



**VENTURA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
September 22, 2020
MINUTES**

Call to Order

In accordance with Governor Newsom's executive orders of social distancing due to the COVID-19, the regular Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, as a teleconference/video conference meeting where one or more members participated. The public had the opportunity to submit their public comment and public comment on closed session via the public comments email address or in-person via live video. The public streaming of the Board meeting was made available through the Ventura Adult and Continuing Education, TDC Studios YouTube Channel.

Board President	Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez
Board Vice President	Ms. Jackie Moran
Board Member	Ms. Velma Lomax
Board Member	Mr. Matt Almaraz
Board Member	Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Superintendent	Dr. Roger Rice
Asst. Supt. /Certificated HR	Dr. Jeff Davis
General Counsel	Mr. Anthony Ramos

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Matt Almaraz and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

None.

Motion to go to Closed Session

It was moved by Ms. Jackie Moran, seconded by Ms. Velma Lomax and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to go to closed session at 5:31 p.m.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

At 7:00 p.m., Board president Rodriguez called the regular meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

None.

Superintendent's Report

11.a **Good News**

Ms. Rebecca Chandler was highlighted as the new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

Student Board Members Carys Garvey from El Camino and Elizabeth Ferris from Foothill, along with Principal Deidre Monarres, on behalf of Student Board Member Selah Willms from Pacific, gave a brief update on the exciting things happening at each of their sites.

Correspondence

President Rodriguez shared that the Board received a letter from Stan Mantooth at Ventura County Office of Education, approving the VUSD adopted budget for the 2020/2021 school year; the letter is attached.

Public Comments

The following individuals commented via e-mail:

- Lisa Bondy regarding Middle School and High School waivers
- Lyndsay regarding beginning a Hybrid Model for school
- Chelsea Brooks regarding applying for a waiver
- Kitty Von Doeren regarding Distance Learning

The following individuals commented via live video:

- Lauren Taluy regarding schools reopening/waiver
- Annette Walters regarding schools reopening/waiver
- Hollie Archer regarding schools reopening/waiver
- Rebecca Woertink regarding schools reopening/waiver

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

14.a **Public Hearing - Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials or both for the 2020-21 School Year**

Dr. Greg Bayless gave a Public Hearing regarding the sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials or both for the 2020-2021 school year.

CONFERENCE - SUPERINTENDENT

15.a **Farm Update - Agriculture Career Pathway and Facilities**

Chief Innovation Officer Rebecca Chandler introduced key members of the Farm Project including: Mr. Ken Radtkey from Blackbird Architects, Ms. Diedre Monarres, Principal of Pacific High School, and Mr. Mike Etchard, Agriculture Program Teacher. Ms. Chandler's presentation included an overview of the property/farm buildings layout, and unveiled the name of the farm as "Sa'Aliyas Ranch." Components of Sa'aliyas Ranch include: an Aquaponics System, an indoor growing system, approximately 300 avocado trees, approximately 200 citrus trees, a berry "hoop house," and row crops. Currently there are four High School Pathways for students: Plant and Soil Science, Agriculture Business, Agriculture Biology, and Applied Agriculture Business/Plant and Soil Science. A timeline of the projected timeline was shared with construction beginning in March 2021 and a completion date of July 2021.

CONFERENCE - EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

16.a **Reopening of Schools Update**

Superintendent, Dr. Roger Rice, shared that the County Rating System comes from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and is based off a county's case rate and test positivity rate, which then correlates to a color-coded tier rating. A county can only move forward one tier at a time and will remain in that tier for a minimum of three weeks before being able to advance to a new tier. If a county's case rate and test positivity measure fall into two different tiers, the county will be assigned to the more restrictive tier. Currently, our county rating is in Tier 1 (purple) which indicates widespread high risk of transmission. Schools in counties within Tier 1 are not permitted to reopen for in-person instruction, with an exception for waivers granted by the local health departments for Tk-6 grade. However, these counties are able to provide structured, in-person supervision and services to students under the Guidance for Small Cohorts/Groups of Children and Youth.

Dr. Rice shared major considerations for reopening including:

- Health and Safety of students and staff

- Benefits of returning to in-person instruction: instructional and academic, social and emotional, enrollment, and economics for families
- Challenges of returning to in-person instruction: keeping students and staff healthy, transportation, workforce continuity and demand for substitutes, instructional continuity, and programmatic continuity

Dr. Rice shared Waiver Requirements required a detailed plan for addressing all of the following:

- Consultation with Employee Unions
- Cleaning and disinfecting
- Cohorting
- Entrance, egress, and movement within the school
- Face coverings and other essential protective gear
- Health screenings for students and staff
- Healthy hygiene practices
- Identification and tracking of practices
- Physical distancing
- Self-training and family education
- Testing of students and staff
- Triggers for switching to Distance Learning
- Communication Plan

After a discussion with the Board, the following was agreed upon at this stage:

- Survey staff and parents about returning to school
- Visit other programs that are reopening
- Continue with small cohorts (Athletics, Robotics, additional)
- Take stock of Cares Act Funds
- Looking into forming a medical panel consultation group to help answer questions.

16.b **City of San Buenaventura School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement No. A2016-00409, Fourth Amendment for 2020-2021 (Action Requested)**

It was moved by Mr. Matt Almaraz, seconded by Ms. Jackie Moran and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the Fourth Amendment to Agreement No. A2016-00409 with the City of San Buenaventura as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg

Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

CONFERENCE - BUSINESS SERVICES

17.a **Certification of Signatures Amendment (Action Requested)**

It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Ms. Velma Lomax and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the Certification of Signatures Amendment as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg

Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

CONFERENCE - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

18.a **A Presentation and Approval of Proposed Changes, Deletions or Additions to Board Bylaw (BB)9270, related to a Conflict of Interest (Action Requested)**

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Ms. Jackie Moran and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the proposed changes, deletions or additions to Board Bylaw (BB)9270, related to a Conflict of Interest, as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg

Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

ACTION ITEMS

- 19.a **Announcement of Intended Appointee to the Personnel Commission and Notice of Public Hearing**
It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Mr. Matt Almaraz and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve Ms. Anne Campbell as the intended appointee to the Personnel Commission and set the public hearing date for November 4, 2020.
- Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.
- 19.b **Administrative Recommendation for Student Admission from outside Ventura Unified School District and Administrative Recommendation for Student Expulsion**
It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Mr. Matt Almaraz and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve student admission from outside Ventura Unified School District for student #20/A02 and for administrative recommendation regarding student expulsion for student #21/01.
- Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.
- 19.c **Resolution #20-24 Regarding Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials or both for the 2020-21 School Year**
It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Ms. Jackie Moran and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve resolution #20-24 as presented.
- Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.
- 19.d **Approval of the Ventura Unified School District's 2020-2021 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan**
It was moved by Dr. Jerry Dannenberg, seconded by Ms. Jackie Moran and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve the Ventura Unified School District's 2020-2021 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan as presented.
- Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Ms. Velma Lomax, seconded by Ms. Jackie Moran and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve consent items #20-22 as presented.

Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg
Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Certificated

- 20.a Approval of Variable Term Waiver for Speech - Language Credential
- 20.b Ratification of Administration's Approval of Assignments Through Various Education Codes

- 20.c Ratification of Administration's Approval of Miscellaneous & Part-Time Certificated Assignments for the 2020-21 School Year
- 20.d Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Certificated Personnel for the 2020-21 School Year
- 20.e Ratification of Administration's Approval of Employment and Reemployment of Substitute Teachers for the 2020-21 School Year
- 20.f Ratification of Administration's Approval of Resignations & Retirements for Certificated Personnel for the 2020-21 School Year

CONSENT - HUMAN RESOURCES - Classified

- 21.a Classified Personnel Changes
- 21.b Classified Position Changes

CONSENT - BUSINESS SERVICES

- 22.a Jones Hall Legal Services Agreement
- 22.b Tax Deferred Solutions 403(B) Plan Adoption Agreement
- 22.c Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims Case No. AP2020082
- 22.d Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims Case No. GV202008
- 22.e Ratification of Final Settlement Agreement and Release of all Claims Case No. JM2020081
- 22.f Ratification of Purchase Orders (August 27, 2020 to September 8, 2020)

BOARD REPORTS

Trustee Dannenberg shared that he has enjoyed the Back-to-School Night's and that Principal's, teachers, and support staff have done an excellent job. Dr. Dannenberg also attended the East Ventura Community Council meeting where they had a candidacy forum and Trustee Moran spoke about the position she is running for reelection.

Trustee Matt Almaraz shared that the Back-to-School Nights have been phenomenal and he has enjoyed attending every one. Mr. Almaraz also shared that he attended the East Ventura Community Council Meeting and was able to hear Jackie Moran speak. Lastly, he had a call with CAUSE regarding their push for Proposition 15, which could bring a lot of monies to the school.

Trustee Velma Lomax shared that she has enjoyed the Back-to-School Night's and that each one has been so original and unique. Ms. Lomax also shared that she has been meeting consistently as a CTE Liaison on how to keep robotics going throughout the school year. One event currently being planned is joining with Haas Automation to plan a career day for all high school students some time at the end of October. Ms. Lomax shared they are also planning a career day with the Navy Base for a different time.

Trustee Jackie Moran shared that she, along with Ms. Rodriguez, presented for CSBA to candidates running for School Board, regarding what it is like to be on a Board. Ms. Moran attended the City/VUSD/College Liaison meeting and shared that President Kim Hoffmans at Ventura College is a good resource regarding small cohorts returning to campus. Ms. Moran also attended the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance meeting and shared information pertaining to Clean Energy. Next weekend, Ms. Moran will be attending the CSBA's Director's meeting. Lastly, Ms. Moran shared that she loved the Back-to-School Night's.

Trustee Rodriguez shared that she met with students from CAUSE regarding their advocating for mental health resources for students. Ms. Rodriguez met with students from Justice in the Classroom to talk about their efforts to improve the diversity of voices that we hear in our classroom. Ms. Rodriguez attended the Mid-Town Community

Council meeting, which included a council forum. Ms. Rodriguez met with the 12th District PTA and talked about school closures and how to generate membership. Lastly, Ms. Rodriguez attended the City/VUSD/College Liaison meeting where they discussed the city's General Plan and how to incorporate our families' voice and our District's voice into that.

COMING EVENTS

- September 23: Back-to-School Nights at Buena and El Camino
- September 24: Back-to-School Nights at Pacific and Foothill
- September 25: Special Education District Advisory Meeting and Ethnic/Social Justice Steering Committee Meeting
- October 1: Ed Options Task Force Meeting
- October 6: Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting

FUTURE BOARD ITEMS

- 7-11 Committee

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS - (No official action will be taken)

- Trustee Almaraz gave a huge thank you to Dr. Rice for being so diligent and hard working throughout his time at VUSD, especially within these past six months and with all of the staff changes that have taken place.
- Trustee Lomax asked if VUSD purchased the misters for sanitization. Mr. Bill Elsenbaumer confirmed yes, they have been purchased and that a product called Pure will be used.
- Trustee Moran thanked staff, students, and their parents on having patience and being resilient.
- Trustee Rodriguez shared that everyone is currently under a lot of pressure and under great stress and reminded everyone to have grace, to model for our students how to handle difficult situations, and to show kindness to each other.
- Dr. Rice shared that he appreciated the support of the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

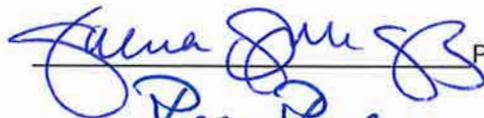
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Matt Almaraz, seconded by Ms. Jackie Moran and passed on a roll call vote of 5 – 0 to approve to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 13, 2020.

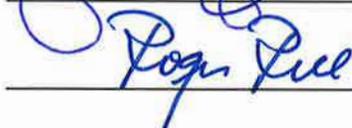
Ayes: Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez, Ms. Jackie Moran, Ms. Velma Lomax, Mr. Matt Almaraz, Dr. Jerry Dannenberg

Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

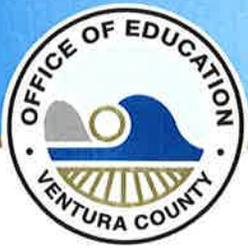
APPROVED



President



Secretary



VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Stanley C. Mantooth, County Superintendent of Schools

September 15, 2020

Ms. Sabrena Rodriguez
Governing Board President
Ventura Unified School District
255 West Stanley Avenue, #100
Ventura, CA 93001

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

In accordance with Education Code Section 42127, the Ventura County Office of Education has reviewed the adopted budget of the Ventura Unified School District for fiscal year 2020-21. Education Code requires the County Superintendent to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the adopted final budget for each school district after doing the following:

Examine the adopted budget to determine whether it complies with the standards and criteria established pursuant to Section 33127 and identify any technical corrections needed to bring the budget into compliance with those standards and criteria.

Determine whether the adopted budget will allow the district to meet its financial obligations during the fiscal year and is consistent with a financial plan that will enable the district to satisfy its multiyear financial commitments.

Based upon our review, the 2020-21 adopted budget of the Ventura Unified School District has been **approved**. However, we noted that the district has projected deficit spending in the current and subsequent fiscal years. The district is balancing its current year and subsequent fiscal year budgets by spending down available reserves. While deficit spending is a short-term budget strategy when available reserves exist, it is not a long-term solution. Failure to minimize deficit spending could jeopardize the financial standing of the district, including its ability to meet the state recommended minimum reserve for economic uncertainties. **The district should continue to monitor its multi-year plans that include aligning its expenditures with revenues, while closely watching enrollment.**

Although the district budget was developed on the best information available at the time which included severe revenue reductions, the State budget that was approved on June 29, 2020 included significant cash deferrals in lieu of revenue reductions to preserve programs and provide districts the resources needed to safely reopen schools. The unique uncertainties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing public health response make it possible that the state's budget assumptions may change during the year. We strongly encourage all districts to actively seek out budget efficiencies, make effective use of state and federal one-time funding, monitor cash flow projections, explore cash borrowing options and avoid committing to new ongoing expenditures, whenever possible.

Typically, districts adopt a Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) however, due to the COVID-19 crisis, Senate Bill (SB) 98 established California Education Code Section 43509 which states the annual update to the LCAP is not required for the 2020-21 school year. SB 98 also separates the development and adoption of the Budget Overview for Parents from the development and adoption of the LCAP for the 2020-21 school year. The legislation requires that the Budget Overview for Parents be developed and adopted by December 15, 2020 with the first interim report. In addition, SB 98 establishes the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (Learning Continuity Plan) requirements for the 2020-21 school year. The Learning Continuity Plan replaces the LCAP for the 2020-21 school year.

The Learning Continuity Plan is a key part of the overall budget packet for Education that seeks to address funding stability for schools while providing information at the local level for how student learning continuity will be address during the COVID-19 crisis in the 2020-21 school year. It is also intended to balance the needs of all stakeholders, including educators, parents, students, and community members, while both streamlining engagement and condensing several pre-existing plans. The Learning Continuity Plan must be adopted by September 30, 2020.

Assembly Bill (AB) 2756 requires school districts to submit copies of any study or report which indicates signs or symptoms of fiscal distress to the County Office of Education. Should the district acquire any such reports or studies during the fiscal year, please submit them to School Business and Advisory Services as soon as they are available.

A complete listing of any technical corrections and recommendations relating to the adopted budget has been sent to the district Chief Business Official. If you have any questions about the Learning Continuity Plan, please contact Lisa Salas Brown, Director of Local District Support Services at (805) 437-1500. If you have any questions about the adopted budget, please contact Danni Brook, Executive Director of School Business Advisory Services at (805) 383-1981.

Sincerely,



Stanley C. Mantooth
Ventura County Superintendent of Schools

cc: District Superintendent
District Chief Business Official
District Educational Services Administrator
VCOE Associate Superintendent, Fiscal and Administrative Services
VCOE Associate Superintendent, Educational Services

[REDACTED]

From: Lisa Bondy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: -EXTERNAL SENDER- Middle School and High School waivers

Greetings,

I'm curious why the waivers to get kids back in school in person are only for tk-6th grade. I have a 7th grader and a 9th grader and want them back in school in person. Our 7th grader who goes to DATA has had numerous school connection issues and now is super frustrated and has anxiety each time he needs to log into his classes. I'm also not wanting them on screens all day due to distance learning. I understand they aren't in classes online all day, but they do have work to do that requires them to be on a screen.

Thank you,

Lisa Bondy [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: lynds245 <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 7:31 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: -EXTERNAL SENDER- Comment to education board

Dear superintendent Rice and Board of Education members, Please consider letting the youngest students back into a hybrid model of school. Transitional kindergarteners and kindergartners are missing vital social and emotional learning in a time when it is so important in their development. There would be plenty of space in school to maintain social distancing and the kids could wear masks.

Thank you
Lyndsay
Parent of a kindergartener

From: Chelsea Brooks [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 2:09 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: -EXTERNAL SENDER-

Hello VUSD-

My name is Chelsea, I am a proud parent of a first grader here at VUSD. I am writing to request that Waivers please be utilized at Ventura County School District.

We have been extremely blessed that my son's first grade teacher is amazing. She is probably the best teacher anyone could have, distance learning or not. The kids adore her, she is kind, and she teaches in a way that keeps little minds as focused as possible. She is always available for texts, calls, emails, and checks in multiple times a day. She also has created a lot of paper/pencil items. She makes book bags every week for our kids, individualized on reading ability and their interests. I know that many people are not as lucky as we are.

This is putting an extreme amount of pressure and work on parents and teachers. Having a first grader is a full time job for one young student, I cant imagine those with several. My first grader requires me to sit down next to him to help with technology, supplies, and reminders to be focused. Parents are forced to take a reduction in work hours and modify schedules. This creates fear of losing our job or flexibility at work. We have a four year old as well. We when are all suffering- especially the students. Resources provided via facebook do not address these challenges, and although stated "temporary," there has been zero information on a timeline VUSD will consider waivers, or reopening with modifications.

My son asked me the other day if he has friends anymore. He is 6, and so, a lot of his friendships are formed at school. He gets no chances to interact with classmates on zoom because the poor teacher is spread thin trying to teach a days worth of material in 45 minutes.

Please consider the wellbeing of our children, the mental health of parents, and our wonderful educators. I suggest utilizing waivers for a modified learning environment. For teachers that want to go back, allow them. For teachers that would like to do zoom only, allow that. For families that want in person learning, they can be paired with teachers that want to be in the classroom. For those that want distance, they can be paired with zoom teachers.

I fear that if waivers are not utilized, you will see a drop in attendance of families and commitment to the VUSD. There are other school districts in the area that are and will be utilizing waivers.

Thank you,

Chelsea

[REDACTED]

From: Kitty Von Doeren <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: -EXTERNAL SENDER- Question for VUSD Board Meeting

Hello,

As lifelong residents of Ventura, homeowners (whose taxes help fund the district), and especially as parents of a student enrolled at a VUSD elementary school, my husband Aaron and I are extremely unhappy with the distance learning program implemented by VUSD this school year and would like to know why this approach was chosen.

Not enough time is being spent in live instruction for younger elementary age students. Our daughter is in 2nd grade and receives a total of 4 hours of live instruction per week: 1 hour a day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The focus seems to be on math and government, with some language arts. Afterwards she has approximately 2 hours of homework per day to complete with our help. Today we received an email from her teacher saying Science and Social Studies lessons will also be posted weekly, which the students are apparently responsible for completing on their own (which of course actually means, "under parental instruction"). When help from her teacher is needed outside of regular class hours, she has a 30 minute window once a week to join her virtual office hours and ask questions. Granted, her teacher is wonderful and very responsive when we've asked questions via email. But given that most teachers and students at this grade level are accustomed to a 30 hour school week, and many students need additional help outside of *that*, what educated, experienced administrator decided that 4.5 hours of facetime with a teacher is anywhere near even the absolute minimum that could be considered effective?

This learning schedule is not conducive to children's education, especially young children who don't have the capacity to self-direct. I understand there was a need to provide distance learning during a pandemic, and that replicating the effectiveness of 30 hours a week of in-person instruction is impossible, but 4 hours a week is completely ludicrous. Why is more instruction not being provided? There are two teachers assigned to my child's class. I fail to see how two full time teachers can't provide at least 10-15 hours of live instruction and/or student support per week between them, while I'm doing that myself in addition to working my full time job, acting as my younger child's preschool teacher, and parenting two young children all day every day.

This approach is leaving families in the lurch, placing too much of the educational workload on young children and their parents, and doesn't give teachers the tools they need to provide effective instruction. Please explain how the approach chosen by VUSD prioritizes children's education in Ventura.

Thank you,

Kitty Von Doeren