

# Opinion: Give San Pasqual Academy more time before closing it

The main entrance to San Pasqual Academy.  
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Disappointing to read facility will be closing.

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Re “[San Pasqual Academy’s closure is a turning point for foster care in San Diego County](#)” (Feb. 25): I lived on San Pasqual Academy’s campus for two years at the end of my 13-year period in foster care. I ended up there because a foster parent I was living with lost their license due to negligence in the home that led to me being removed.

My social worker took me to SPA because I was 16 and no foster parent wanted an older child. I do know that SPA was scheduled to close Dec. 31 because of changes in the state law regarding group homes. That hasn’t changed but what has changed is the state moving that date up to October.

I’ve asked Gov. Gavin Newsom to extend that date back to December 2021 so youth on the campus and alumni like myself have time to guide its next steps, and county leaders should support that idea.

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