

Good Evening ~~Members of the Board;~~

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Once again I stand before you, and will continue to do so, until some of the serious issues that are looming over our District are resolved.

Maybe there is something that I'm missing, but I was under the impression that when one has dug themselves into a deep hole the logical option is to work your way up and out, what I see is a group which continues to dig in the same direction and then wondering why they see no light

In the beginning, I gave the benefit of the doubt – maybe you, the Board were being misinformed, but now, I question exactly how many hidden agendas there are. We all know that your positions can be highly political, but you need to remember that you, as a Board, were elected by this community to oversee the educational standards for our children. I am asking you to place aside your personal agendas, set aside your personal relationships with administrators, stop struggling with each other and join forces. Unite in order to resolve the problems hanging over this District's head. Hold accountable those who are not doing their job properly.... Start from scratch if you have to, it's been done before. Stop spending money that we just don't have. Why are attorneys here on almost a daily basis? Why is the NAACP here constantly? What is going on? Are you aware? Or will you continue to turn your head and look the other way? Tell me, how is that working for you?

The community is now ready to move in a direction where they will take a stand and take action against the mess this District is now in.

You require that your employees be responsible and accountable for their actions, shouldn't you be leading by example? There shouldn't be any exceptions to the rule - no exceptions for you as a Board, Administrators, Management, Certificated or Classified.

It has become awkward to be asked by neighbors, friends & family about the District's problems that seem to keep being pushed under a rug, and all I can respond is no one has any answers We have tried our best to bring forward some of the issues that have caused us to begin to doubt the Board's leadership, in hopes that some clarity will surface – One of you has to take the initiative to step away from the group and work in a direction that will finally shed some light on this District, which one of you will be resilient enough to do so? Let's work together to solve the problems, let's work together to get this District back on the track of children and their education come first.