

Can you **show up in person** at the San Jose Unified Board Meeting to speak in favor of a community-created agreement with SJPd that puts students first? [Sign up here.](#)

SJUSD 12/9 Board Meeting
San Jose Unified District Offices
855 Lenzen Ave, San Jose, CA 95126
6:00 pm - arrive at 5:45 to check in

Email Campaign for 12/9 SJUSD School Board Meeting

If you live in San Jose, [click here](#) to find out which Board Member is for your district.

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Please also Bcc: sju.equitycoalition@gmail.com

Click here to review the community created MOU: [community created MOU](#)

Dear board members,

My name is [name] and I am [role in SJUSD/community/please share trustee area if applicable] and a member of SURJ@SacredHeart. As you prepare for a vote on the MOU with SJPd, I wanted to write/comment with my support for police-free schools that include mental health counseling, restorative justice, and culturally responsive curriculum. I am also here to express my support for the [community created MOU](#) that has been shared with you.

Despite continuous input from public interest organizations representing students of color, students with disabilities, incarcerated students, and students facing other marginalizations, the district continues to propose MOUs that do not reflect this input. These MOUs have no language added to increase awareness for students of their rights, no commitment to using alternatives and diversions, no restrictions on dangerous prone restraints, no language specifying the kind of training Campus Police Officers must have on adolescent development and disabilities, and no requirement that SJPd maintain and share data on the demographics of students who are cited or arrested on SJUSD campuses.

SJUEC members, in collaboration with youth, members of CACSE, and members of numerous public interest organizations representing marginalized and incarcerated students, would like to provide you with a community created MOU that adds in many of these important aspects to improve on the current MOU.

We ask that you read it carefully and use you position as a board member to incorporate these changes during the discussion at Thursday's board meeting. By adopting this version of the MOU, implementing restorative justice, culturally responsive curriculum, robust mental health counseling services, and continuing your commitment to police-free schools, we can create schools where Black students, Latinx and indigenous students, and students with marginalized identities can come to learn and feel safe and cared for.

Thank you for putting students first,
[your name]