November 14, 2024 Special Board Meeting Written Comments Received between Tuesday, November 12
oftheir schools closure.h my role as student council president solemn promise to my classmates:lwill always advocate for y
 end.No matter the hurdles we face, we will overcome them to honoring that commitment.
Irefuse to stand by and watch as my beloved community, alor dismantled by individuals who have never set bot in our vibr let my mother, my teachers, and my fiends endure any more the loss ofthe schools that have been like a second home to u notion that lor anyone else lack the right to engage in this fg wholeheartedly that we all have a stake in preserving the incre

shaped our identities and aspirations.

Therebre, lam here today to implore youne, to passionately plead-that CB helps all seven of the dero schools that are slated for closure to remain open.We, as a united community, will not rest nor relent until this vital change takes place.lpromise you that I will continue to fght, advocate, and speakout until our calls for justice are heard and acted upon.Thankyou for your time, and lwish you a wonderful day.

2 lam a bilingual preschool teacher within this district.

lam spealing to the importance of settling a contract with the CTU in order to ascertain that our students, especially those who have historically been the most vulnerable, remain protected, secure, and educated with dignity and access to the education they deserve.

ONOVEMBER 5th, our net president was elected. With this, our country is facing right

stated their intention to destroy the Department of Education, with it taking away the rights of our students.

This plan will affect a large group of our public school students including supports for our language learners and newcomers with threats of mass deportations; the disappearance of special education and access for students with special needs; denial of life-saving supports for our LGTBQIA students; and, the dissolution of any sort of equity and representation for our Black student population. Even early childhood education is at risk; no student is without risk. Further, this upcoming administration ignores the threats to our climate and environment. This is not all, but the tip of the iceberg.

As such, I urge you to ensure that our contract is settled with much haste as this contract will enshrine protection and security for the student groups I just mentioned. We have language around our green schools; we offer supports to our families and communities through the sustainable community schools; we expand educator autonomy and culturally relevant curricula; we elevate the necessity of bilingual supports. Early childhood has educator and family-facing proposals.

Last Wednesday, I received an email from CEO Pedro Martinez as both a parent and educator where it clearly states that, "[The] entire CPS team will continue working closely with every school to ensure that our students and staff have the support needed to thrive." As such, I request that you remain faithful to ensuring our contract is settled so that we may work together to protect all of our students.

3 Why would Acero Charter Schools close schools that are doing well? That is the question that my colleagues and I are asking each other. Tamayo school is successful by every school metric we know of- students are thriving! My name is Shannon Phillips and I have been the STEM teach at Tao ensi arechoon8