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From: Juliette Beck [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 6:08 PM
To: DJUSD Board of Education
Cc: Veronica Dunn
Subject: Public Comment re MPR, Green Schoolyards and Native Studies

Dear DJUSD leadership,

As a parent at Cesar Chavez Elementary, I am very grateful for the hard work of your Measure M Facilities Planning Team who took community input on the proposed MPR location seriously and has chosen the Northern Placement. We are delighted that the integrity of Redwood Park and our green spaces will be protected for future generations to enjoy as our "public commons" gathering area.

It is also very exciting to hear that the building will not be powered by fossil fuels. This week in my daughter's sixth grade class, the majority of students requested in a survey that they'd like to learn more about climate change. Now we can include the MPR building in the teaching of how we can all work urgently towards solutions to this crisis.

This summer I've been participating in the National COVID-19 Outdoor Learning Initiative supported by the Green Schoolyard Network. I hope that DJUSD will continue to explore options for safer, open-air learning and support teachers and school administrators to learn more from what other school districts - from San Mateo to Maine - are doing to promote outdoor learning.

Locally, we also have an opportunity to work with Yolo County Board of Education to develop professional development in Native American Studies as a component of Ethnic Studies. Please support this critical work. The solutions to the multiple crises we are living through may very well be rooted in the ancestral knowledge, practices and worldview of the original stewards of the Patwin Wintun homeland we now inhabit.

In the spirit of resilience,
Juliette Beck
CCE Parent

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"In a racist society, it is not enough to be non-racist. We must be anti-racist."

--Angela Davis

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Subject: FW: Public Comment 9/3/20

From: Lupita Torres [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 7:11 PM
To: DJUSD Board of Education <boe@djUSD.net>
Subject: Public Comment 9/3/20

Hello my name is Lupita and I am a parent with a child in the Davis Joint Unified. I have spent over half an hour trying to attend tonight's DJUSD board meeting in order to make a public comment. However, I am having a terrible time locating the Zoom meeting information. If there are no Zoom meetings for the DJUSD I ask that you please start having the meetings available to attend on Zoom. It is extremely difficult for some folks to do things online, this includes myself and I have seen no information readily available on the website that remedies this situation. We need to be able to make live public comments and we shouldn't have to turn in an email days ahead of a board meeting in order for our comments to be heard.

As parents, we often have a difficult time attending these meetings as it is, and now it is way more difficult due to the lack of Zoom meeting availability. I would have thought this would be taken care of months ago, and I am shocked at the fact that I have to write this email and it may not even be acknowledged until two weeks from now. Please fix this right away and make your meetings accessible to the public so that we can submit public comments using our own voice and not email, on the same night of the meeting. If I am incorrect and you do have zoom meetings available, then please make that information readily available on your website, so that it is accessible right away on the home page. Thank you.

The reason I am writing this email is to address a very important concern. I have a friend that passed away last month, with a daughter and a son in the district. The mom was undocumented and passed away from cancer. This family desperately needs support, and the kids are essentially orphans, still in your school district. The surviving relatives need assistance with the adoption process, and how to go about adopting the children. When I called this Monday, I spoke to the wife of the cousin, who says no one from the district has contacted them. Please reach out to the family, and let the family know they are supported and help them to find an organization or the proper avenue so that they can begin the process of adoption for these children. If we can find a way to help the family as a community, this would be amazing and greatly appreciated. Thank you. This email message is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain privileged and confidential information. Any unauthorized review, use, disclosure or distribution is prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender by reply email and destroy all copies of the original message. The unauthorized access, use, disclosure, or distribution of this email may constitute a violation of federal and/or state laws.