

Madame Chairman Miller, Vice Chair Moises and members, my name is Anna Ocasio McAndrew, and I am the Learning Strategist at Fremont Professional Development Middle School, and have been an educator with CCSD for 27 years. I am here to testify to ask for continued support with SB467 by explaining how ZOOM has impacted my life, our school site, and community.

Personally, I have been afforded opportunities to mentor numerous colleagues by sharing my expertise. ZOOM has ensured that our monthly professional learning include the latest strategies that will aid in the development and growth of all English Language Learners that we are given the privilege to serve. The ZOOM facilitators not only share these strategies, but also include trainings for the numerous programs that schools would otherwise not be able to afford such as Achieve 3000, which is our reading program that assists with increasing students' lexile levels as they are engaging in articles related to current events.

In addition, ZOOM has been a provider of much needed supplies for our staff and more importantly students. Our lessons that have been developed by ZOOM's facilitators require activities that necessitate interaction among them with collaborative discussions and assignments. These lessons also entail the use of supplies such as chart paper and sticky notes besides the basic supplies utilized by students.

Our site has benefited tremendously by all of ZOOM's assistance. The community has been active participants of activities such as "ZOOM Spooky Family Night", where the parents along with ALL of their children were engaging in activities that were set up throughout our campus. The games were educational, and enjoyable as communicated to us while working, and documented via their exited tickets which was a survey.

We are truly grateful for ZOOM, their services, professional learning, staff assistance and monies which are dedicated for much needed programs that have proven to provide results of ample growth with their English skills. The fiscal backing is critical to support the students equitably. I humbly ask that you please continue to support them by extending the duration, so that in turn we can support our English Language Learners into becoming thriving productive citizens of our society. Thank you.