Dear Superintendent,

As you know, since at least January, we have been concerned about the District’s flawed enrollment/ADA numbers. Apparently, when projections are produced that estimate a drop of enrollment of 1071 students in a single year, the District (with the backing of SCOE), lacks the discernment to question how the Sac City ADA could decrease 10 times more than in any single year in the last four or five years, or approximately 24 times more than the average annual decrease.

Moreover, when decrease is “questioned” and then the mistake is “confirmed” the District (with the collusion of SCOE) hides its mistake for more than two months and proceeds to eliminate 175 certificated FTE and 200 classified positions all on the false pretext that the District was on the verge of fiscal insolvency.

Despite rhetoric of a commitment to transparency, rather than admit the “mistake” publicly, the District continues to use the fabricated budget crisis to forward its own agenda, something that continues to this very day. Cuts to child development continue.

Even though the threat of imminent insolvency evaporated overnight, the District still refuses to put the interest of students first. While the District moved rapidly to rescind the layoffs of the handful of administrators whose positions were eliminated, we are unaware of the rescission of a single non-administrative certificated or classified staff member that were not won through the layoff hearing process.

In addition, the District’s new projections of a loss of enrollment/ADA of 400 students next year also do not hold to the mildest scrutiny. A decrease of 400 students also represents a loss in state funding of approximately $5 million per year, nearly enough on its own to ensure that the District ends 2021-22 with a minimum 2% reserve.

In an effort to discuss positions that may need to be surplused and the need to rescind the layoffs of dozens of pink-slipped certificated staff, the District could not answer the most basic questions, including how the 400 student decrease was determined. That meeting happened on June 3, and since then the District has refused to schedule a follow-up meeting, despite our repeated request. As a result, staff who should be recalled are considering positions at other districts, while dozens of vacancies go unfilled. As a result, we are concerned that the we will revert to the not-so-distant past where the school year starts with more than 100 classrooms filled with temporary staff struggling to serve the needs of our students, and directly contradicting the slogan: “Equity, Access and Social Justice.”

Concerns regarding enrollment projections and staffing are including but not limited to:

- Projected enrollment is still missing Home Hospital at all grade levels – 130 Students
- Projected enrollment is still missing Capital City Elementary and Middle School students – 77
- Projected enrollment is still not accounting for Accelerated Academy
• On the DecisionInsite Client Questionnaire District staff responded that there were no schools in the district that
did not have assigned neighborhood attendance areas besides continuation schools, whereas the district has
numerous criterion schools that do not have neighborhood boundaries including West Campus, Phoebe Hearst,
etc. as well as criterion programs with waiting lists.
• On the DecisionInsite Client Questionnaire District staff responded that there have been no changes to school
capacities in the last year or ten years in the future. The district is building 3 new classrooms at West Campus, it
just completely new classrooms at Kit Carson this year, etc.
• On the DecisionInsite Client Questionnaire District staff does not report the program The Academy as being
closed at American Legion.
• Enrollment projections predict West Campus will lose 11 students in 2019 and 112 students over the next 5
years even though the school is criterion based, has a waiting list and just increased its capacity by 3
classrooms.
• Enrollment projections predict Sutter Middle School, which as of 4/19/2019 has an enrollment of 1203, will lose
enrollment of 14 next year and will be as low as 1134 in 2022. Sutter Middle School has a waiting list. One Stop
plans to close one one CORE teaching position and .5 Resource.
• Enrollment projections predict T. Judah will lose 23 students when new construction McKinley Village is selling
fast. One Stop plans to lose one teacher.
• DecisionInsite projections of enrollment at American Legion of 133 students for the 2019-20 school year. This
number was used at one stop staffing. District reports state that American Legion has an enrollment of 210 at
the end of April, 2019. The site reports that it knows that 146 current students are going to roll over into next
year. Historical enrollment patterns suggest there will be new sophomores and additional enrollees as the year
progresses. Also, American Legion’s enrollment this year has been limited by the construction that is occurring
on site. In 2017, the 3rd month enrollment data, they had 268 students at the beginning of the school year. One
Stop plans to lose 4 teachers and .40 FTE Counselor.
• DecisionInsite projections of enrollment at Capitol City are not included; only a single enrollment number of 346
is in the report that was given to us on 6/3/19. Third month enrollment data shows that Cap City had a total of
346 high school students, 39 middle school students and 38 elementary students at the beginning of this school
year. As of the end of May, the site reports 421 students enrolled in their school. In 2017-18 they ended the
school year with 449 students. Enrollment projections and one Stop is not taking into consideration the plans
to increase the satellite program of Cap City and increase their services to students at other campus
locations. See attached enrollment history. One Stop plans to lose 6 teachers.
• Sam Brannon Middle School has 483 students. April 2019 enrollment report shows 477 students there
now. DecisionInsite says they will lose 92 students next year and One Stop plans to lose 4.8 teachers and .60
Counselor.
• Crocker Riverside with a waiting list is projected to lose 14 students next year and One Stop plans to lose 1
teacher.
• David Lubin – you have 25 students being con-capped out. Eleven from 3rd grade, twelve from 4th grade and
three from 6th. If you spread the third graders out into four classes you could have three classes of 21 and one
class with 20 students. This would match the numbers in K and 1st. Keeping the twelve 4th graders and dividing
them into three classes would put each class at 26 students. This seems more reasonable than Concapping out
23 students. DecisionInsite projects to lose 23 students and One Stop plans to lose 2 teachers.
• Earl Warren – you have 20 fifth grade students that you are intending to ship out, why not make two fifth grade
classes of 26 and 27 students. DecisionInsite projects to lose 21 students and One Stop plans to loss 2 teachers.
• Ethel I Baker – you are moving out 8 second graders. Keep all students making 4 classes of 20 students.
DecisionInsite projects to lose 64 students and One Stop plans to lose 4 teachers.
• Ethel Phillips – you have 19 third graders you indent to ship out, the logical thing to do would be to make three
3rd grade classes, two with 22 students and one with 23 students thus keeping your 19 third grade
students. DecisionInsite projects to lose 36 students and One Stop plans to lose 1 teacher.
• James Marshall – you have 11 Kinder students who you plan to move out yet you have many sites with 19-22
students in a class. Why not divide all your kinder into three classes and have two classes at 20 students and one
at 19, thus keeping students at their home school.
• John Cabrillo – you’ll be shipping out 12 students. If your keep all your sixth grade students you would have 27 students in each class. In your 4th and 5th grades keep all of your students and make a straight fourth and fifth with 30 students each and then a 4/5 split with 30 students, keep all your students near their homes. DecisionInsite projects to lose 9 students and One Stop plans to lose 1 teacher.

• Leataata Floyd - DecisionInsite projects to lose 13 students and One Stop plans to lose 3 teachers.

• Mark Twain – even with your 2/3 split you will still be shipping out 10 students. Do away with the split and make two 2nd grade classes with 19 and 20 students and two 3rd grade classes with 21 and 22 students. Keeping more of your students at home. DecisionInsite projects to lose 6 students and One Stop plans to lose 1 teacher.

• Oak Ridge – You have 11 sixth graders being moved out of their home school, make a third 6th grade class and have two classes with 25 students and one class with 27 students. DecisionInsite projects to lose 10 students and One Stop plans to lose 1 teacher.

• Parkway - DecisionInsite projects to lose 26 students and One Stop plans to lose 2 teachers and 1 resource teacher.

• Peter Burnett – you will be shipping out 12 fourth graders. Keep all students and make three 4th grades with 26 students each. DecisionInsite projects to lose 23 students and One Stop plans to lose 3 teachers.

• Sequoia – you plan to ship out 13 fourth and fifth graders, do away with your 4/5 split and have two straight classes in both 4th and 5th. Fourth classes would have 30 and 31 students, fifth grade would have 25 and 26 students, keeping all students at home. DecisionInsite projects to lose 8 students and One Stop plans to lose 2 teachers.

• Susan B Anthony – instead of shipping out any 5th or 6th graders, do away with the 5/6 split and have two 5th grades with 25 and 26 students each and two 6th grade classes with 26 students each. Keeping all students in their home area.

• Washington – you have only two classes for 4th-6th grades instead of having splits and losing 14 students to concapping, keep all students having 24 in 4th grade, 27 in 5th grade and 29 in 6th grade. All students would be in their local school.

• William Land - DecisionInsite projects to gain 17 students and One Stop plans to lose 1 teacher.

Additionally, the DecisionInsite report we received from the district on June 6th that states “Projection Engine Ran on 3/15/19”:

• Is still missing:
  ▪ All grade levels of Home Hospital - 130 students.
  ▪ Elementary and Middle School at Cap City – 77
  ▪ Accelerated Academy

• There are no projections done for Cap City, John Morse, NPS or Sacramento Unified.

• The Total Enrollment 2019/20 at the bottom of the report states 40,305 students but this does not include 1,727 SDC students from above.

We believe that these concerns should be answered, layoffs should be rescinded and only the necessary movement though surplusing should occur. Please let us know when the district is prepared to meet and give these numbers the scrutiny they deserve in order to minimize the disruption to our students.

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