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Board of Education Meeting
December 10, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Melissa Androlowicz
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Comment: Good Evening SCUSD Board Members,
My name is Melissa Androlowicz and I have two sons attending LdV Middle School. I am a parent of a child at LdV Middle School, including a sixth grader. It came as a shock as I perused through all 615 pages of the Budget Agenda to see LdV Middle School Program was on the chopping block (page 396).
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Name:	Cynthia Welch
Comment:	Dear SCUSD Board, My name is Cynthia Welch and my daughter, Willa is a Sophomore at George Washington Carver High School this year. This is her first year at George Washington Carver (we affectionately refer to it as "Carver") in fact, this is her first year at a school

in California. My wife and I moved Willa and our younger daughter here from Texas after Willa's horrific Freshman year filled with severe bullying, racism, and homophobia within a student population of over 3,000 students. As a result of these things, we almost lost our daughter.

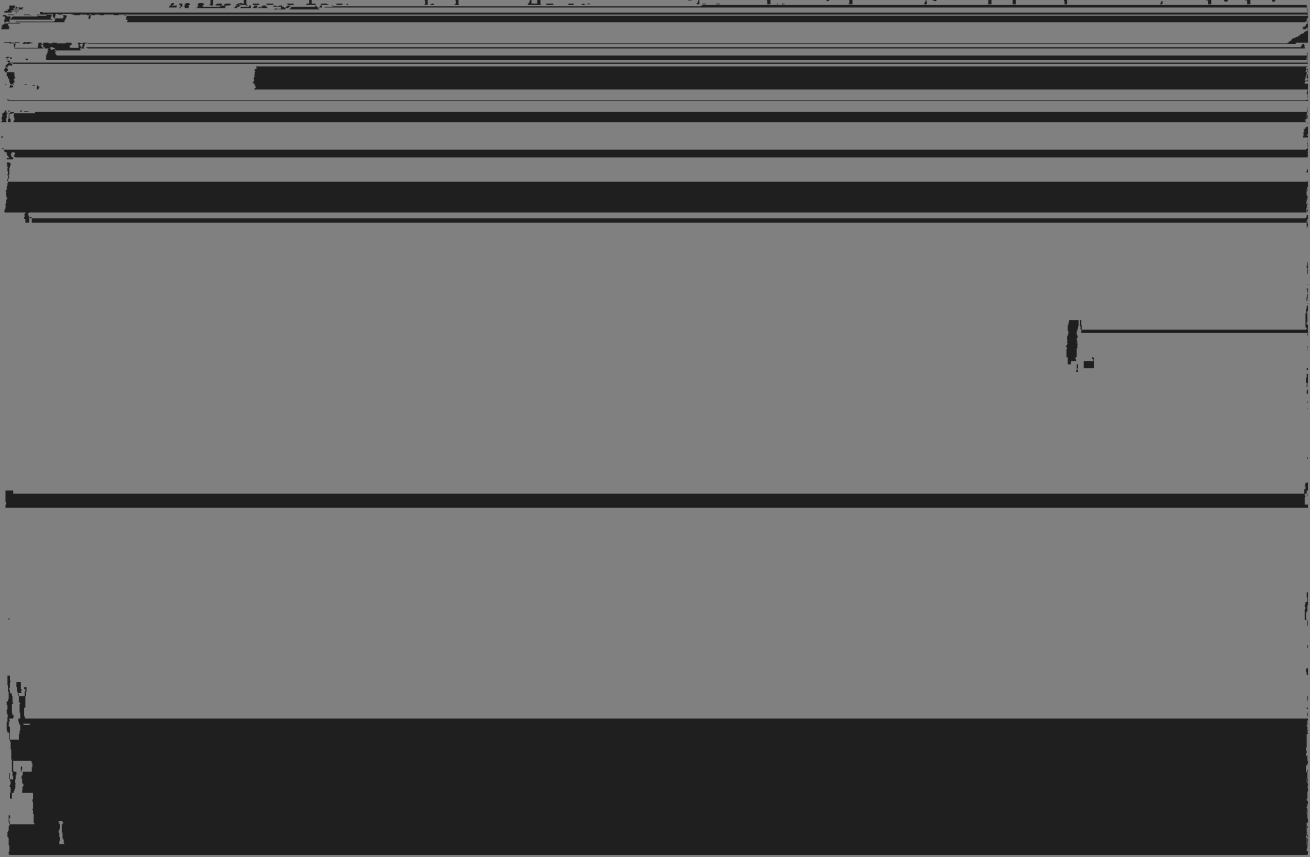
We came to Carver, hoping for a smaller environment that would provide acceptance and support—and we have found even more than what we hoped to find. Willa has always struggled with fully connecting at school, but at Carver, she is thriving. Her grades have never been so good and she is excited to work on her homework. We can hear the hope

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Name: Jamie Korner

Comment: I am a parent of a 10th grade student at George Washington Carver High School. The proposed budget cut to this small school poses an existential threat to the school, as they likely won't be able to hire enough teachers for all grades and all subjects with such severe budget cuts. The closure of Carver would be devastating to my daughter, as she won't be able to find another school like Carver. This school has exceeded our expectations for high school in so many ways. The teachers are passionate and caring, and the curriculum integrates the arts with university prep classes. The school also



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Name Nathaniel Green

Comment: Dear SCUSD school board:

I am writing to express my support to increase resources budgeted to CWC...
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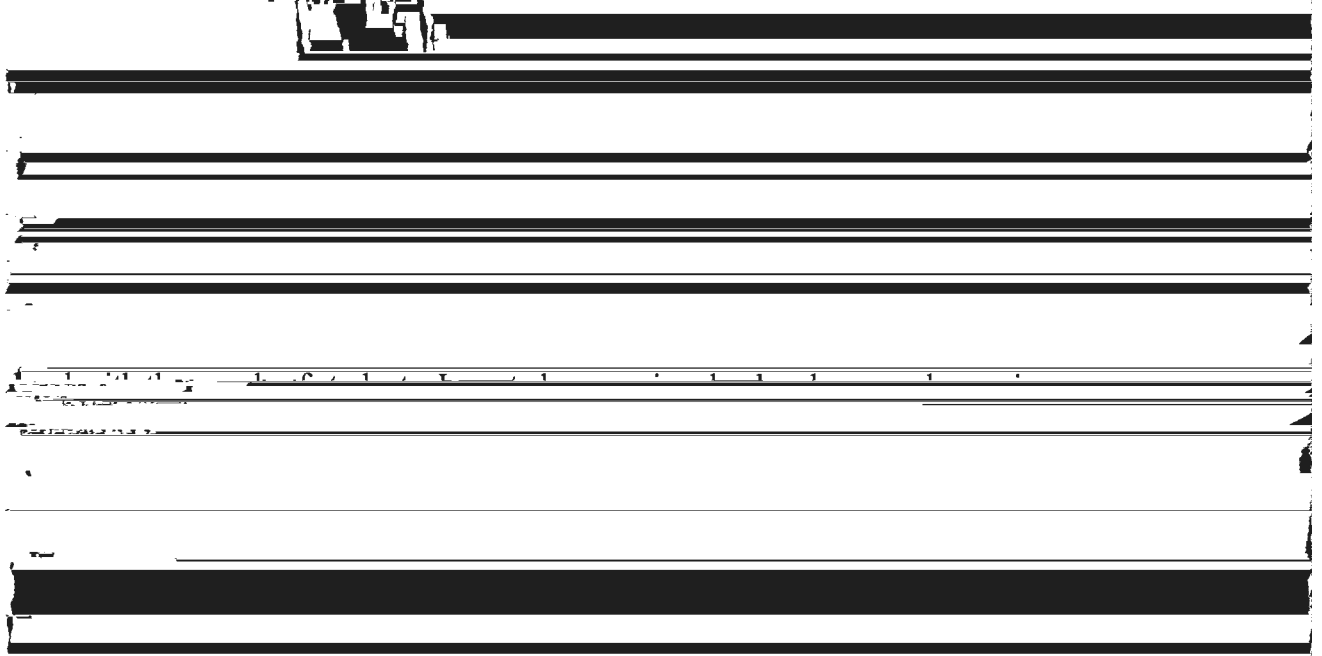
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Name Tess Brown

Comment: My name is Tess Brown, I am a Senior at George Washington High School, I live in Carmichael and would be in San Juan Unified School District. I chose to attend Carver because I was interested in attending a small high school, I was also interested in the arts and science focus at Carver. I wanted to attend a school that would encourage me to grow and learn, as well as challenge myself. Carver is an excellent place to be. Clubs at Carver make safe spaces for students. We host: NAMI, The National Alliance on Mental Illness provides support, education, and awareness; GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance) which provides education, support, and creates a safe space for LGBTQ+ students, as well as welcoming allies. I have been a part of this club all four years of high school, and have been the secretary for the past three years; Femco (Feminist Coalition) educates, and raises awareness surrounding feminist issues, and injustices. Carver also gives the opportunity to students to take ACE and AP classes which can lead to students earning college credit. I have had the opportunity to take ACE and AP classes. This has helped me earn college credit, as well as increasing my chances of getting into colleges. I currently take AP Art, as well as AP Calculus.

Carver drew me in. I even changed school districts. I didn't want to be lost at a



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Name: Nina Saferstein

Comment My name is Nina Saferstein. I attended Alice Birney Waldorf and graduated from George Washington Carver in 2015. I went on to attend Saint Mary's College of California in the San Francisco Bay Area where I graduated with a B.A. in Political Science in 2019.

Not only did George Washington Carver prepare me for college and the rigorous coursework, but shaped me into the person I am today. It's hard to put into words the impact Waldorf education has had on my life. How hasn't it? That seems more fitting. Attending George Washington Carver taught me how to be a valuable member of society, how to have love, compassion, and empathy for all people. As a senior in high school, I participated in what was then called the Poverty Project. This was a photo project, and one I reflect on fondly. Students were asked to volunteer at a local nonprofit in the Sacramento area and present their experiences.

I grew up in Land Park, an affluent, predominantly white neighborhood in Sacramento,

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Name Brian Dolgovin

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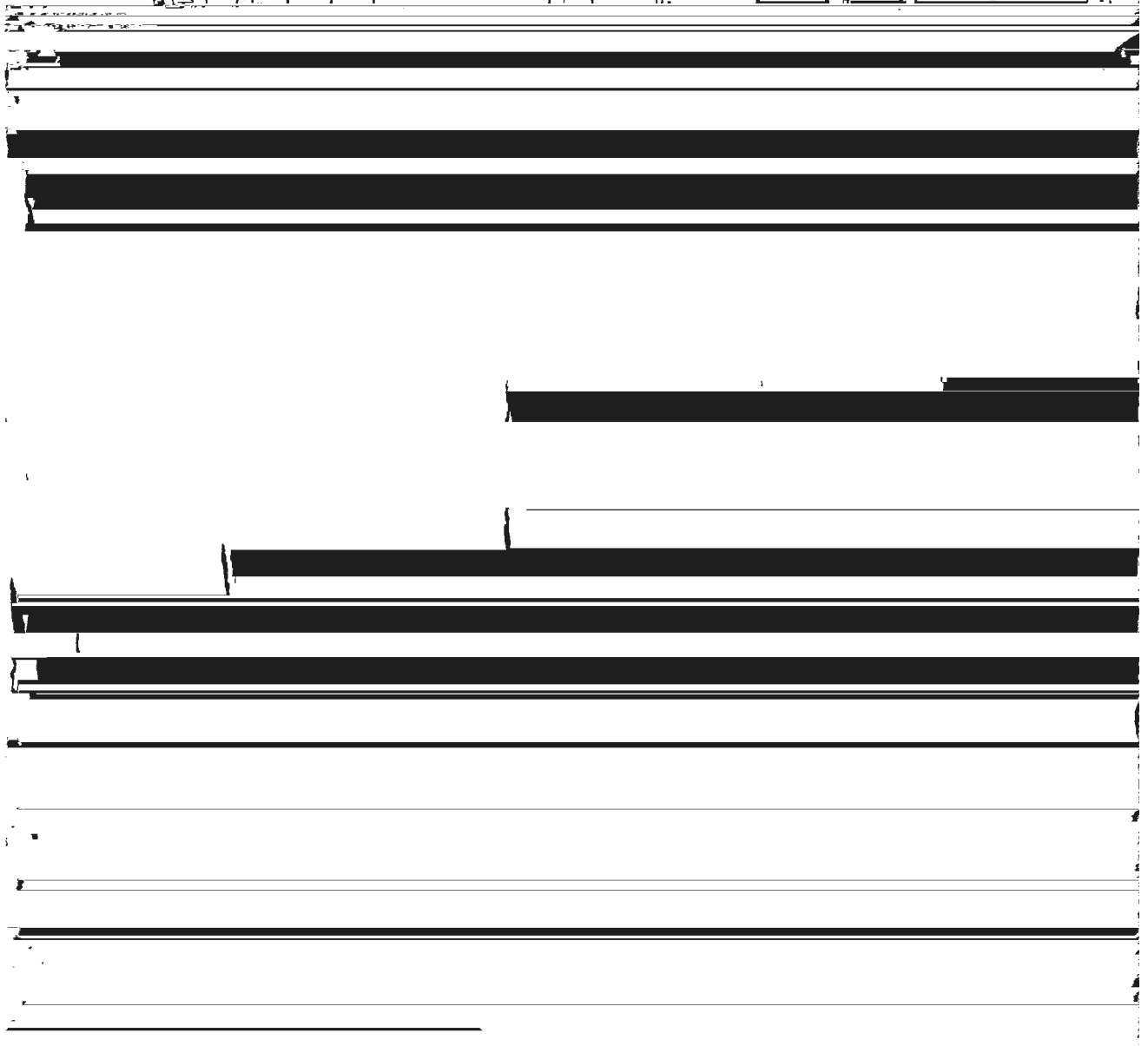
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Name Michelle Strain

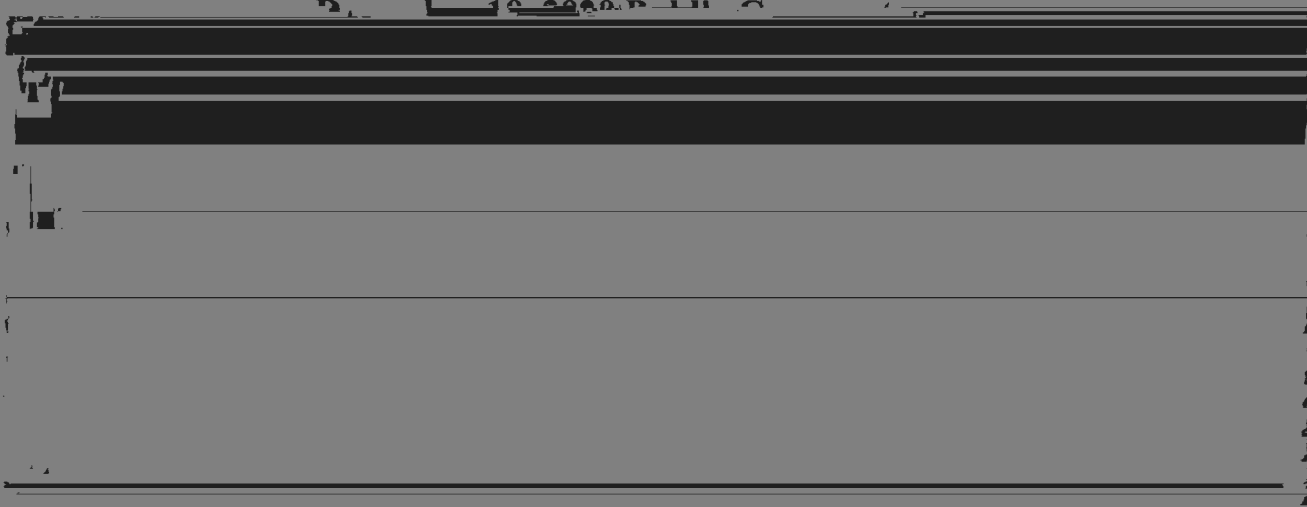
Comment: G.W. Carver School of Art & Science is the answer for students and families in a one-size-fits-all public education crisis. The children that attend this one of a kind public



relevant and it's real. They are taught to make a difference in their world because they belong and because they care.

My son Rory, a junior at Carver, is thriving in his school environment. After our very social child attended public school, private Waldorf education, intensive intervention and four years of homeschooling, we finally found Carver his freshman year to hone skills

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Name: Gwynnae Byrd

Comment: I urge you to wait to vote on a fiscal recovery plan until the new board members are sworn in. It is imperative that all members of the school board have a stake in what they're voting on, and can be held accountable for the consequences of any fiscal decisions made. This is especially true when the district is contemplating severe cuts that

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Name: Nia MooreWeathers

Comment Hello SCUSD Board,
My name is Nia MooreWeathers, and I am a former student of the SCUSD District and current community organizer for a local non-profit working to support youth development, mental health, and civic advocacy/engagement. I am writing to strongly encourage you to fully fund the George Washington Carver School of Arts and Sciences for the next year, but also to continue funding programs like arts/music, bilingual

education, GATE, college readiness, etc.
It is imperative that SCUSD consider the impacts of the budget decisions they are about to make. And that does not diminish the financial impacts on our students.

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Name: Brandon Brown

Comment My name is Brandon Brown and I graduated from George Washington College SAC in

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Name: Lisa Meline

Comment: I am writing in support of continuing music programs at all grade levels, most critical now are those at our middle schools. These programs feed our high schools music programs (something very important in our community of Rosemont) and support a large percentage of the student population providing breadth, creativity, breadth, mental health, and team-building skills. Every student in a musical ensemble is part of a well-rehearsed team. Don't take away the opportunity for future marching bands, winter

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Name Mia Andrade

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Name: Rory Pilling

Comment: Rory Pilling, Senior

I ended up at Carver because I had a horrible time in middle school. I was bullied very

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Name Kav Davis

Comment: George Washington Carver provides a different cultural and perspective to youth that is

From: Maria Smith
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 11:55 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment for Board Meeting 2020 12 10 Item 8.0

This is Public Comment for Item 8.0

Good evening. Twelve years ago, SCUSD made history by being the first school district to open the first public Waldorf High School in our nation. My name is Maria Nemuse Smith, a Special Education DSP teacher and a central faculty member at Coahoma

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From: Tiffany Pritchett
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 11:59 AM
To: SCUSD Public Comment
Subject: Mask Exemptions

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