safe. The parents feel safe. Reopening would change all of that. It is simply not safe at this time. The current purple tier status and closures in San Diego County prove that. Many teachers and students reside outside of Santee including myself and my son, and unfortunately we simply cannot trust everyone to follow the recommended guidelines. The CDC has also now changed their status on children and Covid and reopening schools. Please reconsider the reopening date. We all want to be back to normal, but not until it is safe.
340	Brianna Ralston	Micah and Hailey Ralston	As a parent of a child on the Autism Spectrum it is extremely important for both the mental health of myself and my child to go back to school full time. I have spent several months attempting to teach him but I do not have the expertise that the teachers

			do and the additional services he needs are undoubtedly better received in person rather than on the computer. When my son receives school instruction from me we have countless tantrums but he behaves well for his school teacher. Please look at the big picture. Children are not the main transmitters of COVID. In addition, parents are unable to return to work when children are in school half day.
341	Lauretta Reyes	My Granddaughter	Please use as much common sense as you can when making the decision to bring all of the schools back. After Halloween we saw a huge uptick in the virus across the nation. I can only imagine how many families will ignore safety for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please wait to make a decision to open up schools after the holidays to at least see how the pandemic has progressed. I believe in caution to protect our kids and teachers as much as we can. Putting all of the kids together all day in a recipe for a disaster for the Santee Area. These are working class people that need to keep working and taking care of their families. One person gets sick in a family can devastate the whole family for many weeks and maybe months. At some point things will get better but not right now. Wait and see how things play out in the future.
342	Heather Glanz	Rio Seco School and the Santee School District	I would like to voice my concern about all students returning on Monday, November 30th. With the recent and ongoing spikes in COVID cases, I think it would be unwise to have all students return on the Monday following a week off, which includes Thanksgiving. As you may know, the recent spike has been linked to Halloween and the get-togethers/celebrations that took place. I know for a fact that many of my students are leaving town, and/ or getting together with family and friends. This fact cannot be overlooked, as it will more than likely be a key reason why cases will spike or continue to spike. I would like to suggest a safer, healthier alternative. I think it would be best to continue as we have been, since it IS working, and reconsider our full student return. I believe that we should not think about a full return until at least 2 weeks after Winter Break. A few more weeks, status quo won't hurt anyone, but a change too soon, could. Thank you for listening.
343	Tabitha Hodge	Concerned parents and teachers	In response to the board meeting on 11/17, I am shocked the District is not taking the teacher survey recently done into account, along with the teacher comments that Melanie Hirahara read to us all in the meeting. It is unacceptable to have 95% of our teachers not being heard and having no value in the board's decision regarding the 11/30 full re-opening. These are the people that truly know what is going on in the classrooms and being held responsible for our children. Has anyone on the board spent a sufficient amount of time in the classrooms to be able to make an informed decision making these teachers concerns null and void? In response to the board member stating it is unfair to the parents that are counting on going back full time on 11/30 because they have already made arrangements and need the child care that the teachers provide in the full time schedule... We all have current arrangements in place for the AM/PM hybrid schedule, including these parents "needing" the full time schedule. Those arrangements can and would stay in place as is currently. How will these same parents "needing" the full time schedule make arrangements should the increase in cases end up forcing the District to fully close again sending us all back into the full time distance learning as we did in the spring/summer? They would be forced to make arrangements no differently than we all did in the spring/summer. Re-opening to a full time schedule on 11/30 to accommodate the need for child care by teachers is irresponsible and unacceptable. In response to the board member stating it was unfair to postpone the re-opening because those who are in agreement with the re-opening need the opportunity to be heard as well. The ability to submit comments to these board meetings is open to anyone who wants to submit a comment. Anyone can open the District website and click on the "submit a comment" for the board meetings. They chose not to be involved in the meeting or submit a comment. My children have received their plexi-glass for their desks. I have seen them. They do not cover the entire front of the desks and they extend approx. 12 inches off the left side of the desks. There is no coverage on the right sides so it seems their right side coverage is supposed to be from left side plexi-glass on the desk to their right. The desks are not spaced sufficiently per the current guidelines of re-opening. My daughter wears glasses and is struggling to see through her plexi-glass and the 4 sets of plexi-glass on the desks in front of her. Both of my children are struggling to hear the teacher or their classmates. How long will it take for the left side extending off the desks to be broken by children moving to and from their desks? Do we have replacements ready to pop into place at any given moment? I urge the board to read the 100+ comments

			submitted for the 11/17 board meeting. All but a few of those comments were in support of postponing the full re-opening until after the holidays. I urge the board to re-visit the reading from Melanie Hirahara and allow our teachers concerns to play a role in the decision process. Postponing the re-open until the New Year once we are able to reevaluate the situation accommodates everyone. Our children are still receiving and excelling in their in person instruction under the AM/PM Hybrid schedule. They are getting some socialization aiding in their social and emotional well-being. All of this is at risk of being stripped away from them if we return to the full schedule too soon and a rise in positive cases shuts down the District returning us to full time distance learning again. Everyone will be upset and angry then. Slow and steady wins the race. There is zero rational reasoning to rush into a full re-opening. I know it is a difficult position to be in and it is impossible to make everyone happy. It is most important to keep our current positive traction here. Thank you for your time and consideration.
344	Shawna Strickland	Santee Teacher and Parent	I'd like to speak on the academic issue that was brought up at a previous board meeting. The thought is that our students are not receiving a "quality" education while in the hybrid model. I can tell you that I have seen first hand the incredible work my colleagues and our students are doing everyday. Many were/are concerned with the loss of learning brought upon by the Spring shutdown. Since opening for the AM/PM model, we have been able to work hard to make up for lost time. The smaller classes allow more individual attention to be given to students. The students are more focused in class due to less peer distractions. Personally, in my class, we have been able to catch up to where we would be at this time in a "normal" year, and I truly believe it is due to the ability to be here in the hybrid model. Behavior issues are non-existent, and I have seen my more timid students become more vocal and participatory in class. I'm not saying we shouldn't ever return to our "norm," but this model is working, and at a time when it is truly needed. My fear is returning too early, and having to shutdown again. With the larger classes, it would be more disruptive to student learning. The bottom line is that we have been successful in managing a productive school environment for our students during a world-wide pandemic, so must be cautious when making decisions that would potentially disrupt what is working for us now. Thank you for your time and consideration.
345	Anthony Rathswohl	Santee Community	Thank you for addressing the pandemic in the Board meeting and scheduling today's special session. The widespread transmission of Covid-19 and our elevation into the highest, most restrictive Purple Tier, (and the possibility that many families still plan on having get-togethers during the holidays) is very concerning. The districts decision to continue with the reopening plan, despite the fact we are experiencing a significant surge of cases during this pandemic, was a surprise to hear. I find it disingenuous to say that elevation into the Purple Tier has only commercial implications, since if schools were not already 'partially' open, they would not be allowed to reopen at all. We understand that by following the "letter of the law" the district can allow the return of all students to campus during this pandemic. This would be an unnecessary move that puts everyone's health at risk. It is counterintuitive to increase the level of risk in our schools while reducing the risk everywhere else. I request the district err on the side of caution and view the safety of the kids, staff and community as the paramount factor while determining our futures during this pandemic. The question should not be what we are allowed to do, but what we should do. Thank you.
346	James Kelly		I do not feel my kids are suffering or missing other children's interaction. They seem happy and healthy. That's the way I want to keep them, let's totally put the brakes on the full class and the full day.
347	Kimberly England	2 children at Carlton Oaks Elementary	Our children's emotional and educational well being depend on continuing to reopen as planned. If people were concerned about full time reopening, then they should not have put their children in school for the hybrid model to begin with.
348	Laurie Josafat		As a parent of a student of the school district and as a healthcare worker, I don't believe the schools should reopen back to full time hours. San Diego adults have already proven they can't get it right when restrictions were lifted. If the covid cases are continuing to rise then we should continue to help try to prevent the spread, not enable more bodies more time to potentially infect eachother.
349	Sean Flood	Mackenzie Flood	Please open school to full time. the students grades and education are failing from the current teaching plan.
350	Susanne McKell	Students at Carlton Hills	I am writing to support the decision to reopen schools in the Santee School District for fulltime instruction on 12/1. I have been



		Elementary	very impressed at the districts pro-active approach to their safe re-opening plan. My kids have been in Project SAFE this whole time and I have seen the schools working diligently to make the necessary changes to ensure the safety of the students and staff. As we have seen recently, the major outbreaks of COVID-19 are from gatherings without safety measures in place such as masks, social distancing etc and this is not the case in the school setting. These kids are suffering both academically and emotionally and delaying full-time reopening is only going to make this situation worse. I hope the district makes the right choice today and reopens for full-time instruction on 12/1.
351	Cynthia Rathswohl	Santee community	I am disappointed with the districts plan to move forward with total school reopening on November 30th. The surge of cases in this pandemic should concern us all. Our child's safety, our families safety and the safety of our community should be our only concern. I hope we can all agree that opening the schools is a risky move and should be delayed.
352	Miki Thompson	Wendy Thompson	I feel it is irresponsible given the current climate and lack of consistent handling by all levels of government, including but not limited to, state and federal to have the kids come back at all let alone change what is already happening. The fact that no two districts are handling issues consistently shows that no two parties know what is the proper and safe way to handle the situation. The desire to push kids and staff back into an unknown situation makes no sense when every other large corporation is working remotely. It begs to question the reasoning behind the push to get these kids back and the true reasons behind it when other districts, including the local high school, are handling very differently.
353	Kelly Bennett	Santee School district-school during the Covid pandemic	I would like schools to stay as they are now - half capacity, half time or back to virtual (if that is an option) until the pandemic slows
354	Don Hohimer	CFH Certificated	Governing Board: I appreciate the difficult decision you are tasked with in establishing a safe school reopening plan. The current hybrid model is a big success that is meeting the academic and social needs of our students. With the County in the Purple Tier, I strongly urge you to maintain the current hybrid model strongly prioritizing the safety of our students. Thank you.
355	Jennifer Moniz	Gracyn Moniz	This needs to STOP! This virus has become political and is just a way to control us! This is affecting our kids mentally, emotionally, and more importantly, their education!!! This doesn't effect the children of the Dictator, and the people in charge as their kids are going to pricey private schools!! It's been 8 months!! Our children need their teachers, friends, and the social skills! STAND UP FOR SANTEE AND SAY NO!!!! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!
356	Casey Price	Madison Price	I think the Santee School District should continue with the opening of schools full time on November 30th. The proper guidelines have been followed and these kids need to get back to their normal school routine. The added cost of child care and the fact that project safe increased their rates as well as charging additional for hybrid schedule is creating a financial hardship on those of us that have working parents unable to stay home or work from home.
357	Jackie Frankfurth	Can I ask that the school board please poll the parents of the children? I feel that the public comments are being bombarded by teachers. I hope that you guys reach out to the parents and see what we want.	
358	Mark Hoadley	my son	I would like to thank the gentleman on the board who took a stand at the last meeting and made this debate possible. It takes a lot of courage to speak up when you feel something is wrong, especially when you know the backlash it will cause. I do not envy the difficult decision the board needs to make today. I hope after all the public comments are read; you will decide to keep the current hybrid model because it is safely providing my son an excellent education. My son is thriving this year being able to learn with students at a safe distance while getting help from the teacher when he needs it in the core subjects of Math and Language Arts. I am more than happy to help him at home for the distance learning portion of History and Science. The plan for the return to full day instruction has many flaws and will not provide him with the safe and excellent education he deserves. Please keep the current model and work with the teachers to come up with a better plan for the return to full day instruction at a time when it is safer to do so. Thank you!
359	Graham	Parent	I do not believe that opening the schools full time right now is a good idea. We need to get through the holidays and the thick of

	Cavanaugh		flu season. What is the rush? Other districts are taking it slow and not putting decisions in stone. I personally do not want my child to remove the mask and sit around other children. What you are doing now with the hybrid is working, and working well. There needs to be a better plan in place for keeping them there 6 hours with their masks off at times, in a full room. Let's wait, see how this plays out. Try out the new safety measures and wait. By picking a date means only caring about the return date and not seeing what's happening in the city or how parents and teachers are feeling when that date arrives. But for now let's wait.
360	Kimberly Baroz		I am requesting to delay the reopening of full days on November 30th - I am requesting this change until after the Holidays and New Year where numbers can be evaluated based on Holidays, and children can continue to get the learning from the hybrid model. My daughter is 5 and a first year kindergartener, she is struggling already without breaks and understanding this. She complains about wearing her mask for hours, if this change happens she will go 5 hours at school with a mask. I am single mother that works full time and the schedule is extremely inconvenient, but if this is allowing my child learning I will continue dropping her off for 2 hours in order to keep her and others safe. People mention that kids do not make up most of the cases, but what about the family they live with that have compromised immune systems?
361	Cynthia Rathswohl	Concerned parent and Santee community member	I am disappointed with the districts plan to move forward with total school reopening on November 30th. The surge of cases in this pandemic should concern us all. Our child's safety, our families safety and the safety of our community should be our only concern. I hope we can all agree that opening the schools is a risky move and should be delayed.
362	Brenden Lowell	Carlton Hills Elementary	Board members, please reopen full time to all students. Schools have a low transmission rate and students very rarely suffer the severe effects that our elderly population sees from this virus. Our students are suffering educationally, emotionally and socially. These long-term issues far outweigh any immediate concerns this virus may cause for our least vulnerable. By not moving forward, you will be adding to their distress. I encourage this board to be bold and act according to the example set by our governor. Mr. Newsom sees fit to enroll his children in a private school that meets in person in order to ensure that his kids are receiving the education they need. We should not deny the right of education to our own families who cannot afford such a privilege. I repeat. Reopen every school, full time, to all students. Thank you.
363	Anthony Rathswohl	Concerned parent and the community	Thank you for addressing the pandemic in the Board meeting and scheduling today's special session. The widespread transmission of Covid-19 and our elevation into the highest, most restrictive Purple Tier, (and the possibility that many families still plan on having get-togethers during the holidays) is very concerning. The districts decision to continue with the reopening plan, despite the fact we are experiencing a significant surge of cases during this pandemic, was a surprise to hear. I find it disingenuous to say that elevation into the Purple Tier has only commercial implications, since if schools were not already 'partially' open, they would not be allowed to reopen at all. We understand that by following the "letter of the law" the district can allow the return of all students to campus during this pandemic. This would be an unnecessary move that puts everyone's health at risk. It is counterintuitive to increase the level of risk in our schools while reducing the risk everywhere else. I request the district err on the side of caution and view the safety of the kids, staff and community as the paramount factor while determining our futures during this pandemic. The question should not be what we are allowed to do, but what we should do. Thank you.
364	Mary Hennessy		I urge you to keep the hybrid model because it is working. We should not be focused on test scores right now although I do see the kids actually learning more with the individual attention they get in smaller classes. A few school districts have already announced keeping hybrid for the entirety of the school year. If you're so concerned about going back and forth than perhaps we should consider doing this as well. We shouldn't be in a rush to open in safely with no real idea of how bad the pandemic will get in the coming months.
365	Sabrina Deuel	Pepper Drive	Please continue with the current AM/PM cohort scheduling! As a parent, and voicing for other parents I've spoken with, we're all very worried about our children's possible exposure to COVID in school. This AM/PM schedule seems to be working well. My child has yet to come home sick, whereas last year, they came home with some sort of bug every other week. I can see the difference this new schedule and increased sanitation effort is making on our kids health. I, along with all the other parent's in

			my child's class, agree that continuing with a full re-opening is reckless, especially during this new "purple tier" classification. Please keep the AM/PM scheduling, at least through the end of this year, and continue to monitor the health/safety measures along with COVID. Let's see where we are come the New Year before any opening plans are enacted.
366	Katie David		Please keep hybrid instead of opening full classrooms. I do not feel safe sending kids to school in this way.
367	Krista Spencer		I feel it is reckless and irresponsible to come back for full in person instruction on November 30th. Today, there are 65 students that are restricted from attending in person school due to COVID exposure, symptoms, or positive testing. This is just the number at Carlton Oaks. I seems that the board and superintendent think Santee is in its own bubble and don't impact the rest of the county! Where do people go who are sick? There is not a hospital in Santee. This decision has an impact on the already strained hospitals around the county. I also feel that this decision to open schools too soon shows how little the Santee School Board and Superintendent care about the teachers. I chose a position of year long distance learning for health reasons. Now I will be exposed to more students at one time. I will have to walk through a large group of students eating lunch without masks just to get to the restroom. You are putting my health at a greater risk. I have been teaching in this district for 24 years with excellent evaluations. However, the district has shown they have no faith in my abilities or professionalism to be able to choose where I teach and provide a quality program. Your actions are insulting and hurtful.
368	Heather Wooding	Rio Seco	As a parent, I am asking you to consider putting off the full day openings till at least mid January. Our children are still trying to adjust to going to school in such a strange environment! This is causing enough anxiety for them. As of now they seem to be thriving, why push them? Put yourself in their shoes! Would you want to sit in a class in a glass box with a mask on for 4-6 hours a day? No, and neither would these kids! It seems like what matters most to you, is money!!! This is hard enough on a family, we have to worry now about what the kids may bring home too. Its easier to deal with in smaller cohorts and in a larger class. The teachers are human beings as well. They are doing a fantastic job along with all the staff, but it's overwhelming!! Put yourselves in there shoes, you are asking them to put aside all their worries and lives, and go forward. These men and women have elderly parents and children of their own. You don't think they worry about all that as well. These teachers are doing an amazing job with the small class sizes and short days. They are able to get a break in between and recollect their thoughts. Full days is asking too much from them. They are teachers, yes, but they are just human beings with worries too! To push forward with full days and full classes at this time, is saying to us as parents and others in the community that you don't care about the health and livelihood of this community! Please think about what this means.Thank you for your time
369	Michelle Corderman	Teachers, Students, and Their Families	I hope the Board will consider the Covid numbers and measures in San Diego before letting our students and teachers return to full capacity classrooms. Even with the plexiglass barriers, having 24 plus students in the classroom is a risk for teacher, students, and their families. If retail establishments are only allowed to be at 25% capacity, how is it safe to have 24 plus students in a small classroom for 5 plus hours. If restaurants can only have outside dining, how is it safe for teachers and students to be in a classroom for 5 plus hours. Our students will be sedentary for too long with the restrictions we have in school. With the plexiglass barriers it is almost impossible to do movement activities in the classroom with my Kindergarten students. I want my students to have a "regular" school day more than anything, but I want them to be safe and have age appropriate rules and restrictions. I want to feel safe going home to my family with underlying health conditions. Please make the right choice and keep our students, teachers, and their families safe.
370	RHANDY DOMIGPR		With the corona virus not going away anytime soon, and the fact that cases are on a rise. I believe that it is better to be safe and be extremely cautious with our kids health and stay with the Hybrid schedule oppose to the normal schedule. I am an active duty member of our military and I am on a deployed status. I would not want to keep worrying about my kids possibly being exposed to Covid due to longer hours of close contact. I vote for hybrid schedule which in my opinion has been very successful.
371	Kathy Jose	Santee citizen and staff member	There are currently COVID cases at four of our school sites. We are experiencing a surge, which is likely to worsen due to potential gatherings over the holidays. I feel that this is not the time to bring all the students back together. Please wait and reassess after the first of the year. Yes, It appears that our students are less likely to become seriously ill with this disease. However, there are many older vulnerable staff members who remain at risk for serious complications. Many of us care for



			older family members and risk taking COVID home to them. Thank you.
372	Michael Acevedo	Giovanni Cappa	What basis, of solid, factual scientific evidence are you making your school board decisions on?
373	Julie Hazelton	A concerned grandparent	Two of my granddaughter attend Santee Schools, Carlton Hills and Pride Academy. I am very concerned about them returning to the classroom full time and ask that you consider delaying this return until after Winter Break on 1/4/21. The CDC has advised not getting together in groups for Thanksgiving but not all will follow this advice putting all students and school personnel in danger. Having lunch at school will create an additional risk to spread the virus since students will be sitting closer than the recommended 6 feet and will be dropping their masks to eat. San Diego is currently in the purple zone and although Santee schools have done well numbers tend to spike after a break. Since there is only 3 weeks between Thanksgiving and Winter break I feel the students and school staff would be more safe to delay full time classroom learning until 1/4/2020. Thank you for allowing me to comment on this.
374	Kelly Jacobson		Please do not open the school full time on November 30. As a family that works in the healthcare field, we see first hand how quickly COVID-19 spreads. This is not a virus to take chances with. It costs so much more than the education children will miss out on when needing to quarantine because of an in school exposure. Do we want to risk this loss of knowledge for our kids when having to homeschool if they have been exposed or get COVID-19? Even with our plan now, my child has been exposed to COVID at school and needed to quarantine. Families that are sending their children to public school and not electively homeschooling typically do this because their home situation does not leave room for more than an hour of homework at home at the end of the work day. Think of the percentage of adults and elderly who contract COVID compared to children, then look at the rate at which adults and elderly heal from this virus compared to children. I have 6 family members who contracted COVID. 3 children. 3 adults. The adults have taken a month + to gain the ability to move around at their normal pace. The children- a few weeks. And who enriches the minds of our children and allows them to see the world in ways others cannot? Schoolteachers, librarians, Respurce Teachers, School Volunteers. These are adults and elderly individuals. What happens when we risk it all? Wait to reopen full time until a vaccine is in place. The knowledge gained may not be as much as we hoped for, but PLEASE look at the alternative. Save lives and further loss of educations through weeks-long quarantines. As Ben Franklin said, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." Thank you for your consideration in placing health and wellness above quotas.
375	Christina Rae	My family	I am in favor of the School Board moving the re-opening full time date from November 30, 2020 to January 11, 2021. Due to the fact that San Diego County is in the Purple Tier, the number of Covid cases has almost increased dramatically on a daily basis, the fact that there is talk of a vaccine with 94% efficacy being available in the next month or so, and that the majority of teachers on site with our kids do not feel ready for full return, should make this decision easy. The balance of education and health is a delicate one and when the numbers were lower and the kids were in smaller groups and not eating together it made sense (and still does), but in light of the changes since September and the fact that this process for full re-opening seems rushed, it should be put off and done right! I think we are seeing the effect of Halloween and letting down our collective guard, Thanksgiving and Christmas will be no different. With a start date of 1/11/2021 - that will be two weeks after New Year's Eve and after winter break. Respectfully, that would be my recommendation. Thank you.
376	Brittany Ayers	Parent and Staff Member	Dear Santee School Board, I highly recommend staying the course until after the holidays. My recommendation would be a return date of January 19th if not remaining hybrid for this school year. As a parent, I have been able to hear from my son that he is getting more support when he has a topic that he is struggling with. He has come home with the highest scores he has ever had on a report card this past trimester. He did inform me that he does get sad about not seeing some friends that are in the pm cohort, however he has been able to strengthen the friendships of those that are in his same cohort. As a teacher, I feel that we stay the course that we are on. I have been able to support all of my students' needs and have seen better academic growth. I feel that if we were to return to full day, especially being on a campus with more than 900 students there would be a significant increase in risk to both staff and students. I also feel that there is not enough space on campus to adequately support the need for breath breaks. Admin has done their best to create a schedule for breath breaks, but we all know as educators that sometimes we can't stick to the schedule which would to adjust our time or add in an extra break, which would

			<p>impact the breaks of others. We have several staff members that have increased risk factors and by having more students on campus at the same time, we are reducing the social distancing to accommodate for the increased about of students. This is a health risk to those who are vulnerable. I have consistently had 2-4 students out of my class for self-quarantines, and by having the students in a hybrid model, there is some wiggle room for me to be able to meet virtually with those students so that they are not missing out on academics while at home. I appreciate you for calling this special meeting an I urge you to reconsider the opening date. Thank you for your time.</p>
377	Vicki Torres	Former Employee, Resident, Grandmother of students and Mother of 2 employees	<p>I am submitting my comments from having 31 years experience in different areas of the schools and 19 years as a school secretary. I am astonished that the Board would consider full time during the predicted dark winter ravages of this world wide pandemic. As I learned, our primary job is to support our teachers to enhance their abilities to teach our children. The plans that are in place are working. Please do not consider your full time plan or setting timelines in this pandemic. I wish you could envision what it is like in a school setting. Working in the environment is much different than "Oh a Board member is coming for observation." A visit is not reality of day to day life. Our teachers and staff work beyond what is required. I will consider very differently in our next elections because I hear you and am not feeling the support needed for students which means help our teachers and staff. Sincerely, Retired School Secretary - Vicki Torres</p>
378	Jeff Willis	Cajon Park Parent	<p>Open the schools!!! Please keep the opening of 30NOV20. Parents need the time to work and provide for their families! Children need the socialization and teacher interaction. Cajon Park has been open for 3 hours a day and no outbreaks have occurred. I want to return to full days, but will take what I can get. I look forward to going back to normalcy for the sake of our children's well-being.</p>
379	Megan webster	Kassidy webster	<p>Kids need to be back in school full time for a virus with a 99.9 survival rate. This has gone on to long and kids are becoming depressed and deprived of education. If you don't feel comfortable sending your kids to school then homeschool them. I have many friends that are teachers in the Santee district and they all want the kids back full time. If people are afraid of this virus then they should take some time and do some actual research for themselves.</p>
380	Aaron Starns	Please continue with the reopening plan! Follow the science. Data shows schools are not major vectors for transmission. School outbreaks are caused by the community, not vice versa. Our children are losing valuable in-class time!	
381	Mallory S	Parent	<p>This is not something any person could've imagined happening this year but to have the guts to say "better see good test scores in April then" to the hardworking teachers and parents of the Santee community is appalling. I have faith in our school staff and I want to have faith in our elected Board officials that they will make the safest decision for ALL and return to full reopening after the holidays. The hybrid schedule is working. If we can't even have indoor dining which is smaller groups and typically an hour long then why would it be expected to have a group of 28 kids and for several hours in a classroom setting with barriers that are not sufficient? We cannot control what happens with the virus but we can take responsibility for our own actions. Thank you to Dustin and Ken for having the courage and bravery to do what's right and keep our children safe.</p>
382	Laura Barker	Teachers	<p>I know that you are trying to do what you think is right and I really appreciate it. I wrote you a note the other day but today I wanted to show you how my students have been growing while in the hybrid model. I currently have 55 sixth graders that I teach Math to. We took the iReady Math test in September right around 9/9/2020. We have been taking the iReady diagnostic again to see our growth. It has been around 50 days since the students took the first diagnostic test. This test is difficult and takes a long time. We were told, by iReady, that the students will miss around 50% of the questions and the program is setup that way. It is trying to find where the student is deficient. Also, it has taken some of these kids 3 or more hours to finish it. So, it isn't an easy and quick test. I wanted to share some of my data. I gave the math iReady test to my students. 60% of my students increased their score in the 50 days. 28% percent of my total students grew the amount iReady expects a student to grow in one year, all in the 50 days. 1% made their stretch goal (the place past 1-year growth, really pushing themselves). Of the 60% there are three students that are EL learners. These 3 students all raised their score by 15 points or more, passing and</p>

			<p>matching the “typical” growth for a school year. I also had 2 RSP kids on IEPs in this data. One of the students is the lowest in my class. On the first test she scored kindergarten level (transferred from another district) and this test she moved up to a first-grade level. Does not seem big but it is huge, especially on her self-esteem. Unfortunately, I haven’t given the IAB tests yet and we haven’t given these students the iReady reading test to show you any more growth but our kids are growing! Remember this is growth for 50 school days, 2 months. Imagine what we could do if I was able to continue with these kids in the small groups they are in during hybrid.</p>
383	Jackie D’Agostino	Employee - School Secretary @ Rio Seco School	<p>As a soon-to-be retired District employee, I have seen many changes in my 32 years. Most of it has been positive; however, these past few years have been challenging. I do not feel the support or family camaraderie that was once present during my earlier years of employment. The District’s Mission Statement is as follows: “Providing an extraordinary education in an inspiring environment with caring people.” In my opinion, this begins at the top! I want to commend President Dustin Burns and Member Ken Fox for modeling that caring trait and having the courage to echo the concerns of our teachers, faculty, and parents who believe that it is too soon to reopen fully. Our teachers and faculty are doing everything they can to make sure the students are educated, happy and safe with this current Hybrid Model. What we do know is: 1) Positive case counts are rising thereby placing us in the purple tier. 2) We have businesses that are not adhering to the protocols put in place. 3) People are gathering and/or traveling for the holidays to be with others. 4) This disease does not know what boundaries or zip codes are. 5) The current Hybrid Model is working! When making your decision, I implore you to listen to the scores of pleas from parents, teachers and faculty that are asking that you to reconsider the full reopening of our schools. Do the right thing!</p>
384	Loree Wilstermann		<p>I have 3 kids in the Santee School district and 1 in preschool! In person learning is important to their success in life! It is preparing them for the years ahead. We need to overcome this covid road block and stop living in fear! Our kids need the social interaction with their friends and teachers!</p>
385	Merry Board		<p>My concern is that the Santee School District does not have the essential personnel we need to run our schools according to the Safety Plan. With more students on campus, we’ll need more people to ensure protocols are being met. The lack of campus aides, extra custodial staff, classroom aides for special ed and certificated substitutes need to be addressed before we can safely move into a full return. Admin, teachers and classified staff are stretched too thin, as it is, and the thought of twice as many students on campus without adequate personnel is daunting. It just doesn’t make sense...</p>
386	Misty Kendall		<p>Please reconsider opening full time on 11/30. The AM/PM hybrid is currently working; my children are receiving an unusual yet quality education while maintaining social distancing throughout the day. It is reckless for the Santee schools to proceed with opening full time while the rest of San Diego County is implementing more restrictions due to the rising COVID cases. I prefer to keep my children attending school on a part-time basis rather than risk total shut down and reverting back to virtual learning like what is happening in NYC. I want my children to return to school, but not during a rise in COVID cases and when it will be “normal” including recess and play time; young children need time and space to release energy. Let’s continue this discussion and wait to see what happens after the holidays before setting a full-time reopening date.</p>
387	Jean Brittain	Santee Student and Staff Safety	<p>Hello Board Members, We have been at this idea of reopening since July. As the only parent represented on the initial reopening plan I am at a loss that the district is moving forward with this plan. I sent in three pages of recommendations in which very few were considered. I was surprised that your hybrid model went forward and was worried of the outcome. With it now being in place for several weeks and only three schools not being impacted by some type of exposure is interesting. Currently the state is in a purple tier with the most cases reported and deaths occurring at this time. Holidays are coming and people will be traveling. The idea of opening after this has occurred is risky. Santee seems to ignore the risk to teachers and students. This board voted on having the teachers return to classrooms in August with no students present. You did not give the teachers an option. You did not allow those that volunteered or were newly hired to teach long term distance learning to work from home to reduce their risk of exposure. With the hybrid model you placed teachers at risk without concern. At several board meetings you dismissed their concerns. Now here we are with several teachers concerned and many families asking you all to wait until after the holidays to return in full. The district was unprepared when so many families opted for distance learning for the entire year that they closed the option off to families. Now families have no choice. Things are changing and situations change and families still have no choice. You should consider reopening long term distance learning to teachers and</p>



			families at this time and see what the outcome is. You should allow distance learning teachers the option to teach from home to reduce their risk. I know some of you think reopening full time will improve the well being of students especially those in need or those at risk but with the hybrid model those students are being observed and one on one interaction with teachers and specialists is happening now. Going to full day is not going to change the situation for those students. Working parents are having to constantly change and be flexible with their schedules and the district is disregarding this. Especially during a pandemic when jobs are precious. At the last board meeting the teachers were told to change their tone and then they were threatened that test scores better be good by a board member. This type of pressure on the teachers is going to make the school environment hostile and teachers will start to resent their jobs and perform less. They are essential at this time and should be listened to too. When you have 95% saying wait please listen. I really hope today you dig deep and think of all the risks and rewards and see that reopening is not the safest or in the best interest of the students or the teachers.
388	Mrs. Bennett	teachers and data scores	As a ¾ combination class teacher in Santee, I am happy with the academic results I am seeing from students. The smaller class allows more time for individualized instruction and help.....and I am seeing the results. On yesterday's Wonders Unit test, the lowest grade in my class was 85%. 85%! And that includes all students including those with special needs or language issues. At the beginning of the year, our reading lexile according to iReady had 48% of students at or above grade level. Our November results shows 70% of students are at or above grade level with only one student significantly behind. That is a huge increase in proficiency. For math, beginning of the year showed 22% of students at or above grade level. Our current results show 43% with only one student fall behind. Proficiency has almost doubled in two months. My students have passed over 400 Achieve nonfiction reading activities and have gained confidence in their abilities. Their ending lexile on Achieve is 705 with both grades combined. The normal year end for 4th grade is 740 so we are almost there in November. This is unbelievable growth. The hybrid system is working for these students. Although it may be less hours of instruction, the focus, intensity, individual "buy in" and attitude are causing MORE learning to happen, not less. Discipline issues are non-existent and students are enjoying far more attention and time to participate in the learning since there are less students in the classroom. If it was just about numbers and ease for me, the teacher, the full schedule would actually have me teaching less time overall and ending with students earlier in the afternoon. While this would be less work for me, it is not in the best interests of students. Please consider staying on hybrid until COVID rates in San Diego County change for the better. Holidays are not the ideal time to rush back to full classes and full days. What we are doing is working and my results show this. Please don't change what we are doing now!
389	Julie Boerman	Teachers	The district should not have a full reopening on November 30. Santee has a low case rate, but many of our students and most of our staff live in areas with significantly higher case rates and we all converge on the school campuses. We teach our students to be global citizens, to think critically about what is going on in the world, not just in our community, and we must do the same. We cannot make decisions solely based on data for the city of Santee because Santee does not exist in a bubble. At this point in the pandemic, it is not the time to combine cohorts, increase class sizes, and have reduced distancing in classrooms.
390	Stacy Roberts	I trust you all to make a decision that will be best for students and families. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of all stakeholders.	
391	Lilia Torres	Campus Aides	Please Do Not Do full reopening, please take into consideration the students, teachers, and school staff.
392	Andrea Gadd	Teachers and students	As a parent of a Santee student and teacher in the district, I am asking the board to postpone the current plan to return full time on November 30. At this time, the rate of positive COVID tests is increasing rapidly. I find it disheartening to think of the danger we are about to step into and I find it even more astonishing that you, as board members, are willing to send all of our students into a situation that is not safe and could put them at greater risk. I want more than anything to be back with all of my students, I want my own daughter to be able to experience 1st grade the way that we all know it to be however, I want all of this to be done safely and at this point, it is not safe to have 24-30 students in a classroom with only 30 inches separating them from another student. Yes, you have decided to move forward with plexiglass being installed on all desks but as we all know,

this is an airborne illness. the more students we have in a classroom, the more likely we are to spread an illness. Why are we pushing so hard to expose our staff and students? Why are we pushing so hard to fully open schools that are understaffed? Why are we pushing so hard to get all students back to school when they are already in person at school? Why are we pushing so hard to change something that is working so well? Why are you pushing so hard to make your staff members feel unheard?

393	Lilia Jimenez	Please Don't do Full reopening. It's putting the children too much at risk.	
394	Teresa	Myself	<p>I want to begin by thanking you for your service during this difficult time. As a seasoned teacher, I strongly feel children need to be in school. I also feel our current system is working well. The kids are enjoying school, getting work done, and enjoying the time outside their homes. It is wonderful to be focused on their academics as well as their social emotional health. The current system I has worked, prioritizing the important aspects of growth and well being, and refreshing NOT to be focused on test scores, but rather focused on CHILDREN. My kids are showing tremendous enthusiasm attending school and completing their assignments. Our system is currently working well. With this considered I respectfully ask you to reconsider the full-time opening during wide spread COVID outbreaks in San Diego. We all know that families are becoming fatigued and loosening their compliance to the Stay At Home orders. Many children are reporting spending time as usual with sports teams and other families. COVID reports indicate the higher levels of spread, according to Dr. Wilma Wooten this week, appear to be coming from family events. Halloween was a perfect example of what's likely to happen on Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays but I fear the spread may be even worse with people of all ages mixing. Please vote to put off the full reopening until after the holidays have passed and COVID rates are not on the rise as currently the case in our county.</p>
395	Monica Roque	Myself	<p>The plan to return to school on November 30th does not send a message that our students' health and well-being are the top priority. In a time of such uncertainty, it is critical to provide stability, consistency, and opportunities to succeed for our students whenever and wherever possible. It took weeks for my students to acclimate to their new school environment, but today, the majority are well-adjusted and thriving. They are much more comfortable and value the amount of time we can work together individually. I am frequently able to check in with students one-on-one to see how they're coping during this delicate time. I have connected with students on a level that has not typically been possible due to class size. According to the CDC, "Adolescents may struggle when asked to change their social routines – from choosing to skip in-person gatherings, to consistently wear masks in public settings. It is important for adults to help adolescents take personal responsibility to protect themselves and others, as well as support them in safely taking time to connect with friends and family remotely." Teachers are making these most-meaningful connections with students in-person because of the AM/PM cohorts. They are safe havens for our students. This is essential during a time when mental health can be seriously impacted. I have had students ask questions and make comments about what will happen when they return on November 30th such as: "What will the plexiglass be like?" "Do we have to wear a mask too even with the plexiglass?" "Will we have more than one break during the day?" "I get claustrophobic so I don't know how well I'm going to do." "What's the point of social distancing and wearing a mask if we are going to be that close in here?" In smaller classrooms such as mine, student's will be approximately 2-3 feet apart from one another. The bottom line is, we can clearly sense the apprehension that they are feeling. I hope you will reconsider the decision to pack all students back in classrooms while our county is in the worst and most restrictive tier.</p>
396	Gina Ellis	Santee Teachers	<p>Please reconsider our full-time return on November 30th. With our county, as well as many other counties, pulling back and dropping down into the purple tier, I feel that we are doing the wrong thing by moving forward with a full-time open. Within my classroom, students are not able to completely maintain a social distance from each other with a full class size. With our hybrid model and smaller class sizes, my students are able to follow correct guidelines, as well as help with improving their overall scores. Also, in this hybrid model, I have been seeing an increase in my iReady reading and math scores because it allows me to better support and teach my students, especially my students with IEP's/SST's. My students are engaged in their learning and working harder than ever.</p>

397	Susan Walter	Certificated staff	I just feel for the emotional and educational growth of students they need to be in the classroom. The classroom setting allows for more accountability and engagement of the students. I have also heard the kids discussing playing at various friends homes so the cross contamination of households has already occurred. The science is saying safer for the kids at school and low incidence of passing on to other students and adults.
398	Hannah Giblin	Hello All,	As much as I want things to return to normal, including going back to school full day, I am afraid we are not ready. While San Diego heads into the purple tier and closes down businesses, it doesn't make sense to open our schools back to full capacity. Why should we rush into full day when the current hybrid model is effective? I am able to keep my second graders socially distanced because there is a manageable number of students in each cohort. Going back full day would mean I wouldn't be able to even see all of my students when they're in line; the line would wrap around the building since I need to maintain 6 feet of distance between each student! The current timeframe of the hybrid model is working as well. My students are focused for the couple of hours they are at school. When the students get home, they are able to complete their asynchronous work at their own pace. Our "breathing break" gives them a chance to reset if needed. However, if we return to full day, not having recess or lunch recess will be an issue. I have managed to find games that promote social distancing. Those games have worked for a class of 12. A class of 24 (and even more for intermediate and Middle School), would make it very challenging to let them get the ants out of their pants while keeping social distance. Even though I want to have my two cohorts become one class, I don't think we're ready. November 30th is right after Thanksgiving break; is it safe to return after a time when families and friends come together? Canada just celebrated their Thanksgiving; now Covid cases have spiked! Should we really be returning full day when we could have a spike in cases after Thanksgiving? While I would like to continue with this hybrid model through the end of the school year, I think it would be beneficial if we could at least postpone the reopening until February. Let's finish 2020 strong and safe. When we do reopen to full day, there will be new procedures to teach; let us teach them in February, after the major holiday breaks, as opposed to three weeks before Winter break. Santee School District has made strides in reopening. Other districts continue to postpone their in-person return. At least we are back in-person! The hybrid model is working. Why do we need to change what is effective and safe?
399	Liz Harris	My grandkids	The thought of full time reopening has me concerned for my grand children's safety. Putting 24-28 children in a classroom doesn't provide much of a chance at social distancing, and that's a long time for children to sit and attend while wearing a mask. I would encourage the board to wait until January to consider opening to full time.
400	Chris Krynski	teachers	Good afternoon, Thank you for taking the time to consider the perspective of those of us that are in the trenches dealing with the "logistics" of the Covid situation on a daily basis. We agree we all want what is BEST FOR KIDS and their education. However, until you walk in the shoes of a teacher trying to accomplish what is best amidst the restrictions of a safe existence at school during this pandemic, I think you cannot accurately gauge what is best for kids. To simply say kids need to be present on campus more hours (mixing cohorts WITH current restrictions in place) is short-sighted. I think there is a perception that teachers want the hybrid to continue because it is "easy". THIS COULDN'T BE FARTHER FROM THE TRUTH. My colleagues and I are working harder than we EVER have. I eat my lunch after 2:30 dismissal and I work in my classroom until 5 or 6 in the evening and still bring work home. I work on the weekends. The hybrid schedule is tough on teachers. I also really do understand that it is TOUGH on parents. We are parents, too, and WE GET that. But despite how tough it is, I believe in it because IT IS WORKING AND KEEPING US SAFE. It is the best we can do in a bad situation (Covid) beyond our control. The implementation of the District Safety Plan is what's keeping us safe. But the very real logistics of implementing this plan calls for us to continue with the hybrid schedule. We are dealing with real capacity issues such as only having bathrooms for 2 children at any given time. Adding lunches into the mix as well as double capacity at arrival and dismissal brings real logistical problems that we do not have the capacity to handle with current restrictions in place. To try to do what we are doing now to keep everyone safe with the full amount of students would greatly decrease the effectiveness of what we are doing. This would lead to more students as well as teachers becoming sick, which would then mean LESS time in the classroom for all involved. It has also been the perception that students on the hybrid schedule are not getting enough instructional minutes. This is a complete misconception. One needs to consider not just the quantity of instructional minutes but the quality of those minutes. With the hybrid schedule the minutes that students are on campus are QUALITY minutes. The instruction I am able to do now is so focused, targeted, intentional, and



			so tailored to meet the individual needs of EACH of my students. Instruction now is nearly all small group and one-on-one in a way that has never before been possible; just at a time when students need it the most. Behavior issues that distract from the learning environment are also at an all time low in large part because students are able to get the individual attention they are so desperately needing. Please reconsider continuing on the hybrid schedule while the threat of Covid persists and the need for stringent restrictions continues. I have joyfully served this district and its children for over 25 years and I honestly want nothing but the best and safest conditions for my students and their families. Thank you again for your consideration. Respectfully, Chris Krysinski
401	Robin Ninteman	Students	My son is in kindergarten and I am very concerned about his health and safety if we return fully in one week. This is not the best time with cold and flu season and the raising COVID numbers. He already had a COVID case in his classroom when we 1st reopened in September. He comes home from school with a wet mask every day after 2.75 hours. I feel bad him going 6 hours with that mask on with very little breaks. Also he was told he can't run around on his break anymore. Students are not getting exercise if they are expected to sit in a spot outside to eat snack and also do the same at lunchtime. I want nothing more for him to be in school full time so it is easier for mine and my husbands work schedule but maybe after the holiday season when we know if numbers are safer. Why are we rushing when the am/pm model is working so well for students and staff at the school?
402	Saeja Keehan	Students and Teachers	Please reconsider full opening. Keep the kids safe! We need to wait until case levels drop.
403	Kristin Haley	Parent, Teachers, Students	To the Board, I am disheartened and saddened by the board's lack of faith in their teachers. Santee teachers are some of the most amazing teachers I've ever had the pleasure of working with. Teachers arrive WELL before their contractual time and STAY long after their contractual time ends. We do this because we care for our students and want them to be successful. The Hybrid schedule is working. It's EXHAUSTING, but working! My day is filled with rigorous and meaningful instruction! Students are receiving quality one on one instruction. I spend my nights grading, planning, and preparing for lessons that help students be successful! I took it as a personal insult to hear that our scores would be checked in April if we did not return on the 30th. If we return on the 30th, there will be more students, less room and no one on one instruction. Students will be asked to work on the apps (DreamBox, iReady, etc.) that they are now doing at home. We can't do small groups, we can't stand 6 feet from a student to help them because there will now be another student there. We are not allowed to do PE, but brain breaks in class won't work either. Expecting children to sit in their seat all day is unreasonable. If you want to see test scores go up, the hybrid model is the correct choice. It's the more strenuous and exhausting choice for teachers, but it's the one that is actually helping students. Please listen to the your teachers! We are the ones in the trenches! We are here for our students and want what's best for them! As a teacher and a parent of school aged children, I want nothing more than to be back with a full class, but with all of the restrictions in place, it's just not possible at this time!
404	Charles Applegate	Students, staff and the community which I live in.	This is not a race, this is a Pandemic. The Pandemic does not follow trimesters or calendars, but it does follow groups and social gatherings. I would like request that you consider not returning full time, until we can properly protect our students and staff. While the current model is not ideal and we all want our students back full time, you have a tremendous responsibility to take every precaution possible to ensure the safety of all involved. Currently, we do not have the facilities/space to deal with the Pandemic properly. As the number of cases continue to rise, please do not rush back only to have to shut down again. Teachers are doing the best they can with daily temperature checks, daily health check questionnaires, continually hand washing, physical distancing, and Oh! by the way teaching. Bringing the full classes back will further complicate and drag out this process. It will also increase the number of potential cases and people affected by this Pandemic(see NY, Vista Unified, etc). These are historical times which call for sound leadership and decision making, I trust that you will do the right thing and postpone reopening for the time being. Thank you for your time.
405	Christian Bowers	Everyone coming back	I want everyone to come back to school because we've been in quarantine for too long and we need to see everyone

406	Jayme Rosa	Teachers and myself	<p>I would like to voice my concern for a full return of students. Covid has been very hard to navigate for all of us. People, like myself, are having to choose between their family's well being and their career. It is a choice that I wish upon no one. I have three children of my own, and I understand the importance of getting kids back in school full time, but not under these circumstances. Students will be asked to sit in a seat for longer periods of time than they are already being asked to do. With hybrid, my students are asking when the next break is more than they ever did before this. Without the ability to allow the students to move throughout the room with partner work, carpet time, etc. it is too much to ask young students to sit all day in one space. I am also very concerned about the spread of COVID with a full return. We know that right now it is not spreading within the classrooms when someone gets it, but that cannot be used a reason for full return. The situations are not the same. Right now, my students are more than 6 feet apart, and I do feel somewhat safe with that. With full return, the students will be about 3 feet apart. On rainy days, they will be 3 feet apart without masks for lunch time. This is not okay with me. I know that it has been said that teachers that were concerned should have taught distance learning for the year. I wanted to do that, but was told that I would have to pack up my entire classroom, and possibly never get it back if I wanted to go that route. For any teacher, that was a huge blow. At that point, I had to change my plans to remain safe and unexposed with distance learning and continue to teach in person. I had to make the decision to continue teaching hoping that my health and the health of my students would be the absolute first priority of the district. With the holidays, and the known fact that many families will be traveling and further exposing themselves, it does not make sense to go forward with our full return of students. Please consider the feelings and safety of the Santee School District staff and their families as well as the students and communities. Thank you.</p>
407	Zachary LaBarr	Everyone coming back to school	<p>I'm tryna have everyone come back full time.</p>
408	Kerri Starr	Parent of student at Carlton Oaks	<p>I respectfully ask the Board to postpone full opening until we have seen results of the (combined) Winter Respiratory Season, Flu Season and COVID19 in our community. I work at Rady Children's Hospital and our positive cases in pediatric population has increased recently as well as SD County increasing. As a population, we have not seen the effects of winter respiratory and flu season combined with COVID19. I understand this decision is not easy to make, especially in consideration of the at risk children in our community. However I strongly believe waiting an additional 2 weeks (and then having the winter break), before full time return, will give the district insight into how the season will or will not affect us in Santee, and be the safest option for all. I appreciate the Board taking public comments. Thank you.</p>
409	Tracy Kull	teachers and the well being of students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can honestly tell you my students are more engaged for the 2 hours and 45 minutes because we hustle! With only 12 kids in the class, behaviors are down and engagement is up. As a teacher I am able to spend more time with each student with their specific needs. I make sure time is spent wisely on learning and thinking critically.</li> <li>• Kids are actively interested and working to their best ability. All students are being heard and monitored closely every day of the week.</li> <li>• It has been proven that smaller class sizes produce higher test scores.</li> <li>• The hybrid model with a smaller class size is similar to RTI groups (response to intervention).</li> <li>• 15 days!!!! That's all there is if we were to wait to come back to school in January. By returning November 30th, this would happen after a major holiday and being in the PURPLE ZONE – this WILL be a hot issue. Plexiglass barriers are not going to make a difference with an airborne disease.</li> <li>• The majority of east county schools are not returning till January and possibly later, having all students return IS NOT GOING TO return to normalcy. Many teachers, students and families are very concerned how classrooms are going to be when returning November 30th.</li> <li>• I don't believe all parents understand that their students are still going to be in their classrooms, in their seats less than 5 feet apart and, no cooperative working groups. Lunch will be sitting at a table and there will be NO recess or PE.</li> <li>• When COVID effects a school and classrooms have to shut down, wouldn't it be more productive if ONLY HALF the classroom goes to distance learning?</li> </ul>
410	Robin Larson	teachers	<p>We have adjusted to the Hybrid Model safely. Full-time return of all students will necessarily involve even more restrictive movement measures than we currently have, both inside the classrooms and outdoors. Young children staying at desks for</p>

			most of 5 hours is not optimum by any standards. In Hybrid classrooms they are able to interact and hear each other, concentrating on their discussions of content, despite masks. They are growing, being challenged, questioning, learning in all ways. They are, always, more than their test scores. They are here, we are here in this working Hybrid Model, caring for them and educating them excellently and safely.
411	Eleni Simon		As you are making a life changing decision, please consider the following: Not every employee lives in Santee, so looking at Santee data only is irresponsible. Creating a safe learning environment is crucial. We are in control of what happens in our classroom and bringing all students back is creating a lot of unnecessary stress. The hybrid model is working. Kids are learning, enjoying the activities and interactions with their peers. Many families will not return if Santee combines both cohorts on 11/30. Please do what is right for students. Bringing both cohorts together does not guarantee more learning, but it does guarantee more stress and higher risk of illness. Kids can not learn if they are out sick or overwhelmed with stress. The hybrid model is what is best for kids.
412	Hannah Mallard		In light of rediscussing the Santee School District Reopening Plan, I wanted to share some of the positive highlights of my current experience as a combo teacher during Hybrid learning. 1. With the smaller number of students in each cohort, I am better able to meet the needs of my students academically, socially, and emotionally during in-person hours. 2. Unlike any other year, I currently have not had any major behavior issues that have needed to be addressed with my administrator. 3. Although my instructional time is shorter, my lessons are more precise and targeted to specific learning skills. Students have continued to make great progress this year. 4. I am more available during instructional time to meet with students 1-1 in the classroom due to the smaller number of students I am hosting at one time. Having less students at once means there are less physical and emotional needs to take care of at one time. 5. Throughout my years of teaching combination classes, this year I have felt the most confident in being able to teach specific grade level standards to my students without having to split my focus with each grade level. The reason I feel this way is because I have one grade level in the AM, and the other grade level in the PM. This has been my best experience so far teaching a combination class. I know you have heard many comments against coming back full-time on Nov. 30th. As you consider our reopening timeline, I hope my reflections give you a better insight to what positive outcomes are happening in our schools currently. I think this schedule could continue to benefit our students academically, socially, and emotionally during this COVID season. Thank you for your time.
413	Lisa Dougherty	myself	Being in the purple tier, it seems ridiculous that this is even a consideration. We know it's hard for children (even adults) to keep their masks on all day! We also know families will gather for Thanksgiving and potentially pass the virus and we could have a huge outbreak when returning!
414	Amanda Boen	Students, Teachers, Staff, and Families	I know that my comment will be an echo in the sea of sentiment regarding postponing our full capacity opening. Regardless, I still want to ensure that my voice is heard. I read through many of the comments for Tuesday's board meeting, and they all made valid points. We aren't ready for full-capacity, it is unnecessary to pack all of us into enclosed spaces with 2-3 feet between desks, among plexiglass-glass barriers that cannot withstand airborne particles associated with this virus, windows that don't open, and a door that I have to randomly close throughout the day when the landscaping crew decides to use their loud machines to mow the lawn or weed whack or other loud distractions that are occurring outside. What we are doing now is working; I am able to provide more one on one assistance, differentiate as needed, individualize instruction based on their needs, and just be an all-around more attentive teacher. I am slated to have 30 people in my roughly 800 sq.ft. of usable space classroom (how is this not a violation of the large group restrictions?). I don't see this level of attentiveness happening when I am unable to run small groups or be around a student for an extended period of time. Barbara Ryan's comment was alarming as well; at the end of the board meeting, she had stated that many of the children's coming into Rady's for procedures were required to Covid test. She was surprised at how many were testing positive and yet, were asymptomatic. That, in and of itself, is alarming, but what is even more alarming is the fact that while they may be asymptomatic, they are still able to spread the virus. And it may well be to someone that is NOT asymptomatic. Children are capable of being contagious and spreading this virus. Science is proof of that. Please reconsider this push to open to full-capacity until at least the Spring. Thank you for your time and consideration.
415	Greg W	Everybody wanting to keep families, students, and	COVID cases are on the rise throughout San Diego County and yet our schools remain moving forward with a full reopening. The hybrid models are working and the COVID cases are still happening but remain low. This is the best of both worlds, and I am



		teachers safe	asking that you keep it that way. Holidays are coming up, families travel, students visit friends and family members. The risk only increases as students travel into areas that have higher cases. For the safety of our teachers, faculty, students, and their families I am urging you to continue with the hybrid model until the new year. And even then, without setting a date just reassess to see where the county is (NOT just Santee-- families come from ALL OVER San Diego County). Thank you.
416	Nicole Torres	Teachers and Students	For the benefit of all involved, please postpone the full reopen date. Staying in hybrid is our best chance at not being closed fully. Please do NOT set another hard reopen date to be announced and promised to families, because just like promised dates in the past, we may not be able to uphold the promise. Our hybrid model is working well, it is providing a rich and least restrictive learning environment, the full day program as it stands cannot do the same.
417	Christy Bakke	Teacher	Please reconsider the plan to return to full day and full classrooms on November 30th. It seems risky to do so when we are in the purple tier. I am especially concerned about the plan to have students eat lunch in classrooms without masks when the CDC says indoor spaces with less ventilation where it is harder to keep people apart are more risky. Additionally, interacting without masks, which students would be doing while eating indoors, also increases risk. When you look at the Covid dashboard on the District website, it says .088% of the student population is active cases in in-person students. While that sounds like a very small percentage, please consider the widespread effect of just one positive case. Support staff are pulled away from their jobs to support a shutdown, and often asked to sub because substitute teachers are an increasingly rare commodity. Parents are suddenly informed that they must keep their child home. Teachers are asked to leave their classrooms with little time to gather their belongings. The District Covid Dashboard currently has an asterisk by our Covid number which indicates "A student tested positive during an extended, in-home quarantine and was not deemed an infected person while on campus. The student's cohort was not alerted nor placed in quarantine due to the timing of these events." This is misleading, since I am currently teaching a quarantined cohort from my home. We are all doing our best to make things work, but doubling the amount of students at school at any given time does not seem wise. Multiply the shut down scenarios by two. I do not intend this to be a complaint about how the District or our school are handling cases. I think they are doing the best they can to manage a difficult situation and things are handled very professionally. I am relieved that cases are taken so seriously, and I hope that the district will continue to take cases seriously, and not return to full-day, full-classroom instruction at the end of the month. Thanks for listening, Christy Bakke
418	Concerned Parent	A concerned parent	With cases rising, I hope the District keeps the schedule the kids have right now and reevaluate over the winter break on full reopening. There is no need to full reopen for three weeks then the kids go on winter break. Thank you for what you do!
419	Miranda Ramos	Children's educations	Children deserve a full time education. The risk of outbreaks in schools has proven to be incredibly low. Families deserve choices and let them choose what is best for them. This is not a one size fits all situation.
420	Angela Panfili	all teachers, students, & families	PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE reconsider full day reopening on November 30th. I STRONGLY feel it is not a safe decision at this time due to SD being in the purple tier and so close to the holidays. PLEASE reconsider pushing it back to after winter break and/or when our county is out of the purple tier and it's safer to do so. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.
421	Laurie Galarneau	The hybrid model is working and working well! My students have a love of learning and come to school excited to be in a classroom that can do what it's meant to do. What's that? Having fun and feeling connected all while being challenged and meeting or exceeding benchmarks. The smaller setting has allowed me to fill in foundational gaps from our sudden closure last spring. Please don't break what's not broken. Allow students, teachers, and parents to feel safe and secure during unprecedented times.	
422	Maggie Cline	Carlton Hills Students	I am an 8th grade student at Carlton Hills and I don't think it's a good idea for us to go back to school full time. COVID-19 numbers are higher than they have ever been since we just had halloween a couple weeks ago and I would feel unsafe in a classroom with almost 30 kids. The AM/PM schedule that we are doing at the moment is working well in my opinion and there is no reason for us to be in a full class since we still can't even go full day.
423	Monique Silver	4th Grader	"You can't rush science, but when science points you in the right direction, then you can start rushing." Anthony Fauci We

			believe that science has been telling us for some time how to keep safe, but Santee Unified has insisted on pushing forward based upon pressure from parents, childcare needs, and conservative values versus the health, well-being, and safety of staff, students, and their families. In addition, Santee and Grossmont schools have not remained Covid free during this process, and have had multiple positive cases as we have seen. In addition, staff members do not adhere to safety rules, and have been observed either not wearing their masks, or not wearing them correctly, even doing so, so blatantly as to walk into the main office doing so. This tells us that not all staff members take the rules seriously enough that they believe more in their ideals than the safety of our families. Furthermore, they are less scared of the consequences from their admin. than they are of getting caught without their mask. Covid numbers are expected to and will continue to rise, and we are in the purple. Other districts have chosen either not to have returned yet, or have returned, but have done so with virtual learning. We believe that the vote should be tabled and reworded. The question shouldn't be if Santee Unified should move forward with reopening to the next phase, but if the district should be scaling back with the uptick in cases and projected numbers. We are educators. Let's let science guide our decisions to protect our Santee families. Thank You
424	Monica Cline	Teacher & Mother	I feel the full-time opening should be delayed for many reasons. As both a teacher and mother of two daughters who attend school in Santee, I do not feel reopening at this time is the safest decision. I understand the hope for children to have some "normalcy" and the desire/need for both parents and students to return full-time, but school is far from "normal". There are so many logistical decisions that need to be worked through before students return. Also, with the upcoming holidays and the surge in cases from Halloween, we can foresee another surge in cases after Thanksgiving and Christmas. One of my biggest concern is students eating lunch for 30 minutes with no mask less then 6 feet apart from each other. While the number of Covid cases at Santee schools have been fairly low (I feel in part to the Hybrid model) we are starting to see increase number of student cases and I fear this will continue. Please have an open mind and weigh all of the options before you make you final decision.
425	Katie Corbin	Abigail Corbin	I want to first thank the Board and the Superintendent for the amazing work that has been done for our students. This is a difficult time and I appreciate your attention in this matter. I feel it is imperative that our students return full time to school on November 30th as recommended by the Superintendent. The measures that have been put in place have protected our students and staff as evidence by the report that there has not been a case transmitted between staff and students. The city of Santee has also continued to have fewer cases than the county and is currently in the red tier. In my opinion, I feel our children's education as well as their social and emotional well-being needs to be of utmost importance. The Safe at School plan has addressed the safety for our students and staff during this time, now we need to focus on their education and well-being. My daughter is a kindergartner and she needs more than 2.5 hours of in person education to succeed. Also as a kindergartner the social skills learned at school are essential. I also started a petition and there have been 13 individuals sign the petition requesting that the schools proceed with the plan to reopen full time on November 30th. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.
426	Matt Gravette	Parent	Test scores should not matter. Priority one for the district should be to educate in the safest environment possible. The district needs to continue with the hybrid model that is working. Other districts are retreating or still closed. Let's continue to do the right thing with the top priority being a healthy and responsible environment for our students and teachers. Again, test scores shouldn't matter right now, that directed toward the board member who thinks scores better be good by April. Let's have healthy and living students and faculty come April.
427	Victoria Throckmorton	In light of the recent rise in COVID-19 cases, I believe in person learning should continue on the hybrid schedule through Winter break. At that time a new determination should be made as to the safety of returning to full day instruction. Whatever the outcome, I entrust you with the health, safety, and well-being of my child.	
428	Wendy Dunnigan	Teachers and Students	I chose this district 24 years ago because of the family feel. I have had the privilege to be a part of something great. A district that has many amazing teachers that put their students first. A district that listens and trusts their teachers because they know

			<p>that they are in the proverbial trenches and that ultimately these amazing teachers know what is best for the students. A wonderful district whose mission has always been about the children and never about politics or test scores. Have we squabbled like family? Yes, we have. But on the bigger issues, we have come together like a family. We have been given a silver lining in all this madness folks, the chance to have smaller class sizes, to build wonderful relationships, and to catch everyone up after the spring school closures. Heck, I don't even have a classroom management system, I don't need one. I even transferred my own child to this district. The Hybrid Plan is working. If we bring back all students full-time, it is a logistical nightmare, and I am not even talking about the virus. Imagine thirty children all together in one room, all day without a chance to go outside and run-off their energy. They must sit in a plexiglass box for lack of a better word with a mask on and listen to a teacher all day for six hours. I can't even imagine. This is just one of the nightmares. You have many more: arrival, dismissal, breaks, and lunches. We haven't even talked about the winter weather and rainy days that are approaching. Please listen to what your amazing teachers are trying to tell you. Please do what is best for children like you always have, like your mission says you do. Thank you.</p>
429	Beverly Donnelly	Great grandson	<p>I am seeing first hand the struggle my great grandson is having nit being in school full time. None of us in our household is capable of being a teacher and guiding him in the correct direction. These children need to be back to as much normalcy as possible. If other parents don't want to do this they they absolutely should take the necessary steps to home school their children but don't punish the children who need in school direction. This is setting the kids up for failure!</p>
430	Eleanor Cline	Pride Academy Student	<p>Hi, I am a 5th grade student at Pride academy. I believe going back full time isn't a good idea. That is because numbers have been higher than they were in march and that can be very unsafe with 30 kids in a 30 feet radius. Also, San Diego has just come into the purple rank. All of this put together can be unsafe. Also, even now when we have AM PM kids are still getting it. So this all would make it unsafe. I believe our AM PM is working amazing and that we should keep it.</p>
431	Lisa Sagat	6th Grade Teacher	<p>Dear Santee School District Board Members, I would like to voice my concern over bringing back all my students to a full class beginning on November 30. As with many teachers who share my opinion, having students come back during the purple tier of a pandemic after a major holiday, frightens me. Right now, I feel the hybrid model is working great with my class. Students are enjoying the extra attention that I can provide them for their learning. Our hand washing and hand sanitizing procedures do cause some intrusion on learning time, however with a full class it would be even more time consuming. Unfortunately, Covid19 will be with us for awhile. I feel the best we can do is maintain the safety of our students, staff, and families so that this virus doesn't cause anymore interruptions to life than it already has. My students are learning and feel safe in our current arrangement. I am hoping that our School Board will take the teacher's views into consideration as this decision to come back to full classes is being decided upon. Thank you.</p>
432	Autumn Freund	The Children	<p>Santee Board Members, I am writing as a concerned Santee School District parent and a teacher. I am asking that you reconsider the full time return of November 30th for many reasons. 1. It is not safe to return full time when our county has just moved into the purple tier. I don't understand how other districts cannot open, yet we can advance to the next level. High School in Santee hasn't budged. They are still only one day a week for 3 hours. 2. Our am/pm cohorts are working so incredibly well. Some people from the outside might say the students are not receiving the same education but that is not true. I wish others could come into our classrooms and see for themselves the magic that is happening with smaller class sizes. This is something that teachers are taking complete advantage of to help close the gaps, provide mental, emotional and educational support for each student because we have the time to do that with smaller classes. 3. Behavior problems are almost non-existent with smaller classes. The only thing I am having to work on with my 5 year old students is keeping them in their own seats and out of other people's personal space. They naturally want to be close to each other as they learn and laugh together. This will be a lot harder to do with a longer day and more students at once. 4. The L-shaped plexiglass partitions that are being installed on each students' desks are like putting your seatbelt on after you are involved in an accident. They won't provide protection to an airborne virus. These are being installed , for most classrooms, during break and we are to return on the 30th</p>



with all students and the partitions, ready to tackle any issues we may have with them whether it's installment, placement, noise, vision, etc. All on the fly and with a full class of kids staring at us. 5. As hard as our admin, teachers and staff have worked to provide a safe environment on each campus and in our classrooms, here we are one day before break and there's still things being done to prepare for full return. So no we are not ready yet! 6. My 5th grader, in her own words, " I love the small class size because my teacher has the time to answer all my questions and work with me until I understand. She doesn't have to rush through things and doesn't seem stressed out. Actually, I don't feel stressed this year." 7. Lunch time is also a concern for me. Most tables have spots that are less than 6 feet away, meaning that students will be sitting next to each other without their masks for 30 minutes. After lunch, my child only has 30 minutes before dismissal. So as a teacher, I know that there will not be enough time to do anything of great importance during that time after you get 24-32 students to wash their hands and also have time to pack up for dismissal. Therefore, my high schooler will come and pick up his sister before lunch because I just don't see the risk of having my daughter stay for the last hour of the day just to say, "We're back full time!" 8. Teachers want to be back with their students' full time but when we are feeling better prepared and not watching numbers climb of positive cases as we are entering the holidays and cold/flu season. This quest that same are on for "normalcy" is understandable. Teachers want it too... but there is NOTHING normal about what kids would come back to on the 30th. 9. There is no point to rush back for three weeks of chaos, stress and unsafe conditions just be back on a break for two weeks. Wait until the holidays are over and we can see where the cases are after families are no longer traveling. Please reconsider January 19th a date to possibly return full-time once we can evaluate numbers after the holidays. Trust the teachers, we want whats best for our kids!

433	Michele Fumar	If my child is attending in person learning right now, do I have the option to pull him out now due to County wide increased cases?
434	Matt Newcomb	Santee Teacher Our current hybrid model has been successful in reaching our students' needs and has allowed them to reconnect with our campus. The current model allows for students to participate and engage in highly educational lessons that has undoubtedly supported their learning. This model should remain in place until it is safe for a larger number of students to gather in the classroom.
435	Danielle Frahn	My children Another case for our school, I have received almost weekly notifications of cases. I have consistently tried to find a positive outlook on this, but I have to admit I am completely baffled why we feel the need to return full time on 11/30. 15 days - especially right before the holiday season is not going to make a huge impact. Why not wait till Jan - where we can have 3 months back before another big holiday or break. On that note- since there is so much concern for our students social emotional health, why have we not come out with more resources, programs or even an out reach program to address these concerns?
436	Staci Alvarez	My student I would like to advocate the Santee School District consider the continued burden they are placing on students and their families with the hybrid schedule. As a community social worker, I am struggling with the continued discussion about teacher's safety during this time. Myself, my staff, and other community social workers are currently going out into the community, visiting people's homes, and meeting face to face with numerous people every day. We have less control over our environments compared to that of a teacher and the school safety protocols. As a fellow essential worker, I am really struggling with the school district not living up to it's essential role in our community. It has been astonishing to see grocery store workers step up more than our school district. I personally have quit a job, to take a new job with less pay/benefits to be able to accommodate this hybrid schedule. And if your argument is after school care, with the cost of Project Safe, it makes more sense to pay to put my student in private school where he will receive actual instruction versus a glorified daycare. If the school district is basing their decision making on the numbers, the reality is that MANY of the students in Santee are traveling outside the state to play competitive sports and OUR numbers are still lower than the rest of the county. It is hard to accept the argument that this is about the "science and safety" when OUR numbers are NOT representing that. And to counter the point of the district member who stated "many students/facility live in San Diego or other hot spot areas" these facility and students

			<p>have been attending school SINCE THE CAMPUS OPENED and you are still not having the numbers representing a high risk. I ask that the district start acting like essential business or give the community back their tax dollars, so we can start sending out students to private school or decide to homeschool. School is ESSENTIAL for students academic, physical, emotional, and social health. I beg the district to start acting essential and think about how your decision making (from your ivory tower) is affecting us little people as we continue to try and prioritize our students education while balancing employment to meet our students basic needs.</p>
437	Heather Russell	Student	<p>Moving on the next phase is unsafe and reckless of this district. I am deeply concerned for the health and safety for students, teachers, staff, and the family member that will be exposed to Covid 19 by progressing to the next phase. Please consider not moving forward and placing lives of our children and their families as a priority.</p>
438	Stephanie Barker	Returning to full day instruction on 11.30.2020 in the middle of rising cases is entirely too risky and is not necessary. We know not everyone will take the proper precautions over the holiday breaks, putting everyone at risk when the kids go back to school. Why add even more students to the campuses? Please re-consider and allow everyone time to recover from the holidays. Please listen to the teachers and their union. The teachers are doing an incredible job, they are seeing our kids daily. What we're doing is working and it does not need to change right now. Thank you.	
439	Lenore Aldridge	The interest of the teachers	<p>As a parent who is working full time, having my child in class is very valuable; however, the health of the teachers and staff is Paramount. though this distance learning is inconvenient for everyone, I believe keeping our teachers safe is one of the most important things we can do with not having the children in school. Children don't seem to be infected as much, however, those of us who are older maybe. Even with all the precautions that are being taken, there's never enough cautious that can be taken with just not having the schools in service.</p>
440	Mathew Brown	Ella and Jack Brown of Hill Creek	<p>Please do not increase the student class size while we are still in the purple tier. The trend in volume, hospitalizations, and death have been increasing for the last month. Please do not put the children in more danger while there is such a prevalence of the virus in the community. Wait until the rates go down to at least the red tier level. Thank you.</p>
441	Helmut Fritz	Aileen Fritz	<p>There is no way we will allow our daughter, in any instance, be subject to an increase in exposure to COVID-19. This would be true even if the cases, nationwide and statewide and county-wide were not increasing. There are several reasons for this. First and foremost, I do not understand this push to get children back into the classroom in light of the risk to those children, school staff, and families. I understand this is difficult for some (work, stress, etc.) but this is a very changed global and national environment we are in right now. The risks for many are just far too high to increase the chance of the exposure to COVID-19 transmission which has been demonstrated through gatherings of people. It was enough of a stretch for our family to consider the half-class, half-day schedule already. Secondly, the school district leadership needs to consider that keeping our children safe should be the #1 priority. The best way to do this is to minimize exposure to COVID-19 at all costs. The current half-class, half-day cohorts seem to be working quite well and pushing this to an increased schedule does nothing but increase the risks and therefore safety of the children, not to mention staff and families. Lastly, evidence elsewhere (other school districts) demonstrates that full time, full class leads shutting down schools, and then more drastic measures such as complete shut-down or distance learning only are necessary. The children need consistency and the current half-day, half class cohorts has demonstrated stability regarding COVID-19 and children's emotional state. There is no apparent (!) reason to push this further and then risk a complete shut-down disrupting the current status quo that seems to be working well. We currently have a stable, consistent schedule and environment for everyone involved, with minimal current risk as has been demonstrated over the last months of half-day, half-class schedule. If the district leadership continues (never should have considered full-time, full day anyways!) on this path we will pull our child from the district entirely as I would then have no faith in their ability to treat the children with their safety as #1 priority.</p>
442	Megan Granger	Myself	<p>I want to thank the board for revisiting their previous decision about moving forward with a full reopening on November 30th and making the health and safety of the students and staff of the Santee School District their top priority. With the number of</p>

			COVID cases increasing in Santee going from a 5.2 case rate to a 6.4 case rate in one week (according to SD County HHSA), as well as cases increasing across the county, now is not the time to increase the exposure of anyone on a school campus. I would like to encourage the board to continue to use the data provided by the county to make the best decisions for the health and safety of our community.
443	Miranda Gordon		The Santee School District is a mere microcosm of the larger Santee and San Diego communities and as such has a responsibility to look at the impact premature re-opening may have on the entire community. San Diego County and Santee are both on an unprecedented uptick of Covid-19 cases. While researchers, scientists, and healthcare professionals throughout our communities are literally begging people to practice measures to reduce the spread of this disease, it is unconscionable that the district is considering returning to full capacity, full time. The science does not currently support re-opening the schools to full capacity, full time. The data does not currently support re-opening the schools to full capacity, full time. The math does not currently support re-opening the schools to full capacity, full time. The main driving force of every decision the district makes should always be the best interests of the educators, staff, and most importantly, the students. The secondary driving force should be the effect that decision has on the community as a whole. The Santee School district needs to be aware of how a decision such this impacts the entire community, including the possible added strain on our hospitals and healthcare workers, whom we have already tasked with so much during this pandemic. The School District's current am/pm cohort is working well. You should delay the next step in reopening and in the meantime, focus on rebuilding the trust relationship within our community. Let's all work together to make this be the best possible experience for our children. That truly is why we are all here and what we all want, isn't it?
444	Renee Burns	Parents/students/teachers	District needs to reconsider going to next phase of learning until county is out of the purple tier. Covid cases continue to rise in the county, even in Santee. Teachers have done a great job of keeping children safe during this hybrid program and it has been working well. It would be much harder for teachers to do their jobs and keep students and themselves safe when they have a classroom packed with 24-32 students. The next several weeks will be very important for helping to slow the spread. I feel very uncomfortable sending my student back to school full time with a classroom full of kids during these circumstances. Am/pm hybrid may not be the most convenient schedule but right now, it is the safest for everyone. Schools across the state, county, and country are actually going back to distance learning because the numbers are so bad. I think we need to err on the side of caution for our students and especially the teachers who are taking big risks to serve our students. Obviously, we need to get kids back to learning full time but we need to do it when it is safe for all. Please consider keeping current model through winter break and re-evaluate your plan based on the data from the county. Thank you.
445	Yousef Zangana	yousefzangana@yahoo.com	I think staying in the hybrid model or even going to online as a full-time will be a better and Sefer option. We are concerned to move to the next level as the virus continues to spread widely in the school ( Pepper Drive.) Going to full-time school will be high risk or our children.
446	Michael Stirk	self	At some point we must return to some semblance of normalcy. Parents need to go back to work and kids need to be in school for peer-to-peer socialization. The cure should not be worse than the disease. How much have suicide rates among early teens and young adults increased as a result of this isolation? If masks are a amenable solution for essential workers to go back to work, then it should be enough for society to return to "normal" and let our kids back in school.
447	Tiffany Marshall	Oliver Marshall	Not re opening for full day schedule is causing a financial burden on our family. With both my husband and I having to work, we do not have the luxury to pick up our child after the hybrid schedule. We have to pay for extended care, and now possibly after school care as well as the hybrid care as we are a military family and deployment is upcoming. I know I am not the only family that is struggling to make this schedule work financially. We have already faced enough financial burden with job loss, and now we cannot compromise our new jobs with leaving earl constantly because we cannot afford to pay extra child care. Please stick with the November 30th schedule of re opening full days. Our children need it, our families need it.
448	Davyne Brogden	Students (Sycamore Canyon)	I am confident that our school has implemented measures to ensure a safe Full Time reopening plan. Our kids need to be taught in person, with their peers. It does not make sense that project safe can be open full time, but the kids can not be in class learning. Not all parents have the capability to be home and support their children's online learning. I feel that with all the



precautions such as masking, sanitizing, frequent hand-washing, plexiglass now, and screening for fevers or symptoms is going to make the difference.

449 Gretchen May	<p>After being advised of the special meeting on 11/19/20, I admit that we were completely caught off guard. I read through the meeting comments from 11/17/20 to understand the reason for the special session. Regardless, I have numerous thoughts going through my head. I wonder if there are other parents like ourselves who knew the plan to return to full day instruction, saw the new restrictions, saw that schools with a plan were excluded and just assumed that things would just be moving along? That was our thinking since we had already agreed to this plan in the summer. Was there not a plan already for those parents who no longer want their children in the classroom? Those parents should have that option to remove their children from the classrooms, just as we should have the option to move forward with in class instruction. As essential workers, my husband and I do not have the luxury of home school or independent learning. We have one child enrolled in Project Safe and while this has been a blessing for us to continue working, it is not a substitute for education and classroom learning. We are thankful to be living in Santee as one of the few school districts in the county which has returned to the classroom. We respect the work our teachers and administrators have done since their return to in person learning. We are grateful to them all. We are ahead of those districts which have now been shut out of 2020 in person learning due to our current positivity rate. Our children have rejoiced about the return to in person learning and have anxiously been awaiting the return to full day. In the comments from 11/17/20, one recurrent reason given for not returning to full day is the increase in class size. The teachers (rightfully) celebrate the smaller class sizes, the personal interactions, the one on one attention. But they are distracting from the real issue. The issue of increasing class size and the negative implications to both educators and students occurred long before Covid. The issue before us is not class size; it is the mental health, physical wellbeing, and education of our students. In the summer, the Santee parents were asked to make a commitment to in person learning or a home school version. You are aware that the majority chose in person learning and you followed that majority with this phased in learning. If those individuals are now changing their minds, we have not. We remain solid in our commitment that our children learn best in the classroom. As you are no doubt aware, the American Academy of Pediatrics "strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school. Unfortunately, in many parts of the United States, there is currently uncontrolled spread of SARS-CoV-2. Although the AAP strongly advocates for in-person learning for the coming school year, the current widespread circulation of the virus will not permit in-person learning to be safely accomplished in many jurisdictions. The importance of in-person learning is well-documented, and there is already evidence of the negative impacts on children because of school closures in the spring of 2020. Lengthy time away from school and associated interruption of supportive services often results in social isolation, making it difficult for schools to identify and address important learning deficits as well as child and adolescent physical or sexual abuse, substance use, depression, and suicidal ideation. This, in turn, places children and adolescents at considerable risk of morbidity and, in some cases, mortality. Beyond the educational impact and social impact of school closures, there has been substantial impact on food security and physical activity for children and families. The disproportionate impact this has had on Black, Latinx, and Native American/Alaskan Native children and adolescents must also be recognized."</p>
450 Gretchen May	<p><a href="https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/">https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/</a> No one likes this new normal or the inconveniences it brings; the uncertainty is real. But the uncertainty exists each time we step out the door of our houses and go to the store, or to a restaurant, or to a family gathering, etc. Each individual/family must determine where their comfort level is and what level of risk they are willing to accept. We ask you, the Santee School Board, to honor the wishes of the parents expressed during the summer survey and proceed with the agreed plan.</p>
451 Heather Fox	<p>Parent to Taylor</p> <p>I believe the plan should stay the same for 6-8 grade students to return on November 30th for 4 hours. Currently, Jr High students are only meeting every other day in each subject. I feel they need to have every subject, every day to be successful in their future high school endeavors. They are missing out on the education that they are entitled too. I have a child and other family in the district. They are being short-changed with the hybrid schedule. Please consider keeping things the same for the November 30th opening of going full class size with every subject.</p>
452 Beth Garofalo	<p>Myself - a parent in support of teachers</p> <p>I stand with teachers. Please take their input. I am so impressed with my kids' teachers attitudes during both the remote and now the hybrid format. Please take their input and safety seriously as decisions are considered. I trust their judgment. While I'd be thrilled if schools could open full time SAFELY, it doesn't appear that class size is allowing for optimal safety. I do not have concerns about my kids wearing masks all day nor about activity time (yes, I have an active Kindergartener), as I think the</p>

453	Theresa Dust	my son	kids can adjust. However, safety of teachers and staff is so important and we should not compromise there.
454	Teea Wyatt	Parents	<p>Thank you Santee School Board for listening to the parents, grandparents and teachers that submitted comments to the last meeting and deciding that more deliberation is needed. I am advocating for my son and feel strongly that the district's plan to return to full time school is insufficient and poorly timed. In the last meeting, the board spoke of its concern that the hybrid model is not providing students with an excellent education. I would like to put that concern to rest by letting you know that this has been the best school year my son has had since Kindergarten. He is getting the individualized instruction with the teacher that he needs because the class size is so low. In the previous years, individualized instruction was mostly on the iPad and ineffective. He would often have to logoff in the middle of a lesson because the class was moving on to something else and he fell behind on several concepts. Another concern I heard during the last meeting was that the Superintendent was still recommending returning to full day instruction based on the fact that Santee is in the red tier. According to the San Diego Communicable Disease Registry, Santee has had 769 confirmed cases, 98 of which have occurred in the last 8 days. Clearly there is a spike countywide and Santee isn't magically exempt from that. Also, the registry indicates that 14% of the total cases in San Diego are in the age group of 0-19 years. Children can and will transmit COVID. I do empathize with the parents that are having childcare issues with the hybrid schedule. I would ask for them to hold on just a bit longer until the numbers go down and/or the vaccine is available. Childcare issues are stressful, but healthcare issues are worse.</p>
455	Juline Novotny		<p>I really want to thank you for reconsidering the November 30th start day. I feel that it is the wrong time to be sending our kids back to school full time. It feels very rushed with the rise in COVID cases and the County being in the purple tier should not be when we change the cohort groups to be one cohort and put kids less than 6' apart. Plexiglass and more lunch tables aren't the answer to less exposure and not spreading COVID. Since Vista school district campuses reopened Oct. 20, the district has reported 39 total virus cases. Eleven cases have been identified at the high school level including two at a continuation school, 10 at middle schools and 18 at the elementary school level, according to the district. While the Superintendent says Santee is in the red tier while the County is in purple, teachers, staff and students come from all over the county. My kids come from outside the district and we know that there are more than 100 kids who attend our school that are from out of Santee school district. I am not asking you to go back to distance learning, I am asking that we stay in the AM/PM cohorts until after the holidays and school breaks. We feel that our kids are getting a great education and that the teachers and staff are working hard to make sure the kids are getting what they need with the time they have at school and what is being sent home to work on independently. A decision should be made at your January 2021 board meeting as to what the current COVID numbers are and what color tier is the county in before sending the kids and staff back full time. Picking a date at this time is reckless and not putting the safety of the students and staff first.</p>
455	Juline Novotny		<p>Dear Santee School Board, I really hope that you reconsider and not open the schools for full-day return on November 30th. I feel this is not the time to press forward with doubling the number of students in a classroom. Yes, I understand some feel that it is okay to press forward because the cases in Santee are below the rest of the county but as I am sure you are aware there are many students, teachers, and staff that do not live in Santee. I feel there is a higher chance of case spreading in our school during this holiday / cold &amp; flu season which could ultimately result in our schools or even entire district to shut down. We all what what is best for our kids! I do agree that what is best for them is to be in school and that is what my wish is... to KEEP OUR SCHOOLS OPEN! I feel there are so many risks being taken by opening on November 30th that do not outweigh the limited amount of additional instruction. Honestly, I feel the level of instruction students are getting now is of a much higher quality being the student to teacher ratios. I urge you to listen to what so many teachers are saying. Ultimately they are the ones in the classroom with students daily. They are on the campuses and can see what happens on the regular basis, so when they say the schools aren't ready, I feel you should listen. This full-day needs to be planned out well, just like the hybrid model was. I feel rushing to open full time is not going to do anyone any good. Please consider all the good things that are happening now with the hybrid model. Our children deserve the best, and rushing to a full-day return at this time, I fear is setting them up for more less than that. I don't want our schools to close and to have to return to distance learning. Please for our children, I ask that you wait until after the holidays to decide on a date to return. We don't know what the conditions in January will</p>

			be, but we do know that now is NOT a good time! Thank you for all your hard work and for doing what you ultimately feel is the best decision moving forward. I appreciate you taking the time to listen to parent concerns and take them into consideration as you vote today.
456	Vicki Cronk	Concerned Grandparent	As a Grandparent of 2 student who attend a school in Santee school district that I help to take care of, I am very concerned that you are trying to send the kids back in these very uncertain times. With the numbers on the rise and being so high now is not a safe time to change the groups. The cohorts you have created and that my grandchildren attend school 5 days a week and get a quality education is not the time to put everyone at risk. I would hope that you would not change the cohorts to add more children and less space with more exposure time as the numbers increase in the county. Please wait to revisit the change in going back to full time till in January to see if it is safe and makes sense to change a system that is working to give a quality education and keep the students, staff and community safe.
457	Terry Johnson	Santee community member/teacher	I am a retired teacher, and have been subbing in the district since my retirement. The last half of my career, I provided reading support for struggling readers as a Language Arts Specialist. I was very concerned about what effect Covid and the lack of in person, small group reading instruction/practice might have on our students. I had the opportunity over the last few weeks to assess student reading levels, K-3. Where I had expected to see a decline, I was thrilled by the growth I observed. I attribute this growth, in part, to our current hybrid model. Teachers are able to focus on small cohorts with more targeted instruction. In addition, disruptive classroom behaviors are minimized due to small groups allowing for more instruction to take place. I am urging you to consider continuing with the current schedule at least until after January. Thank you.
458	Tammy Sullivan		Dear School Board: I am concerned about the Nov 30th full return. I do not think that is a good time to push forward with increasing the number of students on campus and in classrooms. I am concerned that with the holidays we will see more cases show up in schools and the increase in people exposed could end up closing the schools. I hope you vote to continue with the hybrid model until after the holiday season. Thank you.
459	Meylin quintana	Angie perojo	Hello my daughter is in kindergarten and I do not agree that we continue forward it is better to leave things as they are until now since the cases of covid are increasing
460	Sondra Lintz		Even if we continue to have community transmission, which we will, if our district schools are following all the safety guidelines of masking, social distancing and enhanced cleaning we can prevent secondary cases in the event a child or employee is positive at school. Not only do we have to consider the negative health impact of this virus we also must consider the negative mental and social health impact that further and increased restrictions are having on our children. Our district has done a wonderful job of keeping children and employees safe and thank you for all your hard work. I fully support moving forward with the next phase of reopening.
461	Micaela Cappa	Giovanni Cappa	Based on my belief system as an American citizen, it is only rational and logical to make sound decisions on the welfare of our children and families based on solid, factual scientific evidence, rather than being driven by one's feelings and distorted thinking patterns. Please provide Santee families with scientific evidence and allow the American people to decide what is best for their families. Our children need to be in the traditional in-person learning setting so they can thrive. God Bless America.
462	Angel Taylor		Cases and hospitalizations continue to worsen and now it is not only much worse than it was when you originally decided to proceed with students returning to campus full time, but it's now worse than ever. If it was too unsafe to return to campus full time back in August, it is certainly too unsafe now. We have had cases pop up amongst students and staff but so far no outbreaks have been caused by school because the cohorts and distancing is working. Now is not the time to push things further and invite even more exposure risk, especially when we know that many will still insist on attending large gatherings for the holidays which will most likely cause even more widespread outbreaks in our community. With so much at stake, it just makes more sense to keep doing what is working for now and reassess after the new year. Also please reconsider the policy of distance learning teachers being required to teach from campus. Just like us families who elected for DL for our students, they have chosen that option for a reason. They are professionals and capable of teaching from home where they will not risk being exposed to the virus.
463	Denise McLarney	Concerned Grandparent	This is why I was so surprised and disappointed when I found out that my 3 grandsons, who attend school in the Santee School District, were returning back to full time in school learning on November 30. Returning to full time, when we're on purple tier and the number of covid cases are rising, is not what's best for students, teachers, and staff! They say that children are more



			<p>asymptomatic to covid 19. This concerns me because I watch my 3 grandsons every morning and take them to school for their afternoon in school learning. If they return full time this allows more chance of them becoming infected and passing it to other members of the family. There is still many unknowns about this virus and it makes no sense to increase the in school time when cases are rising. Having a full class of 20 to 30 students in a room when businesses and restaurants have to close or decrease capacity in an indoor setting makes no sense at all! You've done a great job with planning the current hybrid plan and respect your hard work. I know it wasn't easy. Teachers are working hard making this hybrid model work. It's been successful with students doing better and getting the attention they need. I hope the school board considers postponing full time learning until after the New Year and when it is safer for the students, teachers, staff, and administrators! Santee School District is a big family and everyone should feel safe and stay safe! Thank you for listening.</p>
464	Victoria Permetti	Parent/Staff member	<p>As a parent and staff member I would like to ask the Santee School District Board to reconsider the full reopening on November 30th. I understand the importance of having our children in school for multiple reasons, but I feel the health and safety of our children, staff and community is more important. I am asking the board to please put our health and safety above test scores and wait to bring the children back until after the new year. Santee School District has been able to maintain a lower case rate because what we are doing is working.</p>
465	Brad Adorador	Carlton Oaks Parent	<p>Respectfully request the board consider moving forward with the Nov. 30th full return date. Allowing the full return is especially critical to my child in Special Education that would be gaining an additional 40 mins of curriculum and support that is vital to his educational progress. My daughter would gain an additional 1.5 hours of education that is currently lacking. Due to the fact that Carlton Oaks School has maintained minimal positive COVID cases and a very extensive and thorough mitigation plan to support its students, I highly encourage the board to move forward with the full return on Nov. 30th. Thank you. Sincerely, Brad and Mindy Adorador</p>
466	Jennifer Eaton	My 3 students	<p>I would like to reiterate what I already wrote during the last board meeting. I wish for you to reconsider opening schools full time until sometime in January. I stated many reasons in my previous remarks, but would really like you to consider the learning environment for our children and teaching environment for our teachers. If we want our students to learn in the best environment possible, the teachers need to be allowed to roam the classroom and observe student work and discussion from a safe distance. With 24+ bodies in a classroom and plexiglass barriers, this is nearly impossible for teachers. I want my children to learn, period. They are getting the attention they need in the smaller classes. Who says schools have to go back to the exact same way they always were? Why can't schools change and evolve with the rest of the world? Thank you for listening. I hope you make the right decision for your staff and students.</p>
467	Alisa Marrone	Classified employee	<p>Now is not the time to go back to school full day. The Covid cases continue to rise and with the holidays approaching, the cases are only going to get worse. The safety of the students and staff needs to come first!</p>
468	Ashley Monroe		<p>This comment is again in response to the school board's continued plan to move forward with opening of Santee schools to full time in person instruction despite San Diego County's movement into the purple tier. It seems grossly inappropriate of the Santee School Board to continue to advance it's model to full class instruction when the county as a whole is having to back-step. As previously stated in my past comment, I am an ICU nurse that cares for covid patients on a daily basis at work, and I am very familiar with the devastation that this virus is causing. I'm exceedingly concerned with the school District's refusal to recognize and respond accordingly to the fluidity of this pandemic. I implore you to consider the science of virus transmission and appropriately apply this knowledge as you go forward. The science and the transmission rates continue to change and the district must change it's plans as well when it is necessary. I can speak from experience that a major risk for transmission of covid is through close contact while eating. Having children eating at school together is a very risky activity, and frankly inappropriate in light of the current numbers. What happens when there is a rainy day? You can't eat inside a restaurant in the county at this time, how do you see fit to have children eating indoors together? With the covid numbers escalating quickly and no end in site, I feel it is completely inappropriate on the District's part to not consider the impact that these choices will have on not only the children and families in your direct care, but also the community you serve as a whole. If you continue with your current plan, there will be an outbreak. The current system is working, and has not resulted in any school based transmissions. Why not continue with a plan that is working well? Why risk the health and safety of both your staff and students?</p>

			Why risk an outbreak that completely shuts down schools, and forces a return to complete distance learning? My children are thrilled to be able to come to school each day (as am I), knowing that they are in a relatively safe environment, but still able to learn in a somewhat normal manner. Despite many who believe that covid is made up or fake, I know from experience this virus is real, and the devastation that it causes is severe. Please do not advance your model when numbers are escalating. I ask that you consider the safety of all, and postpone your full-time reopening to a more safe and appropriate time.
469	Love Antonia Reyes Purpero	The Students In My Class	As an 8th grade student attending Carlton Hills, I completely understand the importance of receiving a proper education. However, in these times staying safe and trying our best to keep our loved ones safe should be a top priority. Many kids in my class live with people who are at higher risk for COVID, including myself. There are better ways to receive a proper education without putting people in danger. Instead of having a date to go back to school, we should see how COVID plays out during the holidays, for it can have a big impact on us.
470	DIANA SALAZAR		The reason we have been so successful in keeping no cases of COVID in our school is because of what we have in place now. Opening up to 100% capacity would not be a good idea since the increase of cases in our county. Keeping our system in place while cases are up has helped us maintain staff and student safety. Please consider keeping our systems in place and keep us on a hybrid model until our county can decrease Covid cases.
471	Malinda Diener	Students	The board should reconsider the current reopen plan of merging the AM/PM cohorts on 11/30. With the current increase in COVID cases in San Diego county and the shift to the purple tier it would be in the best interest of our community to stay at the current hybrid model. As a parent and substitute in the Santee district I have seen first hand the benefits of in-person learning. I have also seen how well the hybrid model has been for students and faculty. The faculty have been able to properly follow protocol and create a learning environment that is safe and interactive utilizing the distancing that is required. If the board proceeds with plan on 11/30 students will be the most affected. They will lose the few freedoms they have in their learning communities. They will have limited if any room to move around, they will have increased policies and restrictions, as well as increased exposure to not only COVID but the flu and other viruses this winter. I urge the board members to reconsider their current position and acknowledge the current hybrid model for the success that it is. Our students are flourishing in their environments and deserve the ability to have physical activity and movement in their day without being chained to their desks and their devices to accommodate adults agendas.
472	Lily DeSarno	Student	I don't think we should go back full time. We have had more then one case and when we go back we are in a class room filled with up to 24 kids and one of them could have it and not know it and give it to the kids in there class. My grandma lives with me and she's high risk so I'm lucky I'm even in school right now. I think that we should just stick to the am-pm classes therefore we aren't risking the health of even more kids or possibly there loved ones.
473	Samantha Mallory	Student	I am Samantha Grace Mallory and I attend Carlton hills school in Santee and I am emailing you regarding about going to school full time. As you know, there have been 2 Covid cases caught sick but I think If we continue sticking to the CDC rules that we will beat Covid. Maybe even up the rules a little more. Also, my family has struggled so much with the school schedule. My parents are currently divorced and is working full time and can't drop me off at 11:25 or after school without problems and my other family members are having to pick me up and drop me off at school and it's not fair for them. So I am asking you, please let us go back full time.
474	Travis Wyatt	Concerned Father	As a family that attends a school in the district, I was very glad that you were taking into account/surveying the families at the beginning of the year and how we were moving forward with the year. Your current plan of combining AM/PM cohorts and having the kids attend school full day with a solution of plexiglass in the classroom and adding more students and desks. Goes against CDC recommendations of staying 6' apart and to spend less time around people. The CDC recommendation is now 15 minutes total for the day, that is accumulated time instead if 15 minutes of exposure at one time can make it so that all those exposed for the accumulated time would have to quarantine for the 14 days at home. Why are we rushing to put the kids back to full day instruction with more exposure and less space? Please keep them in the cohorts they are in now and revisit the reopening in January after the holidays have past and hopefully the numbers aren't on the rise.

475	Paola Puente	Santiago Alvarado	Please reconsider the full day plan after Thanksgiving, so far Hal's day as it is has been working out, there is no need to rush into full day
476	sadie mcanally	rio seco student	<p>hi, im sadie mcanally an 8th grade student at rio seco. i'm speaking on the behalf of my parents as well. i don't agree with the parents/students who believe we should postpone full time school further than november 30th. first of all, parents who don't want to go back should've kept their students in distance learning, they did have to option to in the first place. instead, parents are keeping students who want to go back from doing so. secondly, i know that a virus is around and it sucks that it's prone to mainly adults and elders but just because a virus is scary and it's kind of nerve racking, doesn't mean that we should keep children (who are less at risk) from living their lives. at this age, kids just want to have fun but closing down is really really stressing kids out. as a kid, i know that walking into a class room with half as many people, plastic around desks, wearing masks, hand sanitizing more, and only going outside for maybe 10 minutes is saddening. mental health is extremely bad and will only get worse if we keep shutting down everything that has maybe a 0.1% increase in cases. thanks for reading this if u have and hopefully the school board will think about what i've said and take it into consideration. please do. it's very important that this gets read.</p>
477	K Smith	My child and his peers	<p>I am glad that the Santee School Board has deemed the issue of returning to full classes and a full day schedule on 11/30/20 worth reconsideration. The hybrid schedule Santee Schools have in place currently seems to be working fairly well. While I still have concerns about sending my child each day, the positive impact on him has been an encouraging relief. He learns and thrives best with his teachers and peers. I am writing to urge the board to please not unravel the good things you have provided for our students right now. Even with precautions in place, there have been 18 positive cases of SARS-CoV-2 among Santee School District students and staff as of the last board meeting. That number is bound to trend upwards even if you keep the current hybrid model in place due to the sharply increasing county infection rates. I heard a lot of talk about differences of opinion and varying beliefs about the plan to proceed towards full reopening at the last board meeting. The fact remains that regardless of any of our opinions or beliefs, the science is clear on how this virus spreads. Just because the school board is technically allowed to proceed towards reopening under the current human-imposed arbitrary rules does not mean they should. Our wishes and personal opinions make absolutely no impact on the fact that the SARS-CoV-2 virus will take any opportunity to spread and replicate. By doubling class sizes, lengthening the school day and allowing students to eat on campus, you would be providing ample opportunity for the virus to spread. Santee is not an island. To consider only the local Santee case count is recklessly naive. The idea that the school board should stick to its original plan at all costs would be a dereliction of duty. It is the School Board's obligation to consider all factors, in this case often rapidly changing ones, when making decisions that impact the health and safety of our children and our community. I was truly appalled to hear a board member reference test scores as part of her reasoning to get students back to full days at school. How dare you prioritize your district test scores over our children's health and their families' lives? If you attempt to combine cohorts, increase the length of school days, and allow meals on campus at this time, you will be inviting increased transmission of a deadly virus. That would be an act of either ignorant ineptitude or willful negligence. I am urging you to please postpone the combination of AM/PM cohorts until after the holidays and until our county infection rate places us back into the Red tier, if not lower, levels of infection rates. A decision to postpone until after the holidays could bring our community six weeks closer to possible vaccinations and the cost of those six precious weeks would be merely to stay in the current hybrid model for an additional three weeks of instruction. With infection rates as they are, stubbornly pushing forward toward getting our kids back to full time school could lead to our schools being completely shut down again, tragic consequences for families, or both. Please consider Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs and ensure our children's safety first. Everything else - even your precious test scores - is secondary.</p>
478	Kim Kelly	PARENTS - TEACHERS - NEIGHBORS	A few weeks ago, a 7 year old child was left outside by herself because she had a fever. She waited for an hour in triple digit temperatures. How will you treat children who appear symptomatic going forward? Do you have a plan that doesn't completely



alienate sick children? Her mother found her crying, dehydrated with a fever. To be clear. This was a second grader at Cajon Park participating in the hybrid model “phase 1” a few weeks ago. Are you prepared to go full remote within 24 hours? What is your plan to handle the inevitable outbreak in our schools?

**C. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

**Superintendent**

**1. 2020-21 School Reopening**

To help those in attendance, President Burns provided a timeline of events since the school closure:

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Action Approved by Board</b>
June 23	Board voted priority was to make it a priority to bring students back full-time beginning August 19 (first day of school)
July 7	Board approved the 2020-21 plan to return all students to campus on August 19.
July 21	Based on the new guidelines from Governor’s Press Conference on July 17, the Board approved the new recommendations of phasing into a hybrid model; and eventually phasing into full-time in person instruction
September 1	Board approved Administration’s recommendation to begin in a hybrid model as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday, September 8: State Preschool</li> <li>• Monday, September 14: Preschool – grade 8, special day class students</li> <li>• Thursday, September 24 – Friday, September 25, Entry of AM/PM cohorts, TK - Kindergarten</li> <li>• Monday, September 28: Entry of AM/PM cohorts, students grades 1-8</li> <li>• GOAL DATE: Monday, November 9: Full Day Return, All Students</li> </ul>
October 20	The Board approved the Superintendent’s new recommendation of full return of students on November 30.

Member Burns shared that since the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, Member Fox expressed concerns with the full return of students on November 30 and asked that the Board hold a special meeting to further discuss.

Member Fox expressed his gratitude towards the Board for the special meeting. He shared that prior to the discussion he wanted to address a public comment that asked that the Board think like parents when making a decision. Member Fox noted that every Board member is a parent, or have grandchildren, in the District; and that the decisions the Board makes also impacts their families. He explained that when making decisions, the Board considers the students’ educational needs, social and emotional needs, and their safety. Member Fox shared asking for the special meeting to discuss the “full-day” return of students on November 30. He explained that since their vote, there has been an increase of COVID cases in the County. Member Fox noted that although there was minimal increase in Santee, not everyone lived in Santee and their activities outside of school hours were out of their control. He explained the upcoming holidays prompts a concern for the students’ safety.

Member El-Hajj shared speaking to a lot of people on this subject and noted there being a lot of strong feelings on both sides of this issue. She explained listening to everyone’s side, and although she did not agree with everyone, she took great offense on some of the

comments; especially the ones that read the Board did not care about their employees. Member El-Hajj noted this was not the case and acknowledged everyone has the right to say and believe what they think. She reiterated that the Board's priority is the students' academic success, social and emotional success, and physical health. Member El-Hajj shared it has become apparent to her the need for more communication and on the work that still needs to be done on the District's programs and procedures. She noted that although she supported the "full-day" return, she shared not feeling the District was ready. Member El-Hajj shared she was not concerned with the students' "full-day" return, but mostly the District having everything needed in place. She shared slowing down to get everything done right, made sense. Member El-Hajj noted that for those reasons, she would be supporting Member Fox, Member Levens-Craig, and President Burns on moving past the November 30<sup>th</sup> "full-day" return. Member El-Hajj reiterated that it has been the Board's intention to bring the students back to campus for full-day instruction; and noted the taxpayers deserve a full-days education. She noted appreciating the extraordinary education being provided by teachers, but believes all children need to be in school all day. Member El-Hajj explained that even though she was supporting the "full-day" return on November 30, it was important to still establish a goal date. She shared the hybrid model has served the students well, but it could not be where it stops and need to keep going. She expressed her appreciation for everyone's opinion and communication.

Member Ryan echoed Member El-Hajj's appreciation for everyone's communication and apologized for not being able to respond to everyone individually. She expressed her appreciation towards Dr. Baranski, and her team, for their hard work to make sure the District is doing everything to offer the best education to the students; and her recommendation of "full-day" return on November 30. Member Ryan noted she would not be supporting the extension because there are multiple feelings in the community on the issue; and Board members should vote their conscience. She explained that although she appreciated her colleagues, even though she felt differently than they do, she would be someone who supports them through whatever the majority of the Board decides. Member Ryan reiterated she would not be supporting the extension for the same reasons she has previously expressed.

Member Levens-Craig expressed her appreciation for her time to speak and noted this has been a difficult decision. She shared her sentiments to the parents, community members, teachers, and everyone who has a stake in this issue. Member Levens-Craig noted that although the numbers are still minimal in Santee, the County's purple-tier is concerning. She shared reading comments that noted the County is not allowing indoor dining, attending church, etc., and it seemed almost hypocritical to bring the students back for "full-day" instruction. Member Levens-Craig shared the spread of COVID also affects children, even if we continue to hear they are not the most susceptible. She shared the hybrid model is working for some parents and they like the individual attention being given to their student. Member Levens-Craig noted it was a misconception that the hybrid model was easier for teachers. She shared teachers are doing twice as much work. Member Levens-Craig explained agreeing with her colleagues that there are still some considerations that needed to be addressed in order to do this safely. President Burns shared appreciation for Member Levens-Craig for being flexible with her schedule, as she had a preplanned vacation.

President Burns shared everyone knew his position and noted this pandemic had affected Santee families very differently. He explained some families have more support and have been able to manage this easier, while it has taken a bigger toll on other families who do not have support (i.e., military families); and asked the community of listeners to reach out to families that may need help with their students and children. Member Burns shared feeling strongly on his position from the beginning and explained that although he has a great deal of respect for Dr. Baranski, he did not agree with the recommendation and needed to get additional questions answered to make sure all students are brought back safely. Member Burns shared his appreciation and respect for his colleagues for analyzing the situation to come to their decisions. He noted there are risks no matter what steps are taken (i.e., risk if students are left at home, a risk if we bring them back, etc.). Member Burns shared the hybrid model has been working for him as a parent; and noted the importance that students

are in school everyday so the teachers can visibly see them to make sure they are safe and educated. He acknowledged that it is not perfect, and that he wanted students to return to “full-day” instruction but right now was not the time. Member Burns shared the need to get through the holidays.

President Burns asked for a motion to give direction to the Superintendent on the November 30<sup>th</sup> “full-day” return. Then the Board would have to motion for a date, if any, for a “full-day” return.

It was moved by Member Fox not to move forward with the next phase of “full-day” return on November 30, 2020. The roll-call vote was recorded as follows.

<b>Motion:</b>	<u>Fox</u>	<b>Burns</b>	<u>Aye</u>	<b>El-Hajj</b>	<u>Aye</u>
<b>Second:</b>	<u>Levens-Craig</u>	<b>Ryan</b>	<u>Nay</u>	<b>Fox</b>	<u>Aye</u>
<b>Vote:</b>	<u>4-1</u>	<b>Levens-Craig</b>	<u>Aye</u>		

Member Levens noted the concern with the upcoming holidays and large gatherings. She explained it would take a few weeks before someone would know if anyone was sick and looking at January 11 or 18 as a return date. Member El-Hajj stressed the importance of establishing a target date, even though it is unknown what the conditions will be in January. She shared January 11 seemed reasonable and would give teachers and staff a week to prepare.

Member Fox agreed that a date needed to be established and shared agreeing with Member Levens-Craig on the January 11 return date.

Member Ryan shared she would be supporting their decision.

President Burns shared he still had some concerns of communicating to the families to prepare for a date and then it changes. He shared that he would support January 11. But, he stated for the record that if there are concerns with the safety of the students and staff he reserved the right to re-access the date. Member El-Hajj agreed with President Burns and noted a special meeting could be called after the holidays, if needed.

Member Levens-Craig noted the incubation period is two-weeks and suggested the return be January 18. Member El-Hajj noted the return date would be the 19<sup>th</sup>, as the 18<sup>th</sup> is a holiday.

President Burns noted there were attendees “hands-up” asking for time to speak and explained the policy for the current meeting platform asks that comments be submitted prior to the meeting and did not allow for comments from the floor.

Member Fox moved that the Board target January 11 as the “full-day” return for students. The roll-call vote was recorded as follows.

<b>Motion:</b>	<u>Fox</u>	<b>Burns</b>	<u>Aye</u>	<b>El-Hajj</b>	<u>Aye</u>
<b>Second:</b>	<u>El-Hajj</u>	<b>Ryan</b>	<u>Aye</u>	<b>Fox</b>	<u>Aye</u>
<b>Vote:</b>	<u>5-0</u>	<b>Levens-Craig</b>	<u>Aye</u>		



Superintendent Baranski clarified that the proposed "full-day" return model was still intended for use on January 11. Member El-Hajj confirmed the "full-day" return model was to be implemented on January 11, but noted the need to work on the junior high schedules.

Members El-Hajj and Levens-Craig expressed their gratitude to everyone who took the time to express their opinion.

President Burns reiterated the motion was to approve the proposed "full-day" return of students on January 11, using the schedule presented to the Board on October 20. He added understanding the community's divide on the issue and shared the Board acts in the best interest of the students and staff. President Burns expressed his gratitude for those in attendance and wished everyone a great Thanksgiving.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the special meeting of November 19, 2020 was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

  
Elana Levens-Craig, Clerk

  
Dr. Kristin Baranski, Secretary