

District Union/Organization Statements  
August 25, 2021 Board Meeting

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Good Evening Board Members, Dr. Clark and MDUSD community,

My name is Carmen Terrones-Torres, CST Unit President. Since the 1st day of school my phone has not stopped ringing with issues at the sites involving the Covid-19 protocol. Not just my phone but my home and district email messages are all related to the Covid-19 issue. The CST unit can not be responsible for interpreting the CDC/District protocol to parents.

I found out today that an employee at Dent was allowed to come and stay at work with fever! Why? Whether it is Covid or a flu, employees should not be allowed to come to work and if they do they must be sent home. I heard that an administrator at an elementary school came to work sick and was coughing all day long! I have cut and paste issues from my members below;

“The CST unit is up to our eyeballs tracking all of the absences with the concern that students may be exposed or exhibiting COVID symptoms. It takes an incredible amount of time for secretaries to track, follow up and respond to families about the protocols for returning to school after being sent home ill.”

At a meeting Dr. Rubio stated that sites should not be tracking sick kids but; “we know that if there was no tracking done by the office, there would be no way to know if there have been positive cases of COVID on site. What exactly is our responsibility? To some degree, we feel that this should be handled by someone with medical experience. Questions being asked by parents are sometimes beyond our expertise and would be better handled by a nurse or LVN or a district administrator.”

“We, CST members, are having to be nurses and assess suspected sick kids; this is NOT what we are paid for and, when my members asked for OT to get their real job done they get a no answer for an answer with the suggestion that another CST member could help with the assessments-this is BULL!!! not to mention-we have been here the ENTIRE damn pandemic and now you district admins are jeopardizing our health by not being clear with info to the students and families...the entire football team has been exposed!!! we have numerous kids out with covid and others with symptoms that the CDC now says they cannot differentiate between covid and the flu”

It is time for the District to protect its employees! Our lives matter.

Carmen Terrones Torres