

**Written Public Comment
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A key priority that needs to be addressed and not overlooked when creating high school schedules for the Fall 2022 is the traffic problem that will occur at all high schools in the SRVUSD. Currently with having a Zero/A period on certain days it helps elevate traffic congestion. On the days that there are no zero/A periods currently, for example at Monte Vista, the traffic is horrific. Each way into Monte Vista is a 2 lane road, one lane for each direction. On a non school day a drive from a home 5 minutes away will take up to 35 minutes to get to school and still the student is running to class. On a day with a zero/A period that same drive only takes 10-15 minutes. These examples are all without any traffic obstructions, road work, accidents, rain, etc. Without some sort of staggered start time (and not a 1st period and 2nd period start because the majority of all students will take the start time of 8:30) the traffic disaster that will ensue will without a doubt be horrendous and a hazard to all, including the neighbors of all our schools in the district. If anything be a good neighbor and think about those who live in the vicinity of our schools. These same traffic issues that students contend with, the teachers at our schools also have to deal with. They too have to leave extra early in the morning not to get caught up in the traffic problems that are a result of a no zero/A period day, in order to be on time and teach these same students. This is a problem for all, neighbors, teachers, students, community at large, and not just one group. Please figure this out before the FALL so that we don't create a BIGGER problem for everyone and additionally add more stress to our students and teachers. I highly suggest that each one of the board members and administration attempt to get to one of our high schools (door to door, parked and in a classroom) on a morning where there is no staggered start time and see for yourself the issue at hand. Experiencing this first hand might just be the reality that fixes this problem.

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In the month of March, several grades in the SRVUSD will be taking the CAASP testing. It has been announced that these scores for this test will be placed on student's transcripts.

I am wondering how this is not a violation of the CAASP procedures designated by the California Department of Education? It specifically says on their site that SSR's for CAASP testing is to be reported through a student or parent portal.

By having the district put this information on the transcript without parent consent seems contradictory to all other policies. Currently the district cannot not put a NDC, AP exam score, or SAT/ACT scores on the transcript without authorization. Why is okay to put these test scores on them. The fact that the district has done this and not created the reporting portal, as stated by the California Department of Education, seems to be just another cost cutting measure by the district not thought through that disadvantages our students and quite possibly is in violation of the California Department of Education requirements regarding CAASP reporting. **According to the CAASP** administration site, students MUST authorize release of their CAASP results. This is NOT happening in SRVUSD when putting them on the transcripts. However, after contacting all surrounding school districts in the bay area, SRVUSD is the only one doing this and when asking the educational service departments in the surrounding districts if they put their CAASP scores on the transcripts, I was answered with a emphatic, "NO, we cannot do that, that is against procedure and we have to have permission to even release them".

The fact alone that this information is put on a student's transcript without the student or parent's approval and sent off to colleges during the application process is not okay. To say that colleges will not use this information in the application process cannot be guaranteed with a 100% certainty by anyone.

The current college admissions process is already convoluted, no need to add unnecessary information to the process that may have potential negative consequences, and possibly put the students of SRVUSD at a disadvantage against their peers in other school districts within California who do not report information on their transcripts in the college admissions evaluations.

It is for this reason, I have opted my children out of taking the CAASP tests and urge others to do so as well until SRVUSD corrects their reporting of these scores by taking them off student's transcripts and creating a reporting portal as they should have been doing all along per the California Department of Education and CAASP administration site specific reporting guidelines.

I highly suggest that SRVUSD revisited the CAASP administration site and read thoroughly the reporting procedures. It is clearly stated how these scores MUST be reported.