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# Reduction of Board Trustees

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email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch" Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 9:52:57 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org beneventob@mhusd.org", email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] rwoolf9523 [REDACTED]",  
email: "badillor@mhusd.org badillor@mhusd.org", email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org borgiolig@mhusd.org", email:  
"geraridd@mhusd.org geraridd@mhusd.org", email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org porterjensena@mhusd.org", email:  
"ruebuschd@mhusd.org ruebuschd@mhusd.org", email: "betandos@mhusd.org Steve Betando"

Dear

Superintendent Betando, MHUSD Board President Beneveto and Board Trustees,

**DO NOT**

reduce the number of board trustees from 7 to 5!

Your

job is to handle the welfare of our school district. In doing so, you represent the citizens of our town. We elect the Board Trustees because we seek for them to act on our behalf, as we are the stakeholders and the parents of your "customers." Part of your job is to listen to your constituents. It does not matter if you agree with us, you must listen to us!

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are not and cannot be part of the minutia of running a school district, so we look to you to ask questions for us. It does not matter if the questions are simple or complex, we need you to ask questions and seek answers for us. Asking a question is not a distraction nor is it pointing at the emperor when he stands naked. Asking questions is about transparency.

Let  
me remind you, the superintendent works for the PEOPLE! You work for the  
people. You MUST listen to the people.

I  
understand that a new election “redistricting” will happen. I personally  
disagree with it. I feel that it is the ploy of a sore loser whose designated  
and targeted “community” did not support him in the recent election. Why we  
must all suffer because of his hurt feeling is a distraction during a time when  
as a greater community, we have more important things to attend to. However, DO NOT use this  
pending lawsuit as  
a reason to stack the deck in the favor of the current majority! DO NOT reduce  
the number of board trustees from 7 to 5!

Karen  
Fitch

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# Board Meeting Agenda Tuesday Night

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email: "monicaguynn [REDACTED] Monica  
Guynn"

Sunday, August 2, 2015 at 9:32:30 PM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org"

Cc: email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED]", email: "badillor@mhusd.org", email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org", email: "gerardd@mhusd.org", email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org", email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org"

Dear Board Members,

As parents [REDACTED], we overwhelmingly do not support the grade level reconfiguration. Furthermore, we do not want to bus [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] a year earlier (at an added \$365 plus per year for bussing) to a school that is out of our town, in San Jose. Research documents that a K-8 environment improves student achievement and the other model 6, 7, 8 shows a major decline in academics when students experience changes such as middle school.

Another major agenda item of great concern is trying to change the ED code language that the superintendent and his supporters want the board to approve on August 4th that will eliminate the people's voices from speaking on any matters relative to the redistricting. We also do not support a self-evaluation process for the superintendent and any other administrator. That job should be left to other qualified individuals. Also, all administrator spending should get board approval prior to money's being issued. Principals need school site council approval. There should be a system of checks and balances and approval for all.

In addition to this, we strongly do not support the reduction of board trustees from seven to five. Board members are elected and we need more oversight at the district level to hold the superintendent accountable. We feel this is another tactic to remove elected trustees, giving more power to the remaining members and also attempting to once again eliminate the people's voice and sabotage our district.

Over the past eighteen years, we have seen the decline of Morgan Hill School District. [REDACTED] This Morgan Hill School District is in PI, test scores are down, and our schools have been dropping in ranks statewide. To the remaining board members, you were elected to improve our school district and our district has not improved. As a matter of fact, it has declined. Just remember that you are all elected officials who promised to improve our school and district and have failed miserably.

Remember: one mosquito in a closed room can make a difference.

See you Tuesday night,  
Monica & Rob

Think Solutions!

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## Board Meeting/ E-mail Response

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email: "monicaguyenn[REDACTED] Monica  
Guynn"

Friday, August 7, 2015 at 11:22:42 AM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org" , email: "rwoolf9523[REDACTED]" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org" , email:  
"borgiolig@mhusd.org" , email: "gerardd@mhusd.org" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org"

I sent the following e-mail to trustee Donna Ruebusch in response to an e-mail I received from her and wanted to share my comments with the entire Board.

Donna-

Even though your words were well written, your actions speak louder than those words! The people spoke and four of your board members did not listen. At the meeting, a parent spoke passionately about her views and the translator did not even translate her words correctly. That was so disrespectful and rude toward the Latino community, that you said in your e-mail to me you supposedly value. Also, one of your administrators was sleeping during the meeting. In addition to that, board members were passing notes and then the board president stood up and obviously, clear for all to see, handed the note to another trustee. That was so unprofessional! The board members and superintendent came into the meeting with their decisions already made and not one parent felt respected or heard. The word respect, is not valued at the board meetings I have attended!

Be on notice, you now have the community and parents attention...

The buzz around town is "recall."

Monica Guynn, Parent and Community Member  
RSP Teacher  
Evergreen School District

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# Recall

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Sunday, August 9, 2015 at 12:08:20 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "dgerard [REDACTED] dgerard [REDACTED]"  
Cc: email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org"

David,  
Gino turned me on to a place that makes signs cheap. I would like to make some signs that read...

**RECALL**  
**TRUSTEES BOB BENEVENTO & RON WOOLF**  
**For unethical board practices.**

That is my wording maybe you can come up with a more powerful phrase for these two? My thought is to have our volunteers hold up the signs on the public sidewalk in front of the District office at every board meeting in the future. This is a practice that the teachers of Evergreen School District did successfully at board meetings.

They did not need a permit to stand on the public sidewalk with the signs, can you look into whether we need a permit. We don't want to get anyone arrested.

This would be a great practice to get the residents of Morgan Hill aware of our failing school district while they're driving by. It would also scare the hell out of these two trustees and Sly Steve...

***Gino, can you weigh in on this also.***

Thank You,

Sent from my iPad

**Rob Guynn Photography** 📷  
**El Toro SSC President**

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To: email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch"  
Cc: email: "sforstner [REDACTED]" , email: "pgerard [REDACTED] Pierre Gerard" , email: "jgerard [REDACTED]"

Dear Karen,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your letter stirs my patriotism and love of my nation and community. I grew up in Wolcott, Connecticut, the town named after Oliver Wolcott, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Your letter is in the spirit of our founders and of all those who love liberty and despise oligarchs. Tonight you rose up in defense of my freedom of speech and indeed in defense of the sovereignty of the people of California, from whom all powers on our MHUSD board derive. This is such an inspiring and uplifting letter that I will share it with Scott Forstner of the Morgan Hill Times as well as with my two college age sons so that they may understand the heart of a patriotic American. May God bless and hold you in the Light!

In solidarity,  
David Gerard

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email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org Amy Porter Jensen" Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 12:12:31 PM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch"

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Dear Karen,

I appreciate your concern and agree notes should not be passed during meetings.

Regards,

Amy

On Aug 10, 2015, at 9:01 PM, Karen Fitch <[fitchfamusa \[REDACTED\]](mailto:fitchfamusa [REDACTED])> wrote:

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# CSMH's Charter Renewel

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email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen      Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 11:43:13 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
Fitch"

To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org beneventob@mhusd.org" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] rwoolf9523 [REDACTED]" ,  
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Respectfully.

Karen Fitch

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 1:04:19 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch"

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Fitch"

To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

Thank You David. I appreciate your sensible mindset. I look forward to great leadership from those Trustees that seek feedback, ask questions and answer questions. Good luck.

Karen

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

Saturday, September 5, 2015 at 5:38:30 PM Pacific Daylight Time

Dave,  
Did you see this?

**Rob Guynn Photography**   
**El Toro SSC President**   
**NFL Alumni Photo Services** 

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] {Office}

[REDACTED] {Mobile}

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Monica Guynn <[monicaguynn@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:monicaguynn@[REDACTED])>  
**Date:** September 5, 2015 at 5:30:12 PM PDT  
**To:** Rob Guynn <[robguynn@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:robguynn@[REDACTED])>  
**Subject:** Charter

After nearly a year of deliberation, the state [Supreme Court ruled](#) 6-3 late Friday afternoon that charter schools are unconstitutional, creating chaos for hundreds of families whose children have already started classes.

The ruling — believed to be one of the first of its kind in the country — overturns the law voters narrowly approved in 2012 allowing publicly funded, but privately operated, schools.

Eight new charter schools [are opening](#) in Washington this fall, in addition to one that opened in Seattle last year.

It was not immediately known what would happen with the schools that are already running. The parties have 20 days to ask the court for reconsideration before the ruling becomes final.

In Seattle, Summit Sierra, a new college-prep high school, opened Aug. 17 in the Chinatown International District with its inaugural freshman class of 130.

"We will absolutely be here ready for kids on Tuesday," said Executive Director Malia Burns.

School also started Aug. 17 at SOAR Academy and Summit: Olympus in Tacoma. Excel Public

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Charter School in Kent began Aug. 20, and Destiny Charter Middle School in Tacoma opened Aug. 24. Rainier Prep's first day of class was Tuesday.

## Supreme Court

- Wave of charter schools debuts with all seats filled

PRIDE Prep and Spokane International Academy in the Spokane area opened last month.

In the ruling, Chief Justice Barbara Madsen wrote that charter schools aren't "common schools" because they're governed by appointed rather than elected boards.

Therefore, "money that is dedicated to common schools is unconstitutionally diverted to charter schools," Madsen wrote.

Justice Mary E. Fairhurst agreed with the majority that charter schools aren't common schools, but argued in a partial dissenting opinion that the state "can constitutionally support charter schools through the general fund."

She was joined by Justices Steven C. González and Sheryl Gordon McCloud.

## Charter schools, at a glance

**Where are they?** Three in the Seattle area, three in Tacoma, two in Spokane.

**Are they full?** Yes. All eight new charter schools report they have filled their available seats, usually with lotteries.

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David Postman, communications director for Gov. Jay Inslee, said the governor's office is reviewing the court's decision and will consult with the Attorney General's Office.

“But until we have a thorough analysis, we can't say what that means for schools operating today,” Postman said.

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In December 2013, King County Superior Court Judge Jean Rietschel struck down the part of the law that would have made charter schools eligible for state construction money, but essentially cleared the way for the state commission and the Spokane school district to authorize new schools. Spokane is the only school district with such authority.

All sides expected the case to reach the Supreme Court, which heard oral arguments last October.

Washington State Charter School Commission Chair Steve Sundquist said that commissioners anticipated a range of possible outcomes affecting funding, but didn't draw up a plan to deal with a complete reversal.

“We were not expecting a ruling as deeply disappointing as this one,” Sundquist said.

He said the commission's lawyer in the Attorney General's Office will be meeting Saturday morning with other attorneys to discuss options.

The attorney for the plaintiffs, Paul Lawrence, doesn't think there's much more legal work to do on the issue. But he acknowledged that much has to be sorted out regarding the nine charter schools that are already up and running.

“The bottom line is that the initiative is unconstitutional so the charter schools that were authorized under the charter-school initiative can't be publicly funded,” Lawrence said. “If there's any avenue, it's going to be through some act of the Legislature.”

That's what happened in Georgia.

In 2011, the Georgia Supreme Court struck down a 2008 law that created a state commission to authorize charter schools, which have been legal in the

state since 1993.

The decision didn't affect the vast majority of Georgia's charter schools, according to the Georgia Charter Schools Association. In 2012, voters approved a constitutional amendment that reinstated the state commission.

Tom Franta, leader of the Washington State Charter Schools Association advocacy group, said he was waiting to hear back from the nonprofit's attorney to find out what happens next.

"We haven't had a chance to debrief the opinion with attorneys, with what does happen next with the schools that are open," he said.

Rep. Chad Magendanz, R-Issaquah, and ranking member on the House Education Committee, said he was stunned by the decision.

"I'm shocked. I'm worried about the political aspects about this," Magendanz said. "The court is becoming too much of 'a political animal,'" said Magendanz, a charter-school supporter.

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**Monica Guynn**  
RSP Teacher  
Evergreen School District

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# Re: Charter

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To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

Sunday, September 6, 2015 at 12:10:32 AM Pacific Daylight Time

Well that's Washington state. They only have a few charters and had a new law. No impact on California but it's a lock that Betando will share it on Tuesday and I'll share it on my Facebook that he has done it. Washington has a very strong labor movement unlike California.

On Saturday, September 5, 2015, Rob Guynn <robguynn [REDACTED]> wrote:

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Subject: Charter

After nearly a year of deliberation, the state [Supreme Court ruled](#) 6/3 late Friday afternoon that charter schools are unconstitutional, creating chaos for hundreds of families whose children have already started classes.

The ruling — believed to be one of the first of its kind in the country — overturns the law voters narrowly approved in 2012 allowing publicly funded, but privately operated, schools.

Eight new charter schools [are opening](#) in Washington this fall, in addition to one that opened in Seattle last year.

It was not immediately known what would happen with the schools that are already running. The parties have 20 days to ask the court for reconsideration before the ruling becomes final.

In Seattle, Summit Sierra, a new college prep high school, opened Aug. 17 in the Chinatown International District with its inaugural freshman class of 130.

"We will absolutely be here ready for kids on Tuesday," said Executive Director Malia Burns.

School also started Aug. 17 at SOAR Academy and Summit Olympus in Tacoma. Excel Public

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Charter School in Kent began Aug. 20, and Destiny Charter Middle School in Tacoma opened Aug. 24. Rainier Prep's first day of class was Tuesday.

## Supreme Court

- Wave of charter schools debuts with all seats filled

PRIDE Prep and Spokane International Academy in the Spokane area opened last month.

In the ruling, Chief Justice Barbara Madsen wrote that charter schools aren't "common schools" because they're governed by appointed rather than elected boards.

Therefore, "money that is dedicated to common schools is unconstitutionally diverted to charter schools," Madsen wrote.

Justice Mary E. Fairhurst agreed with the majority that charter schools aren't common schools, but argued in a partial dissenting opinion that the state "can constitutionally support charter schools through the general fund."

She was joined by Justices Steven C. González and Sheryl Gordon McCloud.

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Gina will absolutely bring it home. She put out the message on my Facebook page that soon she will be calling on the community to help. I spent the entire afternoon writing that article and selecting 21 images and I spent \$20 to advertise it in Facebook. It's truly an exclusive article because I took the photos and wrote every word and there was NO press coverage at all. Without what I've done it would have been yet another forgotten injustice. I am finding parallels between the Morgan Hill of today and the Deep South of the 50s and 60s. You guys are just like the early civil rights organizers who were beaten down so many times it was hard for them to envision success ...and then the Montgomery Bus Boycott started when Rosa Parks one day refused to sit in the back of the bus and was arrested ,, and a young preacher in Montgomery named Reverend Martin King heard about that...and the rest is history ...

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To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

Haha I'll have to call you the Reverend Martin Luther Guynnó or MLG from now on or maybe just plain Reverend or Rev


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To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org gerardd@mhusd.org"

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You are funny.  
I like it, MLG™ The Reverend  
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And Karen of course would be Rosa Parks who refused to ride in the back of the bus! Betando would be Governor George Wallace who stood on the doorsteps to stop the black university students played by all of our parents and students register. Benevento plays Bull Connor the Birmingham commissioner of public safety who directed his thug police to attack the demonstrators with police dogs and fire hoses and which led to a major change in public sentiment and explosive growth of the civil rights movement and led the next year to the passage of the civil rights bill in 1964. Woolf and Ruebusch might have been his Deputies holding the dogs and fire hoses. I lived through all this growing up so I always think in these terms so as I think about this deep in my head I would have been Attorney General Robert F Kennedy who ordered the federal troops in there to enforce the law and let the students study ... I could go on and on with this because I see it as a real big deal.. You must have courage and persistence MLK and I hope to hear you speak during public comment on Sept 15 and if you want to suddenly build your movement of parents make a speech against the five trustee districts. I am also hoping that you or a colleague video tape this meeting because I guarantee you that Benevento and Woolf and Ruebusch and maybe Amy are gonna say some damaging things. Very important to get this on tape and Miho will not be there because she's working that day you will need that video in your campaign for sure

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# Speaking

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To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org gerardd@mhusd.org"

Dave,  
I will be speaking on Sept.15th.  
I have been silent up to now! [BUT]  
They will hear the will of the people on that night...  
Their eyes will be open and their ears...  
will finally hear PARENTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE [REDACTED]  
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Wow wow. Wow bb and his little pals will leave that meeting with their tails tucked between their legs!

I'm gonna slam bb for his poor math skills on the trustee districts lol

Hope you have a lot of speakers and you coordinate your attack and keep it focused on the impact on kids ... How bb takes pencils and books out of the hands of babes and how he sets a bad role model with his behavior ....remember how the charter people did it ..I wonder if that student from Sobrato will speak on your behalf...if you have some students that will make Stevie run for the border and Woolfy run for the WC

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## Fwd: Minority families still redlined into poorer neighborhoods

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Cc: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" , email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org Rick G. Badillo"

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From: **David Gerard** <[gerardd@mhusd.org](mailto:gerardd@mhusd.org)>

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2015

Subject: Minority families still redlined into poorer neighborhoods

To: Steve Betando <[betandos@mhusd.org](mailto:betandos@mhusd.org)>, Gino Borgioli <[borgiolig@mhusd.org](mailto:borgiolig@mhusd.org)>

Steve,

I notice that you have a habit of sending random emails to board members with no explanation and your habit is getting more frequent and more pointless. The other day you sent a court decision on eliminating the 8 charter schools in the state of Washington which has absolutely no bearing on charter schools in our district, as their law is totally different from ours, and their system is less than three years old. Today you sent an article on redlining, a practice found in larger cities but not applicable to Morgan Hill as anyone who has walked around our streets would know.

I find it shocking that you have had absolutely no comment on either the preliminary SBAC data that you were receiving in July nor anything this week with the public release of the full SBAC data, which indicated that we are still far below county norms even with this new test. If you had, you would have been able to tell us that the 7th and 8th graders at Jackson for instance, outperformed 7th and 8th graders at Britton and Murphy by 8 to 11 points, or that our high school students performed nearly as well as Mtn View/Los Altos in English but far below them in Math.

Parents and board members alike are working together on solutions to issues like that every day and we aren't very concerned with these excuses for poor performance that you seem to be searching for that have no bearing or value to MHUSD. Since you love these off the wall and out of state articles and pieces of information, maybe you will be inspired by the story of the schools in Pass Christian, Mississippi, a dirt poor community that was almost totally destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and today ranks as the #1 school district in the state. They as a board and a district made a commitment to academic excellence and never looked back. I learned of their story during the campaign and I am often inspired by what Pass Christian has done in their public schools.

<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/mississippi/districts/pass-christian-public-school-dist/pass-christian-high-11386>

Best regards,  
David Gerard

On Thu, Sep 10, 2015 at 11:31 AM, Steve Betando <[betandos@mhusd.org](mailto:betandos@mhusd.org)> wrote:  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

# Minority families still redlined into poorer neighborhoods

by Tom Chorneau

(Calif.) Racial segregation may still be playing a significant role in determining where people live – so much so that black and Hispanic families need higher incomes than whites to reside in comparable neighborhoods, **new research suggests**.

Researchers at the Stanford Graduate School of Education reported that middle class black and Hispanic families often live in less desirable neighborhoods than lower income whites and Asians and are therefore more likely to be exposed to weaker schools, higher crime rates and more social problems.

“It’s relatively well known that black families on average live in poorer neighborhoods, but a lot of people presume that’s simply because black families are poorer,” said Sean Reardon, a professor of education and sociology at Stanford and lead author of the new paper.

“But if that were all there was to it, you would find poor whites living in the same kinds of neighborhoods as poor blacks,” he said in a statement. “What we found, however, was that even blacks who have the same household incomes as whites live in poorer neighborhoods.”

The researchers pointed out that residential racial segregation overall has been on the decline in the U.S. for most of the past 40 years. But residential segregation by income has been rising sharply over the past decade – led largely by a migration of the very rich.

The question the Stanford team asked was how different are the neighborhoods of different race and ethnic groups that have the same income. They also wanted to know what impact the decline in racial segregation and the rise in income segregation had on low-income black and Hispanic families.

What they found was that a black household with an annual income of \$50,000 lives on average in a neighborhood in which the median income is \$42,579. Meanwhile, a typical Latino family with the same income lives in one only slightly better.

Meanwhile, a white household with exactly the same income will on average live in neighborhoods where the median income is almost \$53,000 — about 25 percent higher.

A very poor white household with an annual income of \$13,000 lives on average in a neighborhood where the median income is \$45,000 — 40 percent higher than in the typical neighborhood of a black family with the same income.

It was not a finding limited to the lower end of the income spectrum: among black and white families both earning \$100,000 there was a neighborhood affluence gap of about 20 percent, the Stanford paper said.

Researchers said that one’s race remains far more important than one’s income in determining the composition of the neighborhood where one lives. White households, whether rich or poor, typically live in neighborhoods that are more than 80 percent white. Black and Latino families, regardless of their income levels, typically live in neighborhoods that are disproportionately non-white. Even among families with the same income, Americans remain highly racially segregated.

Steve Betando  
Superintendent  
Morgan Hill Unified School District

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Dave,  
Way to be my friend, between all of us Betando  
might just get the hint and leave town, not welcome right....

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To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

Dave,

Have you seen this today in the Mercury News?

More bad publicity...someone is keeping the hammer on these dictators!

Now I am finding out if the two B's get their way, the majority vote will not be on maps 1 or 2 but a map that favors themselves...I am hearing you will have to maybe run again in 2016... What the F is next for this ever changing school district...one bad decision after the next, when will they be stopped?? This is really getting ugly, my friend...

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# Internal Affairs: Morgan High schools chief observed passing a note

By the Mercury News

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Morgan Hill Unified has seen considerable drama and faces heavyweight issues -- such as how to carve up the sprawling school district into trustee areas and how many seats to create.

But in the run-up to that main act, a note-passing brouhaha has entangled board members and Superintendent Steve Betando.

Yes, notes, as in what you're not supposed to pass in algebra class.

It seems that on Aug. 4, in the midst of a heated debate over moving the sixth grade from elementary to middle schools, Betando handed a note to board President Bob Benevento. He then passed it to two board allies. The not-so-furtive messaging happened as Trustee David Gerard -- who on this issue opposed the Benevento-Betando camp -- was speaking.

Parent Karen Fitch filed a complaint, noting that audience requests to read aloud the note were ignored, and calling the behavior "illegal, immoral and certainly not trustworthy." A week ago Trustee Rick Badillo asked in an email that board's minutes reflect the note as part of the public record. He also accused Benevento of failing to post a May 26 board agenda on the district website and of trying to convene an Aug. 18 board meeting at the wrong time.

As of Friday, Betando hadn't responded. Benevento said in an email he had no comment.

As for substantive matters, the board is set to vote Tuesday to select from among nine proposed trustee-area maps and waive an election. That's the course advocated by community activist Armando Benavides of the Community Advocacy Coalition, whose threat of a lawsuit prompted the agreement to switch from at-large to district elections.

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## VICE MAYOR SAYS COUNCIL NEEDS MORE GOOD WOMEN

San Jose Vice Mayor Rose Herrera thinks the City Council needs more girl power.

Herrera says the 11-member council is ethnically diverse, but doesn't have enough female representation. Councilwoman Magdalena Carrasco is the only other woman on the dais.

A review of the San Jose City Council member history appears to support Herrera's claim. Besides Herrera and Carrasco, there have only been six other women elected to the council since 1998: Madison Nguyen (2005), Nancy Pyle (2005), Judy Chirco (2003) Nora Campos (2001), Cindy Chavez (1998) and Linda J. LeZotte (1998). And only two women have served as mayor in the city's history: Susan Hammer and Janet Gray Hayes.

"Women bring a different perspective," Herrera said. "Women are 51 percent of the population and the very foundation of our government requires it be a legitimate democracy. The folks we elect need to represent the population."

Herrera's criticism comes on the heels of the city's first National Women's Equality Day rally last month, which she attended, along with Carrasco, Chavez and Santa Clara County schools trustee Darcie Green, who's running for State Assembly next year.

Herrera is also pushing for San Jose to adopt a Gender Pay Equity ordinance, similar to the one passed by the county. In Silicon Valley (excluding San Francisco) men earn 61 percent more than their female counterparts with the same degrees, Herrera said in a memo to the City Council this week. The ordinance would look at the city's current hiring and promotion practices with the goal of achieving gender and ethnicity pay equity.

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#### FORMER PROSECUTOR GETS STATE REPRIMAND

The State Bar of California has publicly reprimanded former Santa Clara County prosecutor Daniel Carr.

Carr is the guy who took early retirement this winter after District Attorney Jeff Rosen suspended him for withholding evidence in a multi-defendant gang trial. Carr's retirement came in February as Rosen was about to take further disciplinary action against him -- including possibly firing him -- for allegedly tapping into a statewide criminal database for a personal purpose.

The California bar stopped short of suspending Carr, issuing a "public reproof" Aug. 28 instead. (Carr is not related to former District Attorney Dolores Carr.)

The California bar, which licenses attorneys in the state, cited several factors for not suspending him, including that Carr admitted his misconduct rather than putting the bar and witnesses through a bar trial.

Carr may still practice law but he must file quarterly reports with the Bar's Office of Probation about his compliance with rules governing attorneys, according to documents posted on the bar's website.

A bar spokeswoman said he is not formally on probation because the bar doesn't have such a program. But she said having to report to the Office of Probation is similar.

The bar found Carr's misconduct significantly harmed the administration of justice and that he committed multiple acts of misconduct.

He must attend the Bar's Ethics School and pass the Multistate Professional Responsibility exam by the end of the year.

The bar also found his misconduct delayed the gang trial for about a year, costing the county an unspecified amount of money.

In addition, the agency noted several factors in Carr's favor, including that he presented evidence at a county personnel hearing that his actions "evolved within a climate of common accepted practices by some members of the gang unit" and with "at least the tacit approval by supervisors."

#### WOMAN CLAIMS ALLEGED ATTACK LED TO FLASHBACKS

On Sept. 11, most Americans recall the attacks at the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Veronica Robinson has flashbacks to a different life-altering event on Sept. 11, 2005-- one at her Los Angeles office where she says she was attacked by Chris Stampolis, now a Santa Clara schools trustee. Robinson said Stampolis and his father sought to access a Democratic Party locker -- Stampolis was

then a party delegate -- at Saf Keep Storage. He had a locker key but not the required code, she said. After a clerk refused him access, he got into a verbal confrontation with Robinson, the manager, then reached across the

counter.

"He socked me in the chin, and grabbed me by the neck and was choking me," Robinson told IA. Police were summoned, but no charges were filed against Stampolis. However, an arbitrator later awarded Robinson \$35,000 to settle her civil suit against Stampolis over the incident.

However, "he hasn't paid me a dime," Robinson said. We couldn't reach Stampolis for a response. He's previously denied the allegations.

Robinson said she became fearful of working with the public and being around people, left her job, then lost her house, fell into a depression. She later returned to college and earned a degree but told us she relives the attack with every anniversary and calls Stampolis "a dangerous man."

At Santa Clara Unified, where Stampolis sits on the school board, a principal won a restraining order against him, and the district pays for two police officers to attend board meetings.

Internal Affairs is an offbeat look at local and state politics. This week's items were written by Sharon Noguchi, Ramona Giwargis, Tracey Kaplan, and Paul Rogers. Send tips to [internalaffairs@mercurynews.com](mailto:internalaffairs@mercurynews.com) (mailto:internalaffairs@mercurynews.com), or call 408-920-5782.

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Jate Naeger • 2 months ago

Herrera is so out of touch with reality that she doesn't know City workers are represented by bargaining groups? Everyone, regardless of race or gender within each group receives the same pay/benefits. The only folks who get treated differently are the ones appointed by City Council, usually to very high paying positions. Like Cordell (a Black female), who got regular raises while everyone else did not.

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The Clevelander • 2 months ago

IA has a short-term memory: in the 1980's and 1990's the council had a female majority. The "housewives" (as they were admiringly known) did a pretty damn good job of running the city - I wish they were still.

Note to Rose Herrera: The city has gender and ethnic pay parity - it's called civil service. I guess you'd like to take a crack at screwing that up too?

Reply State

Bob Richards • 2 months ago

Herrera says the 11-member council is ethnically diverse, but doesn't have enough female representation.

The voters, and the voters alone, decide what "enough" is. They have, apparently, decided that the current level is optimal.

If someone wants more of group X represented on the council, the answer is simple -- make sure there are more candidates of group X who the voters think are the best choice.

Fortunately, there are no affirmative action regulations/rules/laws that override the wisdom of the voters so Ms. Herrera should stop whining and work on convincing the voters that candidates of her preferred gender(s) are the best choice.

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# Re: Internal Affairs: Morgan High schools chief observed passing a note □San Jose Mercury News

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email: "geraridd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 10:45:56 PM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

Rob

Armando is flat out wrong and I corrected him but he has not issued a correction. There are no circumstances under which I would have to run again in 2016. Also I will oppose the waiver which is not needed to go to the district's system. By the way the five trustee maps are still on the table and the maps of course are listed on the agenda. Betando refused my request to have the vote in the maps first instead of the waiver. What he plans to do is first get the waiver so that there is no chance of having a public vote or any other kind of oversight. Then the second vote on Tuesday will be to choose the map. He will go for the five which will mean that Benevento has no opponent and Rick will be unable to run again □ then in 2018 I will also be unable to run again. Armando doesn't care if it goes to five trustees and he says that his goal is to remove Betando and bb. It's a high risk strategy and Armando has lost three school board ejections so I don't trust his judgement

Speaking of Armando's judgement tonight he sent me the letter to all parents about the recall and the need for two more signatures

. I told him I don't want any such letters but I have to say the better showed that he is in charge of organizing this recall and that's not a good sign. Having his name instead of a parent's name attached to this will cost you several thousand votes, but he is the one who will orient all new volunteers □ not a good move in my book. I really don't want to be involved in this but he stupidly sent me letters today. He's wrong on the waiver and that will be used by Benevento as a proof that we had to do this because Armando was going to sue us. Anyway thee he is... In s better note tonight at a party people were telling me that Betando is sending out crazy texts and emails and seems mentally unstable. "drunk. Texting " is what they called it!

On Saturday, September 12, 2015, Rob Guynn <[robguynn \[REDACTED\]](mailto:robguynn@[REDACTED])> wrote:

Dave,

Have you seen this today in the Mercury News?

More bad publicity...someone is keeping the hammer on these dictators!

Now I am finding out if the two B's get their way, the majority vote will not be on maps 1 or 2 but a map that favors themselves...I am hearing you will have to maybe run again in 2016... What the F is next for this ever changing school district...one bad decision after the next, when will they be stopped?? This is really getting ugly, my friend...

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## Uniform Complaints, and Board Notification

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email: "badillor@mhusd.org Rick Badillo" Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 8:32:23 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "BeneventoB@mhusd.org Bob Benevento"  
Cc: email: "betandos@mhusd.org Steve Betando"  
Bcc: email: "kathlyngreube[REDACTED] Kathyn Greubel" , email: "veronicabadl[REDACTED] Veritutititita mi amorcito" , email: "dgerard[REDACTED] David Gerard" , email: "ckharman1[REDACTED] Kristin Harman" , email: "fitchfamusa[REDACTED] Karen Fitch" , email: "barmando3[REDACTED] Armando Be" , email: "juanlopez94619[REDACTED] john lopez" , email: "manciasjulian[REDACTED] Julian Mancias" , email: "sforstner[REDACTED] Scott Forstner" , email: "snoguchi@[REDACTED] Sharon Noguchi"

Bob,

As per BP 9322, I am requesting that an item be placed on the agenda, regarding 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures. I would like a comprehensive review of this policy, and also, would like an amendment to existing policy, to include a report to the Board, of disposition of all complaints filed in the district

Rick

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# VOTING RIGHTS of the People: Agenda Item G1 from the September 15, 2015 MHUSD School Board Meeting

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email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen      Monday, September 14, 2015 at 10:59:31 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
Fitch"

To: email: "beneventob@mhUSD.org Bob Benevento" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] Ron Woolf" , email:  
"porterjensena@mhUSD.org Amy Porter Jensen" , email: "badillor@mhUSD.org Rick Badillo" , email:  
"gerardd@mhUSD.org David Gerard" , email: "ruebuschd@mhUSD.org ruebuschd@mhUSD.org" , email:  
"borgiolig@mhUSD.org Gino Borgioli"

Cc: email: "betandos@mhUSD.org Steve Betando" , email: "sforstne [REDACTED] Scott Forstner" , email:  
"snoguchi [REDACTED] Sharon Noguchi"

Dear President Benevento, and Trustees Woolf, Borgioli, Porter-Jensen,  
Reubush, Badillo and Gerard,

I am writing to you to urge you to VOTE NO on Agenda item G1 during the  
upcoming September 15th meeting.

Item G1 on the agenda deals with **VOTING RIGHTS**. G1 is the request to adopt a "Waiver of Election for Trustee Boundary Areas" thus eliminating the public's voice, vision and vote on the matter.

If the School Board votes yes, the voting rights on of the public on this matter are eliminated. A vote yes sets an abysmal precedent. The very people who placed you in your office as a trustee will no longer have any say. You are effectively deciding that the MHUSD Trustees and your agent, the Superintendent will have the ultimate authority to do as he wishes on the issue.



A yes vote is the exact opposite of a representative government.

The resolution states, "The District Superintendent/designee are hereby and directed to take any other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution." A YES means that you are giving one man all the power. A yes vote pushes the board to a totalitarian agency. A yes vote creates an operation in which a single person and the present majority can act without opposition. A yes vote means that the Board President and the Superintendent will rule over the schools, influencing every aspect of the economic, social, cultural and possibly political activities in our district.

I insist that you remember that as a trustee, you work for the PEOPLE and the Superintendent works for you. The parents, the voting public seeks transparency. Voting YES on G1 is an explicit contradiction of political transparency.

Respectfully,

Karen Fitch

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# 7 Trustees

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Monday, September 14, 2015 at 3:12:41 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org gerardd@mhusd.org" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org ruebuschd@mhusd.org" ,  
email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org borgiolig@mhusd.org" , email: "betandos@mhusd.org betandos@mhusd.org" , email:  
"beneventob@mhusd.org beneventob@mhusd.org" , email: "PorterJensenA@mhusd.org  
PorterJensenA@mhusd.org" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] rwoolf9523 [REDACTED]" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org  
badillor@mhusd.org"

Please vote for 7 trustees please...  
Thank you,

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## Re: 7 Trustees

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Monday, September 14, 2015 at 3:14:46 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

You got it, Rev! And no waiver either because the people want to say yes yes yes and dump Betando and his expensive lawyers in the creek!!!  
Dave G

On Monday, September 14, 2015, Rob Guynn <[robguynn@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:robguynn@[REDACTED])> wrote:

Please vote for 7 trustees please...  
Thank you,

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# Good Trustee

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Monday, September 14, 2015 at 3:31:36 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org gerardd@mhusd.org"

You know how I tell a good trustee? They email me back... you're a damn good man.  
Yea, dump Betando, The bumbling fool..  
The Rev...

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## Re: Good Trustee

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Monday, September 14, 2015 at 4:20:03 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

After you dump him, give him your business card and tel him you're gonna get him a job in Santa Clara. As the 49ers practice tackling dummy!

On Mon, Sep 14, 2015 at 3:31 PM, Rob Guynn <[robguynn@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:robguynn@[REDACTED])> wrote:

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# Niners

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Monday, September 14, 2015 at 4:51:15 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org gerardd@mhusd.org"

I know Jed York, the owner of the 49ers. I can certainly get the jerk a job on the dummy block train the player hit when practicing...no worries we are sending him to Santa Clara... Hey, I got your back tomorrow night, I think we are going to get screwed at yet another board meeting from the two B's.

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## Maps 2 and 1

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email: "monicaguynn[REDACTED] Monica Monday, September 14, 2015 at 5:45:01 PM Pacific Daylight Time Guynn"

To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org gerardd@mhusd.org" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org ruebuschd@mhusd.org" , email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org borgiolig@mhusd.org" , email: "betandos@mhusd.org betandos@mhusd.org" , email: "beneventob@mhusd.org beneventob@mhusd.org" , email: "PorterJensenA@mhusd.org PorterJensenA@mhusd.org" , email: "rwoolf9523[REDACTED] rwoolf9523[REDACTED]" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org badillor@mhusd.org"

Maps 2 and 1 only and No Waivers...  
Thank you

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## Re: Niners

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:06:29 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

You know if you set him up with a cheerleader and take pictures he's finished in Morgan. Hill ... Thanks fir the help tomorrow night [REDACTED] have 16 people coming and if you can bring a crew and Armando can bring a crew, the two Bs will exit the back door like always. I think we have a good chance of winning if you got people ..we are starting to get letters on the 5 and 7 and the waiver. Armando fell for his trap but we will have 3 to 4 votes against waiver and if we win on the waiver break out the champagne because Amy will turn to 7. Then later stay to the end because of Paradise Valley for G8. We will call for a k[REDACTED] school there

On Monday, September 14, 2015, Rob Guynn <[robguynn@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:robguynn@[REDACTED])> wrote:

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## Re: Maps 2 and 1

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:09:32 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "monicaguynn [REDACTED] Monica Guynn"

Dear Monica

Thanks! I agree and will vote accordingly. Please try to stay through the Paradise Valley item G-8.  
You may be surprised !!

Thanks again  
Dave Gerard

On Monday, September 14, 2015, Monica Guynn <[monicaguynn \[REDACTED\]](mailto:monicaguynn [REDACTED])> wrote:

Maps 2 and 1 only and No Waivers...

Thank you

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# Back

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:16:08 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org gerardd@mhusd.org"

Got your back, you can count on it...you can count on them going in  
the opposite of what you want.... Count on it....  
By the way, I know a lot of gold rush cheerleaders... And they owe me alot of favors...

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## Re: Back

email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:22:36 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

Bring your cards tomorrow [REDACTED] have 19 people going now I don't even know who they are! We are on the tidal wave so you can recruit before 6 pm while we are locked up in closed session. Please reach out to people because they love your message. There are over 1300 people who clicked on my facebook and you're gonna love this [REDACTED] Michelle Moyer last night clicked on to like my MHUSD kids page !!!!! Maybe she sees Stevie's headed for the dumpster....you're also gonna love this Reverend... This is no lie... Stevie boy sent out an email to all trustees and the sentence was all wrong and he said Mr Beneventi comment but he meant to say Mr Benavides comment.. He sent this at 4 pm no lie !!!!!

On Monday, September 14, 2015, Rob Guynn <[robguynn@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:robguynn@[REDACTED])> wrote:

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# Superintendent

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6:28:34 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org gerardd@mhusd.org"

Yea, he's my idea of a Superintendent, not...  
I hope he is starting to feel the pressure...What goes around comes around...the jerk is going to get his...We will be there to hammer him more tomorrow night. I know Rick is really pissed, he is coming unglued. I will see this thing till the end...

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# Item G8 on this Evening's MHUSD Board Meeting Agenda

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email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:53:54 AM Pacific Daylight Time Fitch"

To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] Ron Woolf" , email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org Gino Borgioli" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org Amy Porter Jensen" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org ruebuschd@mhusd.org" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org Rick Badillo" , email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

Dear President Benevento, and Trustees Woolf, Borgioli, Porter-Jensen, Reubush, Badillo and Gerard,

Last week I found out some spectacular news about [REDACTED] school. The principal has asked you to explore turning Paradise Valley Elementary School into an Engineering Academy. I am writing to you to urge you to VOTE YES on Agenda item G8, but only with a caveat, turn Paradise valley into a K-8 focused academy.

Item G8 is the TURNING PARADISE VALLEY INTO AN ENGINEERING ACADEMY. This may be one of the best opportunities for our children to get a focused academy, but to fully fulfill the goal of an "academy," Paradise Valley School should be a K through 8 school. Being a focused academy paired with a K-8 is the only viable and logical solution. Although the K-5 students will certainly take advantage of this change, truly it is the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students can fully explore, enjoy and benefit from this potential focused academy.

The district model for a successful ACADEMY is K-8.

The School Board and the District Office showed such foresight when creating Jackson Academy of Music and Math as a K-8. JAMM is successful as a K-8, their recent SBAC scores are higher than both the 7th and 8th graders at Britton and Murphy.

On August 4th, the San Martin/Gwinn Academy was voted by you, the MHUSD School Board of Trustees, to go K-8—a strong endorsement from the BOARD that K-8 is the right model for MHUSD Academies.

I recently communicated with Mrs. Dagar, PV's principal. She told me that, "For the past two years, my staff and I have dedicated our instructional focus to set the foundation with students for technology and project based learning. Now I am ready to take it up to another level to explore a focus academy. Student interest and getting them to be college and career ready is at the core of it all!" I absolutely love that our school will be a Project Based Learning environment. I fully support Mrs. Dagar in this effort, but again, only if PV becomes a K-8 academy.

I urge you to vote yes on G8 but only if you follow your own model and make PV a K-8 Academy.

Respectfully,

Karen Fitch

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## Re: Our concern

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 9:11:36 AM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "terese130 [REDACTED] Terese Knapp"

Bcc: email: "jborgioli [REDACTED] gino Borgioli" , email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" , email:

"rickbadillo [REDACTED] rickbadillo [REDACTED]" , email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch"

Dear Terese,

I want to thank you for your courageous and blunt statement, I agree with you on all counts. I hope that if you choose to speak tonight that you will identify your professional background, which lends great credibility and weight to your judgment. I am very inspired, frankly, to receive this letter this morning as we begin a very important day and perhaps a legendary day in the history of the Morgan Hill Unified School District. If you parents are successful, this will be a headline story throughout California in terms of parent power in the American public school system. You compose the counterbalance to the forces that maintain the status quo, most recently demonstrated in the SBAC scores showing MHUSD in the bottom third of Santa Clara County and with four elementary schools in the bottom 20%.

President Jimmy Carter, who is a moral role model for me, said upon becoming elected, that "the American people deserve a government that is just as kind, and moral and just as the American people themselves." And I say that the children of the MHUSD deserve school leadership just as kind, and moral and just and HARD WORKING as the parents of this District. The many stories of pain and grief that are coming out due to the built up injustices and errors of these schools and their leaders are overwhelming. We must prevail in this change process. And it starts tonight with you, your fellow parents and the three board members who will carry your message into the fight. It will not be an easy fight but if we are persistent and consistent, we will defeat these poisonous forces that prevent the children of our community from getting the world class education they deserve.

God bless you and see you tonight!

Dave Gerard

On Tue, Sep 15, 2015 at 8:50 AM, Terese Knapp <[terese130 \[REDACTED\]](mailto:terese130 [REDACTED])> wrote:  
Board of Trustees -

As parents [REDACTED] in the Morgan Hill school district, with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] we must express out deep concern.

Tonights vote to limit parental involvement and shrink the number of board members seems a transparent action to excise those board members that have proven themselves to be parental advocates.

Tonights vote to truncate parental input and involvement is not the actions of a board that wants to put the community first.

As parents these actions make it clear that the board devalues our robust involvement.

These actions make it clear that you want our money but you don't want our say.

Regards-

Troy and Terese Knapp



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Wow

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 9:20:56 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org gerardd@mhusd.org"

Dave,

The hammer keeps pounding. They are going to lose there battles...

I hope they vote to go to 5 trustees tonight, that will just piss off more parents and our job as activist will be easier..

On the other hand, I do not want to lose our three best trustees for any reason...

Betando can take his 4 losers and they can all leave town together...

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# This is going to the Morgan Hill Times

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email: "robguynn[REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 8:43:08 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "rickbadillo[REDACTED]", email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard", email: "jborgioli[REDACTED] gino Borgioli"

Mr. Robert Benevento was served recall papers tonight behind closed doors under the protection of the Morgan Hill Police Department. He refused to come out at the start of the board meeting because he knew he was going to be served the notice of recall. He had the officer escort me to the back of the district office, out of the public eye. I ask you? How does he afford such luxury to get the protection of the MHPD and WHY is there a police officer stationed at each board meeting? This is intimidation at the tax payers expense.

To all three trustees, you want to thank me now, we got 7 trustees map 1 because the supt and his army were under pressure, I promise you, if there was not a recall, you all would be looking at 5 trustees...I am glad to have you all back...

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# Bye Bye Bob-Recall Benevento

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob  
Guynn"

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 11:12:00 PM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

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# Parents seek to recall president of Morgan Hill school board

San Jose Mercury News

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email: "robguynn" Rob Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 11:33:02 PM Pacific Daylight Time Guynn"

To: email: "rickbadillo" , email: "jborgioli" gino Borgioli" , email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

[http://www.mercurynews.com/bayarea/news/ci\\_28828008/parents\\_seek\\_recall\\_president\\_morgan\\_hill\\_school\\_board](http://www.mercurynews.com/bayarea/news/ci_28828008/parents_seek_recall_president_morgan_hill_school_board)

Front page...her figures on the recall are incorrect...but I got her to cover our story...

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## Re: Parents seek to recall president of Morgan Hill school board - San Jose Mercury News

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 8:02:06 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"  
Cc: email: "rickbadillo [REDACTED] rickbadillo [REDACTED]" , email: "jborgioli [REDACTED] gino Borgioli"

On Wednesday, September 16, 2015, Rob Guynn <[robguynn@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:robguynn@[REDACTED])> wrote:

[http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci\\_28828008/parents-seek-recall-president-morgan-hill-school-board](http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_28828008/parents-seek-recall-president-morgan-hill-school-board)

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# MHUSD Board President served with recall paperwork

## □ Schools □ Morgan Hill Times

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Friday, September 18, 2015 at 11:53:56 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

Kathy paints Ole Bob as a good ole boy...he did not look that way when I serve the jerk recall papers as he slumped behind the cop to protect his ass...by the way, trustees are not allowed to talk about saving or defending Good Ole Bob in a closed session, it has to be done in public...trustees should be talking about dumping him and the half mil it will cost the district or reverse 6 grade config. That is going to cost a mil..

[http://www.morganhilltimes.com/news/schools/mhusd/board/president/served/with/recall/paperwork/article\\_10b658783d971e59717b3215afb70b9.html?mode=jqm\\_com](http://www.morganhilltimes.com/news/schools/mhusd/board/president/served/with/recall/paperwork/article_10b658783d971e59717b3215afb70b9.html?mode=jqm_com)

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## New Vision

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email: "monicaguynn[REDACTED] Monica Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 3:38:21 PM Pacific Daylight Time Guynn"

To: email: "rwoolf959523[REDACTED]", email: "badillor@mhusd.org", email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org", email: "gerardd@mhusd.org", email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org", email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org"

Subject: NEW VISION

The following statement was found in a comment of an editorial that was written in the MHT's Friday. It is well written and in my opinion a powerful statement for change. It would be my hope that Mr. Robert Benevento would make the right decision, save the school district a half million dollars on this recall, and RESIGN his position on the board.

OPINIONS: The Bob and Steve show has become a distraction to the business of making positive changes in our classrooms. When all we see in the MHT is how the board is squabbling over lunch receipts and note passing, that is a pretty good sign that it is time for a change in leadership.

Our school's scores continue to "decline" or stay stagnant. The latest test results show Morgan Hill Students at 50% proficient. That means 50% are not! Glenn Webb was quoted as saying "We're ahead of the state in every grade level in both English and Math...". Yes we are... ahead of prison schools, continuation schools, and districts like Ravenswood, and Alum Rock. Of the 34 districts in Santa Clara County we are 24th. That is like saying we are 1st place ahead of everyone behind us (at 24th place). It's good to have goals, but we should set the bar higher? Steve claimed we are headed in the right direction when this past fall our graduate and "prepared for college" scores took a nosedive. He got a raise. What did your students get? Mismanaged Common Core implementations, rigged AP class schedules, and now musical chairs with 6th grade and the middle schools, with no plan in sight or communicated. But the board has become very good at communicating to meeting attendees they are subject to arrest.

The MHUSD School Board needs leadership. It needs VISION. It needs to stop threatening the community that it serves. It needs to read its own mission statement - at every board meeting.

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## Leadership often means making the right decisions, even if they are tough decisions

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email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen      Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 4:48:55 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
Fitch"

To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] Ron Woolf" , email:  
"borgiolig@mhusd.org Gino Borgioli" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org Amy Porter Jensen" , email:  
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"gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" , email: "betandos@mhusd.org Steve Betando" , email:  
"snoguchi [REDACTED] Sharon Noguchi"

Dear Trustees and Superintendent,

The following statement was found in a comment section of the online article MHUSD Board President served with recall paperwork:

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That is a well written and powerful statement for change.

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Karen Fitch

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# RECALL

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7:22:37 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org"

Dear President Benevento and Trustees Badillo, Borgioli, Gerard, Porter-Jensen, Ruebusch and Woolf,

My name is Robert Guynn and I have been following the news of the pending recall of MHUSD Board Trustee and President, Bob Benevento.

I support the recall and I intend on signing the recall petition and eventually voting for Trustee Benevento's removal.

The school district has enough things to deal with, besides a special election to have Benevento recalled.

Mr. Benevento, I urge you to resign as a MHUSD Trustee.

The parents of this community understand that you have served many years on committees and boards and organizations, but perhaps your time is up. Education has changed in this world and Morgan Hill needs to face the fact that our schools are not shining stars.

I have read the recall petition and I want [REDACTED] education first.

Mr. Benevento, it time for a change.

Respectfully,  
Robert L. Guynn

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# RECALL

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email: "monicaguyenn [REDACTED] Monica Monday, September 21, 2015 at 8:16:15 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
Guynn"

To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org"

Dear President Benevento and Trustees Badillo, Borgioli, Gerard, Porter-Jensen, Ruebusch and Woolf,

My name is Monica Guynn and I have been following the news of the pending recall of MHUSD Board Trustee and President, Bob Benevento.

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Mr. Benevento, it time for a change.

Respectfully,

Monica Guynn

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## Re: RECALL

email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 4:56:02 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "monicaguynn [REDACTED] Monica Guynn"

Amen!!

On Monday, September 21, 2015, Monica Guynn <[monicaguynn@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:monicaguynn@[REDACTED])> wrote:

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Mr. Benevento, it time for a change.

Respectfully,

Monica Guynn

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# Re: RECALL

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 4:56:46 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

Hallelujah and praise the Lord!

On Monday, September 21, 2015, Rob Guynn <[robguynn@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:robguynn@[REDACTED])> wrote:

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Mr. Benevento, it time for a change.

Respectfully,  
Robert L. Guynn

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# Benevento Recall

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email: "fitchfamusa@██████████ Karen Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 7:50:22 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
Fitch"

To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento" , email: "rwoolf9523@██████████ Ron Woolf" , email:  
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"ruebuschd@mhusd.org ruebuschd@mhusd.org" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org Rick Badillo" , email:  
"gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" , email: "betandos@mhusd.org Steve Betando"

Dear President Benevento and Trustees Badillo, Borgioli, Gerard,  
Porter-Jensen, Ruebusch and Woolf,

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been following the news of the pending recall of MHUSD Board Trustee and  
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Mr. Benevento, it time for a change.

Respectfully,

Karen Fitch

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## Re: Benevento Recall

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"      Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 8:09:30 AM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch"

Dear Karen,

Thanks very much for your thoughts. I'm sure that President Benevento appreciates your letter.

Best regards,  
David Gerard

On Wednesday, September 23, 2015, Karen Fitch <[fitchfamusa \[REDACTED\]](mailto:fitchfamusa [REDACTED])> wrote:

Dear President Benevento and Trustees Badillo, Borgioli, Gerard, Porter-Jensen, Ruebusch and Woolf,

My name is Karen Fitch and I have been following the news of the pending recall of MHUSD Board Trustee and President, Bob Benevento.

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Mr. Benevento, it time for a change.

Respectfully,

Karen Fitch

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# Cedar Grove men arrested on drug charges

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 12:24:30 AM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" , email: "jborgio [REDACTED] gino Borgioli"

NorthJersey.com - Cedar Grove men arrested on drug charges - <http://www.northjersey.com/news/cedar-grove-men-arrested-on-drug-charges-1.255927>

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## Cedar Grove men arrested on drug charges

MAY 26, 2011, 4:40 PM LAST UPDATED: THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011, 4:40 PM

BY ANTHONY G. ATTRINO

EDITOR | VERONA-CEDAR GROVE TIMES

Police arrested two Cedar Grove men on drug charges Tuesday following a two-month multijurisdictional investigation.

Mark N. Benevento, 50, and his son, Mark J. Benevento, 18, were arrested on Tuesday, after officers executed search warrants at Wood's Dog House, 467 Bloomfield Ave. in Verona and at a Stevens Avenue apartment in Cedar Grove, authorities said.

Police said drugs were being sold from both locations.

The elder Benevento was charged with possession and sale of oxycodone, possession of suboxone, possession of anabolic steroids, possession of amphetamine and possession of hypodermic needles. He was released on \$75,000 bond pending an appearance in superior court in Newark on June 1.

The younger Benevento was charged with possession and sale of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia consisting of a scale and packaging material, police said. He was released pending a June 1 arraignment in Newark.

The drugs seized from the defendants had an aggregate street value of \$3,800, police said.

In addition to the drugs, police also seized \$1,000 cash and a 2006 Chevy Impala that was used as part of the distribution operation, police said.

The elder Benevento, owner of Wood's Dog House, said Thursday that 12 "highly trained" officers "barged" into his shop for no reason.

"It was a lot of wasted resources. There was absolutely not one, single thing in here - absolutely nothing," he said. "I don't know what they were looking for, but there was nothing here."

Benevento referred further questions to his lawyer, John Bruno Jr.

"Mark feels confident that when all the facts come out in the case that he'll be exonerated and is shocked and outraged by these allegations, but looks forward to resolving these matters in the courtroom," said Bruno, who is based in Rutherford.

Bruno declined to comment on Benevento's association with the items seized by police.

According to a published report, Benevento said the prescription bottles were legitimate and being used for a back condition, and the steroids were ordered by his son on the internet. He said the hypodermic needles were used to administer vitamin B-12 shots and had been in his closet "for years."

The money seized during his son's arrest was being saved by his son to pay for prom, according to the published report.

Bruno said he is not yet representing Benevento's son, but plans to if there are no conflicts.

In response to the 12 officers who barged into Benevento's business, Bruno said the issue will be resolved in the courtroom.

"I'm not suggesting wrongdoing. If 12 officers barged in, the future will let us know if it was the appropriate action or not," he said.

Cedar Grove Police Chief Richard Vanderstreet said the investigation is ongoing.

"When you're talking about people that are using and selling illegal drugs, these people do so without regard for borders or jurisdictions. It's a societal problem and a problem for our area," he said.

-Mollie Gray contributed to this report.



Items seized from Tuesday's arrest of two Cedar Grove men.

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## 2 Held As Part Of Drug Scheme - tribunedigital-sunsentinel

email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 12:26:46 AM Pacific Daylight Time

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## 2 Held As Part Of Drug Scheme

May 30, 1986 | By David Enscoe, Staff Writer

Two Wellington residents who federal agents say are part of a massive international heroin ring were charged Thursday with smuggling \$225 million in morphine [base](#) into Palm Beach County.

Nine people, five of them Americans, two French citizens, an Australian and a Portuguese woman were charged. Michael Maneri of Wellington, who agents think headed the smuggling operation, was still at large Thursday.

Ernest A. Benevento, 58, and his nephew, Ernesto Benevento, 39, were arrested by federal [Drug Enforcement Administration](#) agents at their homes on Draft Horse Lane, authorities said. They were charged with conspiracy and possession of heroin with attempt to distribute and were held without bail in the Palm Beach County Jail.

"This is a major heroin smuggling organization," said DEA Agent Vince Mazzilli, who heads the West Palm Beach DEA office. "It also has ties to organized crime."

Agents said the Beneventos were middlemen in a distribution network that stretched across three continents.

The intricate network originated in the Middle East, authorities said. From there morphine base was transported to the Bahamas, then into West Palm Beach. From Palm Beach County, the drug was shipped by car to heroin manufacturing [labs](#) in Arizona, and then to New York City, where it was sold on the street.

Part of the Beneventos' job was to ferry the morphine base from the Bahamas into West Palm Beach by boat, according to court affidavits. After the heroin was sold in New York, the Beneventos also tried to smuggle nearly a million dollars in [cash](#) from New York to ringleaders in Europe, according to affidavits.

Maneri, 39, of Old Country Road, Wellington, was still a fugitive Thursday, Mazzilli said. Maneri is suspected of heading the importation part of the heroin ring. Maneri owns Advantage With Computers, 4833 Okeechobee Blvd., a computer retailing firm. He is a fugitive from Marseille, France, where he was convicted in 1982 on narcotics charges stemming from the seizure of two heroin labs near Milan, Italy, Mazzilli said.

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In June 1985, the Beneventos were arrested at Kennedy Airport in New York after U.S. Customs agents found \$952,000 in undeclared cash in their luggage, Mazzilli said. They were about to board a flight to Zurich, Switzerland, he said. They are awaiting trial on federal currency violations.

But the Beneventos were only a cog in one of the largest heroin operations agents have ever encountered, authorities said. The federal complaint lists Maneri and six other people described as major conspirators:

– Earl Admiral Keller, 42. In June 1982, Keller, no address available, was pulled over in his car by the New Mexico Highway Patrol near Tucumcari. Troopers searched the car and found 91 pounds of morphine base, which federal agents think was on its way to a heroin [lab](#) in Arizona.

– Carmine Loiacono, 40, of Brooklyn. Loiacono owns a restaurant in Brooklyn, and is suspected of

helping the Beneventos smuggle morphine base from Freeport, Bahamas, into West Palm Beach. He was arrested in Acapulco, Mexico, on Thursday.

– Francois Scapula, 40. A French citizen and suspected heroin chemist, Scapula was arrested in Thailand in 1980 and charged with trying to smuggle 20 pounds of heroin out of that country. In November 1985, he was arrested in Fribourg, Switzerland, and charged with operating a heroin [laboratory](#). He is awaiting trial on that charge.

– Charles Altieri, 28. A French citizen, he was arrested in Switzerland with Scapula and is facing the same charges.

– Guido Rendel, 50. Rendel, an Australian citizen, was arrested in Barcelona, Spain, in December 1985 and charged with narcotics violations in France. In 1975, he was convicted of smuggling narcotics into the United States.

– Fatima dos Santos Nobre, 35. Agents said Nobre is Scapula’s girlfriend. A citizen of Portugal, she is suspected of transporting large amounts of money from the United States to drug ring leaders in Europe. On March 12, 1985, Customs agents at Miami International Airport found \$490,000 in cash in her luggage. Agents seized the cash, but Nobre boarded her Iberia Airlines flight to Zurich. She had allegedly been driven to the airport by Ernesto Benevento.

Nobre apparently was unfazed by the loss of nearly half a million dollars in cash. Less than two months later, Customs agents secretly searched one of her two bags at Kennedy Airport, where she boarded a Swissair flight from New York to Geneva. Agents found \$200,000 cash in the bag, but did not seize the money.

Agents have based their case on a single [transaction](#) made two years ago. According to DEA affidavits the following scenario unfolded:

Ernesto Benevento contacted Guido Rendel in May 1984 and made a deal to convert 300 kilograms of morphine base into heroin, according to authorities.

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Subject: Recall Election

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Dear President Benevento and Trustees Badillo, Borgioli, Gerard, Porter-Jensen, Ruebusch and Woolf,

My name is David Clink and I have been following the news of the pending recall of MHUSD Board Trustee and President, Bob Benevento.

I support the recall and I intend on signing the recall petition and eventually voting for Trustee Benevento's removal.

The school district has enough things to deal with, besides a special election to have Benevento recalled.

Mr. Benevento, I urge you to resign as a MHUSD Trustee.

The parents of this community understand that you have served many years on committees and boards and organizations, but perhaps your time is up. Education has changed in this world and Morgan Hill needs to face the fact that our schools are not shining stars.

I have read the recall petition and I want [REDACTED] education first.

Mr. Benevento, it time for a change.

Respectfully,

David Clink

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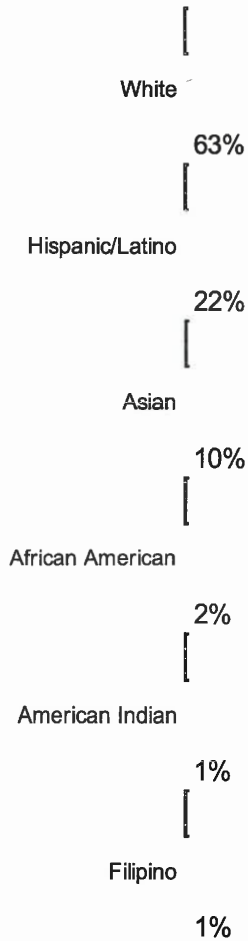
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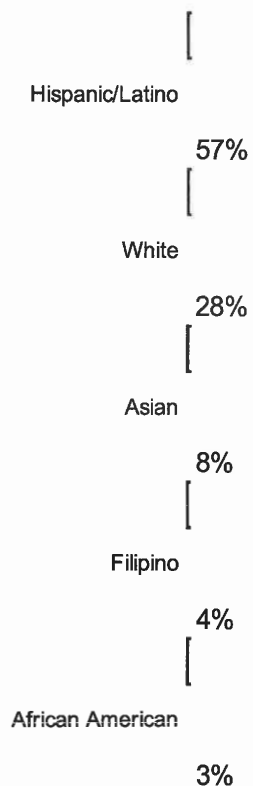
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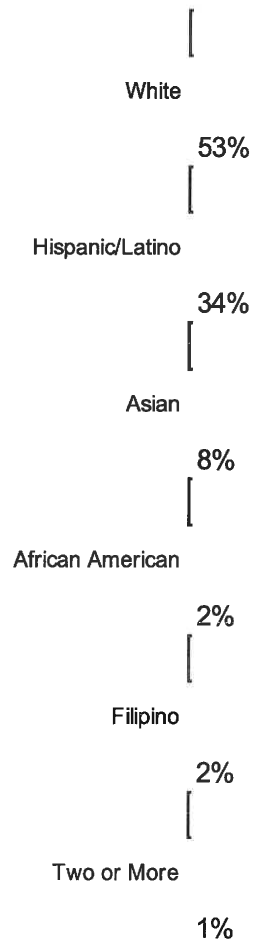


Student  
Information:

- GATE students: 10%
- English learners: 20%
- Reclassified as English proficient: 10%
- Migrant education program participants: 4%
- Eligible for free/reduced price lunch: 50%
- Special education within past two years: 12%

Paradise Valley:

Student Ethnicity:



### Student Information:

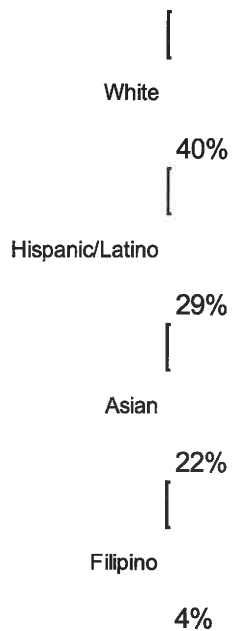
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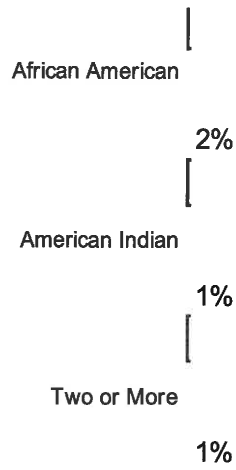
as English proficient: 7%

- Migrant education program participants: 2%
- Eligible for free/reduced price lunch: 20%
- Special education within past two years: 13%

### Nordstrom Elementary:

### Student Ethnicity:





### Student Information:

- GATE students: 23%
- English learners: 7%
- Reclassified as English proficient: 12%
- Migrant education program participants: 1%
- Eligible for free/reduced price lunch: 18%

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Special  
education within past two years: 11%

5. To demand 20-30-40% Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Student ratio is completely unrealistic. Look at the findings in section 4, none of the schools have equal thresholds of ethnicity and English Learners. There is no reporting of social economics. The District should focus on improving the other schools in the District and using Charter as a model to improve their schools rather than placing impossible demands that cannot be met.

6./7. I have no personal knowledge of CLAD or Special Education compliance and credentialing. But what I do know is that Charter hires only the best teachers and assistants. Any teacher who is underperforming does not stay at Charter. As parents we we know we can go to the administrators and principal if there is a problem.

8. To require background checks of every parent who volunteers would be a tremendous cost. Charter has procedures in place that lets others know there is a visitor at the school and also for the safety of its students.

9. Anytime the District would like to visit, they are welcomed to contact our school via the same means everybody else does, through our school office. It has a very small staff a principal, a receptionist, and a nurse. I have never had a problem getting in contact with the right person. No special procedure or special representative needs to be put in place.

10. Charter School already have community and education members on its Board. To have a MHUSD on its board would really be overkill. Direct that attention and effort toward schools that are underperforming rather than wasting time and resources toward a school that has outperformed every school in the district.

Please renew Charter's charter without any conditions.

Thank you once again,

Mimi Dougherty

*Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID*

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Cc: pcisewski[REDACTED]

Dear Morgan Hill United School District Board members,

I am an immigrant from China who came to the United States with no knowledge of the English language nor did my parents who brought me over. My parents worked as janitors and shop-keepers, holding 2 jobs each while studying English in the evenings to support our family of six. I walked myself to elementary school while caring for my younger sister. We would hide out in the library as our "childcare." All our clothes were hand-me-downs and we never got presents for birthdays. While I was in junior high and high school, I had to cook for my family as my parents were not home. However, despite our low income and their lack of help with homework they pushed us to succeed in education. They made sure I was studying at night. They reviewed my grades. They pushed me to attend the best schools within our reach. While they understood their limitation in America with their lack of education and language, they valued education very highly and saw in America in contrast to Communist China, that education was a means for their kids to succeed and move up social economically. I was able to learn English quickly and was eventually accepted into a very challenging magnate public high school, Lowell High School in San Francisco. Education was the key path for me out of poverty and a disadvantaged social economic upbringing. So it was for my husband, Mike Dougherty.

My husband's family came from Iowa also from a low social economic upbringing. His father as a young boy along with his two brothers was left to raise themselves and farm the land and raise animals on their own, while their father sought for work in town when their mother died. When my husband's father was 18, he left Iowa on his own and came to California. Mike's father made a living selling vacuum cleaners and worked as a janitor by night at the local community college where he also took classes. He also pushed his son (Mike Dougherty) to do the best he could. Mike entered the military after graduation from high school. After his service, he attended community college.

Mike and I met at UC Berkeley despite having grown up in social economically disadvantaged families. He received the Education Fund from the military to fund his education. I received Pell Grants, scholarships, and worked to support myself. Our parents did not and could not financially support us but because of their hard work and support for education we never doubted that we could not succeed in at a highly academic school. While we were at Berkeley we both joined the Army Reserved Officer Training Corp (ROTC). We both received a small stipend and I also



received the Education Fund which I later used to fund my master's degree. My husband's master's degree was funded through his work.


I served in the active army for 4 years (8 for my husband) and with my husband continues to serve in the Army reserves (over 20 years) and currently is a Commander of the 319th Signal Battalion out of Sacramento. In his civilian career, my husband works for Cisco and I am a stay-at-home mom. Following in our parents' pattern, we sought the best public education possible. Yes, we are financially stable. We have moved up from our parents' social economic status. It was possible through our parents seeking out the best public education possible for us and by financing our own higher education through military service, work, and scholarships.

I am telling you this story to show that education played a key role in where we are socially and economically. While we are not socially and economically disadvantaged now, we were. While I am not an English learner now, I was. My husband and I realize how pivotal our education played a role in making us successful in this country. My parents, who came from Communist China, experienced their lives and properties being stripped from them. My husband's family experienced great hardship farming without parents in bitter cold, losing all their pigs in one year due to disease. We want the best education for [REDACTED] so that opportunities for them open up.

I was living in Hollister, CA when [REDACTED] was ready to attend elementary school. I looked far and wide. I sought schools that taught another language as I valued having a second language. I valued hands-on learning. I valued working on the land as both our families had. I looked for a school that did everything they could to care and raise the education level of its students. I found Charter School of Morgan Hill (CSMH) through the internet, having never heard anything about it. When I visited Charter School in Morgan Hill in 2004 at the end of the school year, it was not well-known at the time and my heart sank as outwardly it looked like a slum. But, when I went into the classroom, I asked the kids questions and looked at the kids' work. I was impressed with their articulation in Spanish and in what they were reading and writing. I loved that they taught gardening and music. The other schools I visited in Hollister were not engaging their students in the last days of school. I knew I had to come to Charter School of Morgan Hill. I enrolled [REDACTED] for kindergarten and got in on the waiting list and we moved our whole family to Morgan Hill the following spring.

While here at Charter, my husband was deployed to Iraq in support of US Military Operations. As part of the school's Project Based Learning (PBL) culture, they incorporated this experience into the students' learning. The Charter School supported us by sending packages to soldiers in his unit. They wrote letters to his unit. His soldiers replied back to those letters. We skyped him in the classroom. The students were able to ask him questions about his military life overseas during these Skype sessions. The student leadership supported my husband's service during flag days, remembering he was over there serving our country. When my husband redeployed, he spent days giving presentations in all the classrooms where [REDACTED] had classes, 2nd and 3rd grade, and 5th and 6th. He even gave presentations in the middle school social studies classes. This is what Project Based Learning is all about. It incorporates the family along with the community and the school. [REDACTED] felt more supported and did not feel as alone. The school learned something from this process. His unit was able to connect with a school. It was a win-win for everyone.

Charter School of Morgan Hill gives its students the tools, mechanism, and environment to learn and succeed in society. [REDACTED]



To deny CSMH or even to put in requirements via a Memorandum of Understanding is irresponsible to the students of CSMH, the community, and the future of our society. Charter School has proven itself again and again as a model of how a successful school can be run from the ground up. You are losing the best model you have in the entire district. You are losing the best opportunity for students to succeed in life. Charter School has met every requirement as required by law under Charter School Act of 1992 including the Education Code section 47605(b). Charter School has done everything to engage parents and the community. It is fair in its process in regard to acceptance into the school. It has done more than any other school in the district to ensure its students success.

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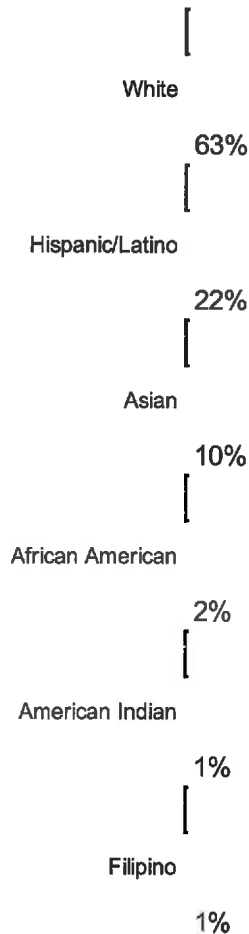
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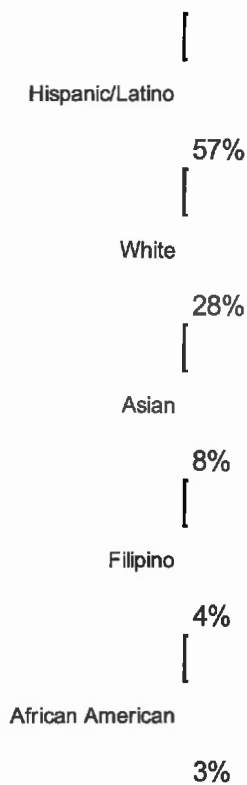
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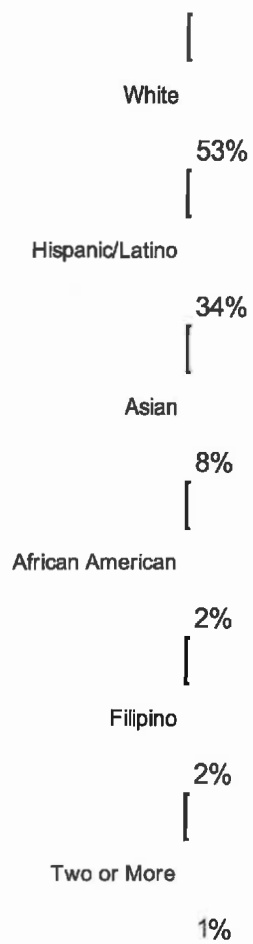


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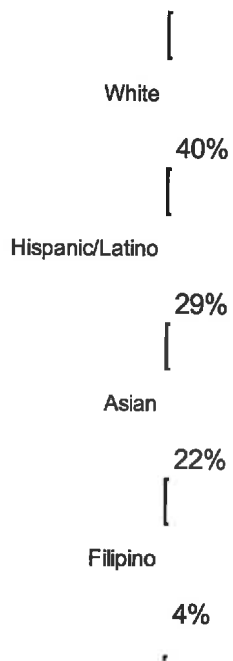


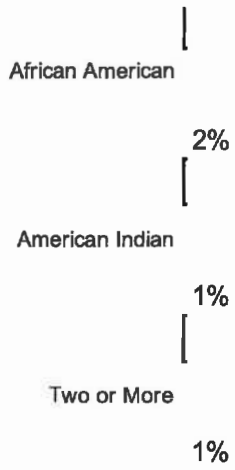
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- Migrant education program participants: 2%
- Eligible for free/reduced price lunch: 20%
- Special education within past two years: 13%

Nordstrom Elementary:

Student  
Ethnicity:





### Student Information:

- GATE students: 23%
- English learners: 7%
- Reclassified as English proficient: 12%
- Migrant education program participants: 1%
- Eligible for free/reduced price lunch: 18%

- Special education within past two years: 11%

5. To demand 20-30-40% Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Student ratio is completely unrealistic. Look at the findings in section 4, none of the schools have equal thresholds of ethnicity and English Learners. There is no reporting of social economics. The District should focus on improving the other schools in the District and using Charter as a model to improve their schools rather than placing impossible demands that cannot be met.

6./7. I have no personal knowledge of CLAD or Special Education compliance and credentialing. But what I do know is that Charter hires only the best teachers and assistants. Any teacher who is underperforming does not stay at Charter. As parents we we know we can go to the administrators and principal if there is a problem.

8. To require background checks of every parent who volunteers would be a tremendous cost. Charter has procedures in place that lets others know there is a visitor at the school and also for the safety of its students.

9. Anytime the District would like to visit, they are welcomed to contact our school via the same means everybody else does, through our school office. It has a very small staff a principal, a receptionist, and a nurse. I have never had a problem getting in contact with the right person. No special procedure or special representative needs to be put in place.

10. Charter School already have community and education members on its Board. To have a MHUSD on its board would really be overkill. Direct that attention and effort toward schools that are underperforming rather than wasting time and resources toward a school that has outperformed every school in the district.

Please renew Charter's charter without any conditions.

Thank you once again,

Mimi Dougherty

*Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID*

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Mimi Dougherty <mimdougherty [REDACTED]>

Date: Sep 26, 2015 3:36 PM

Subject: An Immigrant's Path, Charter Renewal

To: beneventob@mhusd.org,rwoolf9523 [REDACTED],badillor@mhusd.org,b

orgiolig@mhusd.org,gerardd@mhusd.org,porterjensena@mhusd.org,ruebuschd@mhusd.org

Cc: pcisewski [REDACTED]

Dear Morgan Hill United School District Board members,

I am an immigrant from China who came to the United States with no knowledge of the English language nor did my parents who brought me over. My parents worked as janitors and shopkeepers, holding 2 jobs each while studying English in the evenings to support our family of six. I walked myself to elementary school while caring for my younger sister. We would hide out in the library as our "childcare." All our clothes were hand-me-downs and we never got presents for birthdays. While I was in junior high and high school, I had to cook for my family as my parents were not home. However, despite our low income and their lack of help with homework they pushed us to succeed in education. They made sure I was studying at night. They reviewed my grades. They pushed me to attend the best schools within our reach. While they understood their limitation in America with their lack of education and language, they valued education very highly and saw in America in contrast to Communist China, that education was a means for their kids to succeed and move up social economically. I was able to learn English quickly and was eventually accepted into a very challenging magnate public high school, Lowell High School in San Francisco. Education was the key path for me out of poverty and a disadvantaged social economic upbringing. So it was for my husband, Mike Dougherty.

My husband's family came from Iowa also from a low social economic upbringing. His father as a young boy along with his two brothers was left to raise themselves and farm the land and raise animals on their own, while their father sought for work in town when their mother died. When my husband's father was 18, he left Iowa on his own and came to California. Mike's father made a living selling vacuum cleaners and worked as a janitor by night at the local community college where he also took classes. He also pushed his son (Mike Dougherty) to do the best he could. Mike entered the military after graduation from high school. After his service, he attended community college.

Mike and I met at UC Berkeley despite having grown up in social economically disadvantaged families. He received the Education Fund from the military to fund his education. I received Pell Grants, scholarships, and worked to support myself. Our parents did not and could not financially support us but because of their hard work and support for education we never doubted that we could not succeed in at a highly academic school. While we were at Berkeley we both joined the Army Reserved Officer Training Corp (ROTC). We both received a small stipend and I also

received the Education Fund which I later used to fund my master's degree. My husband's master's degree was funded through his work.

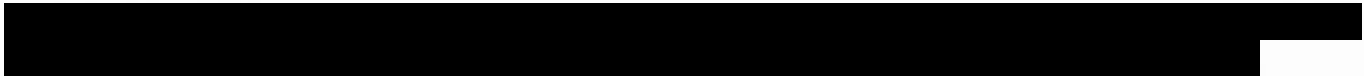
I served in the active army for 4 years (8 for my husband) and with my husband continues to serve in the Army reserves (over 20 years) and currently is a Commander of the 319th Signal Battalion out of Sacramento. In his civilian career, my husband works for Cisco and I am a stay-at-home mom. Following in our parents' pattern, we sought the best public education possible. Yes, we are financially stable. We have moved up from our parents' social economic status. It was possible through our parents seeking out the best public education possible for us and by financing our own higher education through military service, work, and scholarships.

I am telling you this story to show that education played a key role in where we are socially economically. While we are not socially economically disadvantaged now, we were. While I am not an English learner now, I was. My husband and I realize how pivotal our education played a role in making us successful in this country. My parents, who came from Communist China, experienced their lives and properties being stripped from them. My husband's family experienced great hardship farming without parents in bitter cold, losing all their pigs in one year due to disease. We want the best education for [REDACTED] so that opportunities for them open up.

I was living in Hollister, CA when [REDACTED] was ready to attend elementary school. I looked far and wide. I sought schools that taught another language as I valued having a second language. I valued hands-on learning. I valued working on the land as both our families had. I looked for a school that did everything they could to care and raise the education level of its students. I found Charter School of Morgan Hill (CSMH) through the internet, having never heard anything about it. When I visited Charter School in Morgan Hill in 2004 at the end of the school year, it was not well-known at the time and my heart sank as outwardly it looked like a slum. But, when I went into the classroom, I asked the kids questions and looked at the kids' work. I was impressed with their articulation in Spanish and in what they were reading and writing. I loved that they taught gardening and music. The other schools I visited in Hollister were not engaging their students in the last days of school. I knew I had to come to Charter School of Morgan Hill. I enrolled [REDACTED] for kindergarten and got in on the waiting list and we moved our whole family to Morgan Hill the following spring.

While here at Charter, my husband was deployed to Iraq in support of US Military Operations. As part of the school's Project Based Learning (PBL) culture, they incorporated this experience into the students' learning. The Charter School supported us by sending packages to soldiers in his unit. They wrote letters to his unit. His soldiers replied back to those letters. We skyped him in the classroom. The students were able to ask him questions about his military life overseas during these skype sessions. The student leadership supported my husband's service during flag days, remembering he was over there serving our country. When my husband redeployed, he spent days giving presentations in all the classrooms where [REDACTED] had classes, 2nd and 3rd grade, and 5th and 6th. He even gave presentations in the middle school social studies classes. This is what Project Based Learning is all about. It incorporates the family along with the community and the school. [REDACTED] felt more supported and did not feel as alone. The school learned something from this process. His unit was able to connect with a school. It was a win-win for everyone.

Charter School of Morgan Hill gives its students the tools, mechanism, and environment to learn and succeed in society. [REDACTED]



To deny CSMH or even to put in requirements via a Memorandum of Understanding is irresponsible to the students of CSMH, the community, and the future of our society. Charter School has proven itself again and again as a model of how a successful school can be run from the ground up. You are losing the best model you have in the entire district. You are losing the best opportunity for students to succeed in life. Charter School has met every requirement as required by law under Charter School Act of 1992 including the Education Code section 47605(b). Charter School has done everything to engage parents and the community. It is fair in its process in regard to acceptance into the school. It has done more than any other school in the district to ensure its students success.

I ask that you approve Charter School of Morgan Hill's renewal in a timely manner without a Memorandum of Understanding.

Thank you,

Mimi Dougherty

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# RECALL BOB BENEVENTO

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email: "robguynn[REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Monday, September 28, 2015 at 8:32:32 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org" , email:  
"ruebuschd@mhusd.org" , email: "gerardd@mhusd.org" , email: "rwoolf9523[REDACTED]" , email:  
"jborgioli[REDACTED] gino Borgioli"

Dear President Benevento and Trustees Badillo, Borgioli, Gerard, Porter Jensen, Ruebusch and Woolf,

My name is PARENTS4POSITIVECHANGE and I have been following the news of the pending recall of MHUSD Board Trustee and President, Bob Benevento.

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I have read the recall petition and I want to put [REDACTED] education first.

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Respectfully,  
P4PC

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# RECALL BENEVENTO

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 11:45:55 AM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED]" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org Amy Porter Jensen" , email: "jborgioli [REDACTED] gino Borgioli" , email: "dgerard [REDACTED]" , email: "rickbadillo [REDACTED]"

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# RESIGN RESIGN RESIGN RESIGN RESIGN RESIGN RESIGN RESIGN

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob      Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at 8:54:18 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
Guynn"

To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED]" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org" , email:  
"rickbadillo [REDACTED]" , email: "dgerard [REDACTED]" , email: "jborgio [REDACTED] gino Borgioli" , email:  
"porterjensena@mhusd.org"

In his role as Morgan Hill Unified School District board president, Bob Benevento has created a **culture of hostility** toward parents and among the board members. His disregard for parent input has isolated him from the people he represents. Under his guidance, the board has become a totalitarian vacuum that condescendingly rationalizes they know best. **Benevento does not know what's best for students.**

As the president, Benevento holds the position as leader. But rather than leading, he's responsible for the **dysfunction and disarray** that is the board of trustees. Under his direction, the board has fallen into a **systemic majority versus minority**. The minority asks questions, seeks public input, meanwhile, Benevento and his **majority collude, criticize and create an aura of retaliation** toward parents that inquire, speak up and question them. Benevento arbitrarily decides to change board policy on his whim; **reducing speaker times for some, yet allowing other speakers go past their allocated times.**

Benevento now **invites a Morgan Hill police officer to the board meetings**. He stated: "If you choose to disrupt the meeting, you will be asked to leave the meeting, and if you are **forced to leave** the meeting you could be subject to misdemeanor...or fine." **This is a threat and intimidation directed at the parents** who called the actions of Benevento into question at the Aug. 4 meeting. During "notegate," a note was generated, passed between the superintendent and several trustees, five of them learning the contents. Parents requested the note become part of the public record. They were ignored. The president is there to run the meeting, to follow parliamentary procedure, and assure there are no Brown Act violations; he's not there to threaten the audience with arrest.

Part of the board's mission is "**Parents/guardians shall have the opportunity to work with schools in a mutually supportive and respectful partnership and to help their children succeed in school.**" (Education Code 51100) Trustees need to listen to the speakers; speakers have a vested interest. Benevento's own words indicate how he truly feels about parents attending meetings: "The public is much broader than just the **20 or so people** attending the school board meetings with their own agenda." Those 20 people are parents. They do have an agenda, their agenda is their children! Morgan Hill residents are deeply disappointed in the actions of the board of trustees. The frustrations have led them to form a grassroots campaign to **recall Benevento** from his elected position of board trustee/president. As president, Benevento should be the beacon of appropriate behavior and public service. He's not. Parents have **lost confidence** in his ability to lead and act as a public servant. Voters are unsure that Benevento acts on our behalf or represents our best interest. **This is our vote of no confidence in MHUSD School Board Trustee/President Bob Benevento.** It is time for change, Bob should **do what's best.... RESIGN!**

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# MHT's

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 8:46:42 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED]" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org" , email:  
"jborgioli [REDACTED] gino Borgioli" , email: "dgerard [REDACTED]"

In the Morgan Hill Times Today...

-- ***Benevento*** has been ***threatening those who disagree with him***, and created a ***Board of puppets*** who ***do as they are told*** and who ***do not care*** about the students, only their ***personal political agendas.***

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# Recall

email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 6:01:17 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org" , email: "dgerard [REDACTED]" , email: "jborgio [REDACTED] gino Borgioli"

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**Let's remove him so he can do something that won't hurt the kids.**

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## Re: Item G8 on this Evening's MHUSD Board Meeting Agenda

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email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch"      Friday, October 2, 2015 at 6:13:30 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "porterjensena@mhUSD.org Amy Porter Jensen"  
Cc: email: "beneventob@mhUSD.org Bob Benevento" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] Ron Woolf" , email: "borgiolig@mhUSD.org Gino Borgioli" , email: "gerardd@mhUSD.org David Gerard" , email: "ruebuschd@mhUSD.org ruebuschd@mhUSD.org" , email: "badillor@mhUSD.org Rick Badillo" , email: "dagars@mhUSD.org Swati Dagar" , email: "betandos@mhUSD.org Steve Betando"

Amy, Thank you for reaching out to me. As you can tell from my message, I am a strong proponent of PV being a K-8 Academy. The way for "us" to work together is for you to be open to parent input, advocate on your end, as a board member, that Paradise Valley go K-8, and eventually vote in favor of the PV K-8 revamp.

Karen Fitch

On Wednesday, September 30, 2015 10:06 AM, Amy Porter Jensen <[porterjensena@mhUSD.org](mailto:porterjensena@mhUSD.org)> wrote:

Hi Karen,

I would love to chat on the phone or meet for coffee to try and figure out a way for us to work together.

Regards,

Amy  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2015, at 6:53 AM, Karen Fitch <[fitchfamusa \[REDACTED\]](mailto:fitchfamusa [REDACTED])> wrote:

Dear President Benevento, and  
Trustees Woolf, Borgioli, Porter-Jensen, Reubush, Badillo and Gerard,

Last week I found out some spectacular news about [REDACTED] school. The principal has asked you to explore turning Paradise Valley Elementary School into an Engineering Academy. I am writing to you to urge you to VOTE YES on Agenda item G8, but only with a caveat, turn Paradise valley into a K-8 focused academy.

Item G8 is the TURNING PARADISE VALLEY INTO AN ENGINEERING ACADEMY. This may be one of the best opportunities for our children to get a focused academy, but to fully fulfill the goal of an “academy,” Paradise Valley School should be a K through 8 school. Being a focused academy paired with a K-8 is the only viable and logical solution. Although the K-5 students will certainly take advantage of this change, truly it is the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students can fully explore, enjoy and benefit from this potential focused academy.

The district model for a successful ACADEMY is K-8.

The School Board and the District Office showed such foresight when creating Jackson Academy of Music and Math as a K-8. JAMM is successful as a K-8, their recent SBAC scores are higher than both the 7th and 8th graders at Britton and Murphy.

On August 4th, the San Martin/Gwinn Academy was voted by you, the MHUSD School Board of Trustees, to go K-8—a strong endorsement from the BOARD that K-8 is the right model for MHUSD Academies.

I recently communicated with Mrs. Dagar, PV's principal. She told me that, "For the past two years, my staff and I have dedicated our instructional focus to set the foundation with students for technology and project based learning. Now I am ready to take it up to another level to explore a focus academy. Student interest and getting them to be college and career ready is at the core of it all!" I absolutely love that our school will be a Project Based Learning environment. I fully support Mrs. Dagar in this effort, but again, only if PV becomes a K-8 academy.

I urge you to vote yes on G8 but only if your follow your own model and make PV a K-8 Academy.

Respectfully,

Karen Fitch

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# WE VOTE!

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email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch"      Friday, October 2, 2015 at 7:11:03 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento"  
Cc: email: "badillor@mhusd.org Rick Badillo" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] Ron Woolf" , email:  
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"betandos@mhusd.org Steve Betando"

Some once said that people do not read the MH Times.  
Interestingly enough...we do know how to vote.

Karen Fitch

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**Attachments:**

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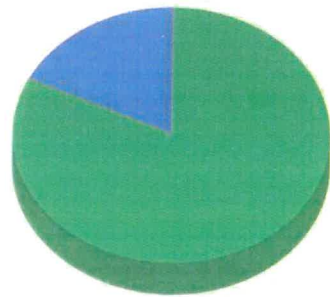
Nobody reads the  
Morgan Hill Times.

Oh yeah?  
Looks like we  
know how to  
vote though.

POLLS News

Do you support the effort by  
Parents for Positive Change to  
recall elected MHUSD Board  
President Bob Benevento?

Total Votes: 255





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## Vote on line MHT's

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Friday, October 2, 2015 at 5:01:17 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "sforstner [REDACTED] Scott Forstner", email: "beneventob@mhusd.org", email:  
"ruebuschd@mhusd.org", email: "rickbadillo [REDACTED]", email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED]", email:  
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Cc: email: "mmoore [REDACTED]", email: "mohimoty [REDACTED] mohimoty", email:  
"melissalhf6 [REDACTED] Melissa Harper"

Scott,  
FYL..

On Line Vote On Whether to vote for or against the Benevento recall front page.

Please pull the front page vote, Mr. Benevento has ordered all teachers to vote in his favor, that my friend is cheating and fraudulent!  
His voting numbers have stayed at 50 all week and today right after school his numbers, in less than an hour, went from 50 and now has climbed into the hundreds as I type...This is the honest Board President we have running our school district? We teach our children not to cheat...and the board president has to cheat to make himself shine...shame on him...not to bright. Caught cheating...  
When you print the final numbers, make sure you put a CHECK ✓ by his name as CHEATER...  
Thank you Scott  
Print this In your next article...How low can you go to get a vote?

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# Recall

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email: "monicaguynn[REDACTED] Monica  
Guynn"

Friday, October 2, 2015 at 8:39:06 PM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org" , email: "rwoolf9523[REDACTED]" , email:  
"porterjensena@mhusd.org" , email: "gerardd@mhusd.org" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org"

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# Morgan Hill Times Comment

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email: "monicaguynn[REDACTED] Monica  
Guynn"

Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 8:33:41 AM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "rwoolf9523[REDACTED]" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org" , email: "jborgioli[REDACTED] gino Borgioli" ,  
email: "gerardd@mhusd.org" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org" , email:  
"betandos@mhusd.org betandos@mhusd.org"

Like father like son...to artificially inflate the numbers in the current MH Times online poll in favor of his father, Daniel Benevento sent out a message to outsiders inviting them to vote no in favor of his father, the disfavored Benevento, as noted by morganhill's post. His goal is to dupe the community with the false belief that his father has more supporters than opponents in our community. Here is what he wrote

"Due to disagreement over a decision to relocate 6th graders to the middle schools from the elementary schools ... , a small group of parents is trying to remove this man as president. A simple NO vote in this online pole will help show support for Bob Benevento and his continued service. Please just click on the following link, and vote NO [http://www.morganhilltimes.com/news/do-you-support-the-effort-by-parents-for-positive-change/poll\\_5692da2c-6618-11e5-92ab-4f8065f83a25.html](http://www.morganhilltimes.com/news/do-you-support-the-effort-by-parents-for-positive-change/poll_5692da2c-6618-11e5-92ab-4f8065f83a25.html)"

This father son team are desperate. With an 81% in favor of the recall before outsiders were invited to vote, they both know the larger community has lost confidence in Benevento's leadership and that only the MHFT leaders prop him up.

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## Re: Morgan Hill Times Comment

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email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org Amy Porter Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 8:40:45 AM Pacific Daylight Time Jensen"

To: email: "monicaguynn [REDACTED] Monica Guynn"

Cc: email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] rwoolf9523 [REDACTED]", email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org ruebuschd@mhusd.org", email: "jborgioli [REDACTED] gino Borgioli", email: "geraridd@mhusd.org geraridd@mhusd.org", email: "badillor@mhusd.org badillor@mhusd.org", email: "betandos@mhusd.org betandos@mhusd.org"

Hi Monica,

With all due respect, as a mom, I really think we need to keep board members children out of conversations.

Regards,

Amy

On Oct 4, 2015, at 8:33 AM, Monica Guynn <[monicaguynn@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:monicaguynn@[REDACTED])> wrote:

Like father like son...to artificially inflate the numbers in the current MH Times online poll in favor of his father, Daniel Benevento sent out a message to outsiders inviting them to vote no in favor of his father, the disfavored Benevento, as noted by morganhill's post. His goal is to dupe the community with the false belief that his father has more supporters than opponents in our community. Here is what he wrote "Due to disagreement over a decision to relocate 6th graders to the middle schools from the elementary schools ... , a small group of parents is trying to remove this man as president. A simple NO vote in this online pole will help show support for Bob Benevento and his continued service. Please just click on the following link, and vote NO [http://www.morganhilltimes.com/news/do\\_you\\_support\\_the\\_effort\\_by\\_parents\\_for\\_positive\\_change/poll\\_5692da2c761811e592ab4f8065f83a25.html](http://www.morganhilltimes.com/news/do_you_support_the_effort_by_parents_for_positive_change/poll_5692da2c761811e592ab4f8065f83a25.html)"

This father son team are desperate. With an 81% in favor of the recall before outsiders were invited to vote, they both know the larger community has lost confidence in Benevento's leadership and that only the MHFT leaders prop him up.

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# Morgan Hill Times Comment

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"      Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 5:00:24 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED]" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org" , email: "jborgiol [REDACTED] gino Borgioli" ,  
email: "dgerard [REDACTED]" , email: "rickbadillo [REDACTED]" , email: "beneventob@mhusd.org"  
Cc: email: "sforstner [REDACTED] Scott Forstner" , email: "snoguch [REDACTED] Sharon Noguchi"

***To support this man, Bob Benevento after he has sunk this low is really SAD!***

So in the last 30 hours since the Teachers Union article was published online, Benevento's son, Daniel, who does not live in Morgan Hill, has posted a [Change.org](#) post with a link to this newspaper's online poll, resulting in a change of 81% in favor of recall versus 19% against recall to a new figure that is almost evenly split between supporters and opponents. Karen Fitch's Facebook page "Bye Bye Bob--Recall Benevento" has been visited by someone named Steven Tankersley who lives in Folsom and who is a friend of Daniel Benevento. Encouraged by Benevento, Tankersley has posted a vile, sexist ad on Fitch's Facebook that says, "I'm not always a whiny b\*\*ch, but when I am it's usually over nothing of importance." The parents are saying that Benevento is a bully-and here is more evidence that Bob Benevento is not just a bully but he is now having his son and his son's friends try to bully and intimidate the award-winning [REDACTED] Karen Fitch. Please support Karen and help her to remove this really shameful public official from his office as School Board President.

Cc Sharon- San Jose Mercury News  
Scott - Morgan Hill Times

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# MH Times Comment

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email: "monicaguynn[REDACTED] Monica  
Guynn"

Monday, October 5, 2015 at 8:12:43 PM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org" , email: "geraridd@mhusd.org" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org" , email: "beneventob@mhusd.org"

This a comment made in the Morgan Hill Times:

**Trampoline:** Thank you, Morgan Hill Times, for removing the online poll on the recall. As numerous readers pointed out, Benevento supporters tried to manipulate it by launching a change.org petition that linked directly into the local MH Times poll so that people from anywhere in the world would be voting NO on the recall. You showed good journalistic practices in the face of the kind of political dirty tricks that have outraged so many parents and have led to the unusual step of a recall. Please watch for further tricks and next I predict that his supporters will send goons to harass pro-recall signature gatherers as well as try to intimidate those who do sign. Such a sad situation, but such a good reason to send Mr. Benevento away from a job where his impact is so unhealthy to our community. Sign the recall petition, fellow citizens!

Monday, October 5, 2015, 12:44 pm

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# THANK YOU

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 10:16:16 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "jborgioli [REDACTED] gino Borgioli" , email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" , email:  
"rickbadillo [REDACTED]"

David, Gino & Rick,

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We thank you from the bottom of our hearts! It is our hope that someday we can turn the attention of the board majority to what really matters most...

our children's education. —

Thank you,  
Robert & Monica Guynn

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## Re: THANK YOU

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 2:44:20 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

Let's just keep trucking along, lots of highways to pass ...

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# Law suit

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email: "robguynn[REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 3:01:14 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org"

Dave,

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Oh I like Amy's comment, we have always done it this way...Hey babe, read the contract. I wonder if she can say, lawsuit? naaa, she probably can't read...

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## Re: Law suit

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 3:30:20 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

Bully Porter Jensen don't read but she attacked me big time after closed session and during open session because of my Facebook . Dumb Armando she would've been a great target but I guess he puts his client above the kids. Pitiful ! But you're right it's a lawsuit waiting to happen

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# Facebook

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 3:43:54 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org"

Your Facebook page should not be a threat to Amy, I don't know what she is tripping on. And Webb, according to his figures, we should shut the school district down, our district kids are so far ahead of everyone in the state/world, give them all phd's and close up shop... Hell give me a PHD while your at it...Dave, these guys are just not real...unprofessional...

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# Re: Facebook

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 4:17:24 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

There's a technical term to describe them....

Flaming assholes ó ó □□□□□□ □ □ □

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# Lawsuit

email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 4:27:58 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org"

Dave,

Article in MHT's now...lawsuit my friend and you should explain to his board majority that there will be a lawsuit if approved...

However, his contract—which is currently being re-negotiated with changes to the language—states: “With advance Board approval, the Superintendent may attend appropriate professional meetings at the local, county, state and national levels. Actual and necessary expenses of attendance shall be paid by the District if so approved.”

You must hold him to his current contract..

Sounds like this guy gets whatever he wants and is not going away anytime soon...

There is no end to this Bull Shi [REDACTED] wow

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# Comment in the MHT's

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To: email: "rickbadillo [REDACTED]" , email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" , email: "jborgiol [REDACTED] gino Borgioli"

I hope someday we will have a real board of trustees...  
From where I am sitting the board majority is being manipulated like puppets.  
All in favor say I (4)... all opposed say ney (3)...ALWAYS...  
I had a private meeting with Betando a few weeks back, he said I was standing in his way, in the times today, he says you three are in his way also, at least we now know it's us four that is the problem.

Comment in the MHT's

Let me make sure I am getting this straight: Betando's contract says that he can go to conferences with **advance approval** of the School Board. He decided to not get their support but went anyway and then got himself paid **behind closed doors** through the "Business Office" that he supervises. The School Board found out that he has been doing this for several years. **His contract is the law that regulates these matters. He broke that law.** He wants the School Board to "ratify" (say it was OK after the fact). When the School Board (**three of them at least**) refuse to say it's OK, Betando accuses them of "just making a statement". Yes, the statement is that **"you violated your contract and took money that does not belong to you."** It's shocking that two trustees, **Amy Porter Jensen and Donna Ruebusch** apparently think that if it happened before, it's OK, even though **the contract they are supposed to uphold says it's not OK.** Not only was Betando silent, so was Bob Benevento, the Board President who parents want to recall or resign. **The School Board should insist that Betando pay back all the school money that he took without authorization, or else they should fire him immediately. Otherwise, the Board is just as guilty of breaking the law as Betando.**

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## Fwd: Comment from katmos on School board probes supe expenses

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Friday, October 9, 2015 at 2:49:48 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" , email: "rickbadillo [REDACTED]" , email: "jborgioli [REDACTED] gino Borgioli"

Kathy says you three don't see the **value in this man**...you know what, neither do I. This man is not even close to a Superintendents caliber...All the Superintendents I work for had PHD's...Steve does not...Whoever hired this person, should of done a Superintendent search, it is common practice to do a search. Now we are stuck with this "**value of a man**", what a shame...  
***Tomorrows my Birthday and my only wish is to wake to the news that Benevento has resigned and Betando was fired...***

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**Date:** October 9, 2015 at 2:27:39 PM PDT  
**To:** [robguynn \[REDACTED\]](#)  
**Subject:** Comment from katmos on School board probes supe expenses

A comment was posted by katmos:

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Bcc: email: "jborgio [REDACTED] gino Borgio"

Friday, October 9, 2015 at 11:48:32 PM Pacific Daylight Time

MORGAN HILL, CA (YAHOO NEWS)--OCT.10 2015-breaking news--

Local police are reporting that Morgan Hill Unified School District Superintendent Steven Betando and Board President Robert (Bobby Boy) Benevento have suddenly resigned their offices in the wake of an undercover investigation that has uncovered massive system-wide corruption. Betando, a first-time schools head who has been the subject of numerous press stories and Benevento, his intimate ally and target of a recall election effort launched by a grass roots parents group, have reported fled to Mexico and are en route to Palermo, Sicily, ancestral home of Benevento's family. Benevento's great uncles Ernesto (Ernie Boy) Benevento, who was convicted in 1985 in the largest heroin transport operation in U.S. history. Betando was reportedly accompanied by 19-year-old Mexican model Angelita Morales Garcia, who was wanted in southern Mexico for drug smuggling and prostitution. Police reported that Benevento fled California with \$16.7 million in school district funds that he allegedly acquired through an elaborate money laundering scheme facilitated by representatives of the local teachers union and one insider employed in the school district office.

"I didn't know nothing about it", said interim Board President Ron Woolf. "Never in my 46 years in education did I see this type of thing. Stevie and Bobby Boy are my best friends and this is all a big misunderstanding. I think a small group of about 20 angry parents caused this and I hope the Italian authorities return them to here as soon as possible. I don't know how I can go forward without those mint chocolate chip cookies that Steve shares with me from his office vault."

Dr. Ramon Zavala, acting Superintendent, was aroused from his afternoon siesta and expressed confidence that the pair would soon return. "Steve told me he was going to train me in community relations tomorrow morning and he's a man of his word. He's been mentoring me in how to use the telephone and already there's two young teachers who want me to take them out to dinner. One of them's married but Steve says there's nothing illegal about that at all."

FBI investigators discovered a cache of recreational drugs in Betando's office "bigger than we've seen in many years" said a spokesman, who said the drug source appeared to be at Martin Murphy Middle School.

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# Resign

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To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org"

Dave, that is great stuff, too funny.  
Well it has been an interesting day...  
This is between you and I, not to be repeated...  
Amy, my new girl friend called me today and wished me a happy birthday  
and then she went postal and started screaming at me that I said she was in bed  
with ole Stevie boy...I may have said that in joking a while back but not of late.  
I had made her a promise I would not involve her in this mess...  
Okay she is hysterical and I finally told her to Fuc□ff and hung up on her...  
I did e□mail her and apologized by saying its politics and rumors are abound.  
She tried to call me 5 times, I answered she said she was sorry. I was pretty upset  
Myself..wow what the hell is going on with this school district, is everyone crazy...  
What did you get me involved with, this is insane...

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# Birthday Gift

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 8:51:19 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org"

Dave,

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# Re: Birthday Gift

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To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

By the way, birthday man, anytime a trustee calls up a citizen and screams at him and then calls back five times is absolute grounds for a formal complaint to Asst Supt Fawn Myers. Of course Armando can't help you but you can do this Monday and it will put her in her place

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# Okay

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To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org"

Dave,

It's okay, she called me back and apologized, it's partly my fault for talking smack. Politics my friend...but hell I don't want to worry about that today. Anyway, when she called me back, I said I heard her and I were in bed with each other...These board meetings and all this junk has brought the community down, it's the talk of the town... We must get back to our children's education and that will never happen when Ruebaish chases after Amy into the bathroom and pressures her, for all to hear, why she voted in favor of tabling the Supts. Expenses...What a joke...I see what is going on the four Bullies are hammering on her...poor thing, right...hehe out of control and I wish your writing was true, they both resigned...

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# Confidential

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To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org"

Dave, what I told you about yesterday stays between you and I...her and I worked it out, so I consider the incident closed...it was partly my fault and hers...She was big enough to call back and apologize. I think this is working on all of us...

I need a drink, what a week it has been... 🍷 📱 🗑️

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## Re: Okay

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 12:01:22 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

Wow so Rubbish screamed at Bully about that vote ? Yeah and Mrs Fitch heard it all. and pounded on the wall we can hear you so that's why she rushed over to Karen after the meeting. Listen these people are not complicated. These are the bottom of the barrel!

Advice [REDACTED] never give an inch to a Borderline personality because now you'll hear it forever. Frankly though my bigger question is why do you communicate with such an individual. I have first hand experience in my work with these types and 100% of the time they will target you. You don't have to go worry about me saying anything because everything you told me is out in the community already. Betando has it. Scott fm has it. Whoever Bully got drunk with last night downtown has it. All her MH truck stop sistahs have it

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We must get back to our children's education and that will never happen when Ruebaish chases after Amy into the bathroom and pressures her, for all to hear, why she voted in favor of tabling the Supts. Expenses...What a joke...I see what is going on the four Bullies are hammering on her...poor thing, right...hehe out of control and I wish your writing was true, they both resigned...

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To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org" , email: "betandos@mhusd.org betandos@mhusd.org" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org" , email: "rwoolf9523[REDACTED]" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org" , email: "gerardd@mhusd.org" , email: "jborgioli[REDACTED] gino Borgioli"

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glen R. Webb".

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You are right. Thanks for looking out for me and having my back!

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To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"  
Bcc: email: "I I"

Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 1:20:38 AM Pacific Daylight Time

I am finished dealing with Bully Porter Jensen myself because one look at her use of makeup and her dress and we shrinks can identify her as a borderline personality. With a borderline you are in for a very unpleasant and turbulent time for yourself unless you block her out 100%. That's what I do with her and if she crosses the line she's going to face assault charges from me. Borderline personalities like Mr. Betando and Bully must be kept at a distance and must be given very firm boundaries.

Now for Bully to accuse you of saying that she has had sex with Betando. Well she must have heard it from someone, right? Yes of course and that someone is in your small army as you put it.

So think about it. I'm glad that she's turned her odd attention span away from me for now and on to you but you'll soon find that once you've established a relationship with a bully they find ways to keep coming back unless you've set up a Berlin Wall between you and them. And because borderlines have a hard time distinguishing between your space and their space they will constantly be on the lookout for imagined invasions of their space even if neutral observers (like cops and judges) don't agree.

The more you let borderlines like Bully, her Colombian twin Claudia Rossi, Betando, and others who will soon be emerging as your recall starts, the less likely the recall will succeed. Bully told me she was born here and has many friends and sadly that's true. Follow Clink and Karen and get your 8000 quickly

Happy birthday  
DG

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Dave, that is great stuff, too funny.

Well it has been an interesting day...

This is between you and I, not to be repeated...

Amy, my new girl friend called me today and wished me a happy birthday and then she went postal and started screaming at me that I said she was in bed with ole Stevie boy... I may have said that in joking a while back but not of late.

I had made her a promise I would not involve her in this mess...

Okay she is hysterical and I finally told her to Fuc□ff and hung up on her...

I did e□mail her and apologized by saying its politics and rumors are abound.

She tried to call me 5 times, I answered she said she was sorry. I was pretty upset

Myself...wow what the hell is going on with this school district, is everyone crazy...

What did you get me involved with, this is insane...

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To: email: "monicaguynn [REDACTED] Monica Guynn"

That's a great point! He has more common sense than a classroom of "webbsters". Which brings me to my point: Webb did parents a huge disservice and missed making it a teachable moment. I'm afraid we just saw a display of the quality of education presented by MH teachers. Check the box and move on !!  
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# Leadership

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email: "monicaguynn [REDACTED] Monica Guynn"

Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 8:44:00 AM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org Donna Ruebusch" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org Amy Porter Jensen" , email: "rickbadillo [REDACTED] Rick Badillo" , email: "beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento" , email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org Gino Borgioli" , email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] Ron Woolf"

## Poor Leadership Begins at the Top: It's Time for Positive Change

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Right on! Send that one to [editor](#) [REDACTED] and snoguchi [REDACTED] and if you dare to [marty](#) [REDACTED]

Your message deserves a much broader message than just the four cement blocks and their philandering puppet master whose always just trying to get more for himself before he is sent packing by justifiably furious parents and taxpayers.

This is a true American tragedy that is unfortunately not limited to this district but with a strong and persistent parent movement we can create the sense of urgency to topple the Berlin Wall that blocks our kids from studying in the Academic Powerhouse they need to survive in Silicon Valley.

Only 40% meet national standards in math? 50% in English! We're training the future janitors, fast food cooks and unemployables, how many of these kids will end up on the streets or in prison? How many on welfare? How many will be able to live even 75 miles away from Morgan Hill when they grow up? The wasted talent and the broken lives of our kids' future drive me to change this monstrous and harmful system every day. The recent numbers that Webb hid from the public eye are the data that parents must get into the hands of every voter of this district as your parent army goes house to house. Find the 8000 voters here who want the best, turn in those names and support a single consensus candidate such as Adam Escoto and I guarantee you we will have an education revolution here!!  
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...and the hits just keep on coming...

This past Friday [REDACTED] came home from school went into [REDACTED] back pack and opened [REDACTED] Friday folder. I heard [REDACTED] crying from [REDACTED] room. When I went to [REDACTED] to see what was up, [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had read this memo. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED]

I agree, I was employed at Union School District for close to 30 years and never saw something like this memo go out to the public...

Mr. Webb, this is supposed to be the smooth transition into sixth grade that you so much preach?

[REDACTED] Thank you!

**Whoever approved this memo should be fired...**

You wonder why we parents are upset and I wonder when this madness will end?!

See said memo below...

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Monica Guynn <monicaguynn [REDACTED]>  
**Date:** October 10, 2015 at 12:42:58 PM PDT  
**To:** Rob Guynn <robguynn [REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Memo

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## Fwd: Item for Next Board Meeting--SBAC Discussion

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Sunday, October 11, 2015 at 12:11:50 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
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Date: Sun, Oct 11, 2015 at 12:11 PM

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Steve,

It is a well known fact, that the enrollment drives the budget. During last week's board meeting, I asked you what the current enrollment for MHUSD was. Your response was "It's steady". I found that response to be somewhat vague. I would like you to provide to Board, an actual enrollment number, comparable to the past 9 years. As per the Board Retreat, and expectations set by you, I look forward to a prompt response.

In addition, during the Board meeting, I eluded to my colleagues, that I was in possession of information that I requested through a PRR. At the time of my request, I asked you to provide all Trustees with the same information, so that we are all informed of your expenses and reimbursements. Did you provide that information to the rest of the trustees? Yes or no? If not, I am requesting you provide the summary sheets of that information, from the time you assumed the position of Supt.

Rick

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

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David-

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Rob  
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## Re: reply

email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:53:05 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
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Cc: email: "jborgioli [REDACTED] gino Borgioli" , email: "rickbadillo [REDACTED] Rick Badillo" , email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch"

The boss of, now here's a new name I don't know why I didn't think of it till now and you better use it in the campaign trail, Bozo Benevento, yes that's right, Bob "Bozo" Benevento, has promised all trustees that he'll answer all our letters. So I'm waiting but not too long.

Bozo and his Clown Car--perfect!!!

Watch them do their little dance! Bozo's little spin move just like a cheer leader when he prances from one trustee's chair to the next, passing illegal notes, Woolfy's elephantine lumbering out of the board room to go to the pisspot every time it's my turn to speak, Bully PJ's absurd big ass catwalk through the middle of the audience as Slimy Stevie licks his chops as he watches her from behind as the parents' jaws drop when they see her slut shoes, and Rubbish's classic fingernails-scraping-the-chalkboard-voice as she asks Bozo what's the vote about three times before finally voting to let Slimy Stevie get off after stealing \$23,000 in public funds. That's the MHUSD Clown Car and I'm waiting to see Karen Fitch unleash a series of Clown Car Cartoons (TM) every week of your recall campaign. And I'm wondering why on God's Green Earth you're not videotaping these sessions and putting them on YouTube if not GoFundMe???

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## Comment from MH times

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email: "monicaguynn [REDACTED] Monica Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:44:43 PM Pacific Daylight Time Guynn"

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To: email: "monicaguynn [REDACTED] Monica Guynn"

Monica,

I thought the comment was right on target. Why won't the MH Times point out the \$800,000 per year loss if these guys stuck around?

Maybe you could write a letter to the editor that simply repeats the points made in the comments -- Benevento doesn't have any other argument except cost but he's the real cost !! Letter must be sent tonight though fir Friday publication

DG

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Steve Betando  
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## Re: Safe Storage of Fire Arms Memo

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Karen Fitch"

Hi Steve,

I'm afraid you missed my point --dropping such an unusual memo in a kid's Friday folder as you chose to do last week opens up lots of questions because there was no context for that memo. Parents found it insensitive in the way it was written because the bottom line in plain English is, "if your kid brings a loaded gun to school and blows someone's head off, you could be financially responsible." I absolutely have issues with both the memo's language and the lack of context, which suggests utter insensitivity to the nuances of gun violence in our schools. That's not a very sound approach and as it came again from the CIA director and not either Ms. Rowe or Dr. Zavala it raises questions about your managerial judgment. I don't enjoy being critical but when we are dealing with such a delicate subject we need to be careful about optics. In this case the memo may have backfired (no pun intended).

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On Wednesday, October 14, 2015, Steve Betando <[betandos@mhusd.org](mailto:betandos@mhusd.org)> wrote:

Hello Trustees,

A question came up about the origin of the message sent out on safe storage of firearms. The request was generated by the State Superintendent's office. Below is what Tom Torlakson wrote. Feel free to share this information with community members who might object to the warning to firearm owners in the need to keep their weapon's secure to increase safety and reduce the chance of death or serious injury. I hope you will agree that we must do our part in reducing alarming statistics nationwide and incidents in our communities. Thanks.

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Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

Please see the letters below from the California Department of Education regarding child access to firearms.

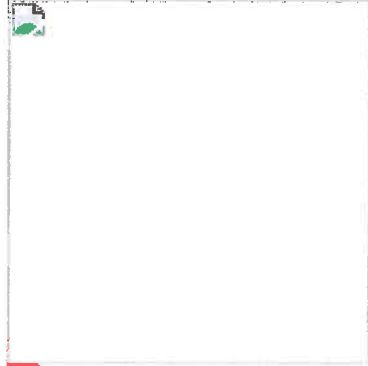
Sincerely,

Tom Torlakson

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Steve Betando  
Superintendent  
Morgan Hill Unified School District

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CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION

**TOM TORLAKSON**

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

May 13, 2015

Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

### **SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS AND SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY**

In spite of two decades of high-profile school shootings throughout the U.S., safety overall has improved and violence has dropped. Yet, almost weekly, another school attack or safety scare arises. The psychological impact of these incidents is evident.

With each incident, regardless of location, our awareness of the need to be vigilant increases. Any level of violence and victimization is unacceptable. Recent analysis of school shootings found that 68 percent of shooters brought firearms from home to their campus. It is important for district and school administrators to help educate parents and guardians about California's child access prevention laws; it is a crime for a person to negligently store or leave a loaded firearm in a place where a child is likely to access it.

Please consider this an urgent request to inform your school community about the law regarding safe storage of firearms. I have attached two templates (English and Spanish versions) for memoranda to parents and guardians informing them of the laws in California regarding safe storage of firearms. I strongly encourage you to use these documents to help educate parents and guardians of their responsibilities under California law.

When it comes to gun violence, schools cannot do it alone. The California Department of Education and the education community are dedicated to making our schools the safest in the nation, but it is the responsibility of parents and guardians to store firearms according to California law. If California's child access prevention law is to be practiced more widely throughout the state, we must all work together to prevent future tragedies.

Schools must remain welcoming while maintaining consistent efforts to increase the safety of students and staff. This is not an easy task, and I applaud your ongoing efforts to increase school safety and awareness. Students and staff thrive in a culture free of fear and risk of school shootings. To that end, my staff will continue to provide resources and technical assistance. If you have questions about school safety and security, please contact Stephanie Papas, School Health Education Consultant, by phone at 916-445-8441 or by e-mail at [spapas@cde.ca.gov](mailto:spapas@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Torlakson".

Tom Torlakson

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Attachments

2015-03037

## Sample Memorandum

To: Parents and Guardians of Students in the XX School District  
From: Superintendent XX

### **Subject: California Law Regarding Safe Storage of Firearms**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to inform and to remind parents and legal guardians of all students in the XX School District of their responsibilities for keeping firearms out of the hands of children as required by California law. There have been many news reports of children bringing firearms to school. In many instances, the child obtained the firearm(s) from his or her home. These incidents can be easily prevented by storing firearms in a safe and secure manner, including keeping them locked up when not in use and storing them separately from ammunition.

To help everyone understand their legal responsibilities, this memo spells out California law regarding the storage of firearms. Please take some time to review this memo and evaluate your own personal practices to assure that you and your family are in compliance with California law.

- California makes a person criminally liable for keeping a loaded firearm, under their custody and control, where that person knows or reasonably should know that a child is likely to gain access to the firearm without the permission of the child's parent or legal guardian and the child obtains access to the firearm and thereby: (1) causes death or great bodily injury to the child or any other person; (2) carries the firearm to a public place, including to any preschool or school grades K–12, including to any school-sponsored event, activity, or performance; or (3) brandishes a firearm to others. The criminal penalty maybe greater if someone dies or suffers great bodily injury as a result of the child gaining access to the firearm.<sup>1</sup>
- As of 2014, California makes a person criminally liable if they negligently store or leave any loaded firearm on their premises where a child is likely to gain access to it— regardless of whether or not the child brings the gun to a public place.<sup>1</sup>
- A parent or guardian may also be civilly liable for damages resulting from the discharge of a firearm by that person's child or ward. These damages may be up to \$30,000 per victim.<sup>2</sup>
- **Gun owners may avoid criminal liability under Cal. Penal Code § 25100 by keeping their firearm in a locked container or secured with a locking device that renders the firearm inoperable.**<sup>3</sup>

Thank you for helping to keep our children and schools safe. Remember that the easiest and safest way to comply with the law is to keep firearms in a locked container or secured with a locking device that renders the firearm inoperable.

Sincerely,  
XXXXX XXXXX

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<sup>1</sup> See Cal. Penal Code §§ 25100 through 25125; 25200 through 25220.

<sup>2</sup> See Cal. Civil Code § 1714.3.

<sup>3</sup> See Cal. Penal Code §§ 25105; 25205.

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Glen Webb, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

[Webbgl@mhusd.org](mailto:Webbgl@mhusd.org)



Padres,

El Superintendente Estatal de Instrucción Pública ha declarado que esta semana será la semana de Seguridad del Arma y nuestra mesa directiva escolar local, ha seguido con su propia resolución con el objetivo de concientizar a la población.

Todos estamos muy consciente, tiroteos trágicos y masivos ocurren a menudo y son desgarradores. Es nuestra responsabilidad de aprender lo que podamos de estos incidentes y aplicarlo para proteger mejor a los estudiantes y disminuir la trágica pérdida de vidas.

Aunque no hemos sufrido la angustia de incidentes con armas de fuego en nuestras escuelas locales, es crucial que seamos conscientes y hacer todo lo posible para que siga siendo así. Entre las lecciones aprendidas es que todos debemos estar atentos y reportar cualquier signo de alarma, tales como los cambios en la salud mental o comportamientos que sean indicadores de un movimiento hacia un desenlace violento. Otro dato muy concreto es que alrededor de 2/3 de todos los tiroteos masivos escolares usan un arma de fuego que fue traído de casa donde estaba fácilmente disponible para el perpetrador. En conjunto, podemos aumentar nuestro nivel de seguridad, asegurándonos de que las armas de fuego se almacenen en forma segura y de acuerdo con la ley de California.

En nombre de todos nosotros, un agradecimiento especial a nuestros Superintendentes y Administradores Escolares de la mesa directiva por su apoyo unánime en esta campaña de sensibilización y de su compromiso con la seguridad de los estudiantes.

Sinceramente,

Glen Webb, Director de Currículo, Instrucción y Evaluación y Designado del Distrito para el Equipo de Respuesta de Emergencias de la Comunidad

A continuación un memorando repasando las leyes de almacenamiento de pistolas:

### **Tema: La Ley de California con Respecto al Almacenamiento Seguro de Armas de Fuego**

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El propósito de este memorándum es para informar/recordarles a los padres y tutores legales de todos los estudiantes en el Distrito Escolar de Morgan Hill de sus responsabilidades para mantener las armas fuera del alcance de los niños, como requerido por la ley de California. Ha habido muchos reportajes sobre niños que llevaron armas a escuela. Muchas veces el niño ha obtenido el arma de su casa. Estos incidentes se pueden prevenir fácilmente guardando las armas de fuego en una manera segura y protegida, incluyendo guardadas bajo llave cuando no se utilizan y la munición se almacenan por separado.

Para ayudar que todos entiendan esta responsabilidad, este memorándum explica en detalle la ley de California con respecto al almacenamiento de armas de fuego. Por favor tome tiempo para revisar este memorándum y evaluar su propia situación personal para asegurar que esté en cumplimiento con la ley de California.

- California le puede imputar un delito a una persona por guardar una arma de fuego cargada en un lugar donde sabe, o razonablemente sabe, que un niño (*una persona menor de la edad de 18 años*) tiene la probabilidad de obtener acceso, si el niño en realidad obtiene acceso al arma de fuego y, o: **(1)** la lleva a un lugar público, incluyendo a cualquier escuela preescolar o a una escuela K-12 o a cualquier otro evento, actividad o función patrocinados por cualquier escuela, **(2)** la enseña, o **(3)** si el arma de fuego hiere a alguien. La pena es mayor si alguien muere o sufre un gran daño corporal como resultado de que el niño obtuvo acceso al arma de fuego.<sup>1</sup>
- A partir del 2014, California le puede imputar un delito a una persona si negligentemente guarda o deja cualquier arma de fuego cargada en su local donde un niño tiene la probabilidad de obtener acceso— a pesar de si el niño lleva el arma de fuego a un espacio público o no.<sup>2</sup>
- Un Padre o tutor también puede tener responsabilidad civil por los daños y perjuicios que resultan de la descarga de un arma de fuego por el hijo o pupilo de esa persona. Estos daños y perjuicios pueden ser hasta \$30,000.00 por víctima y un total de \$60,000.00.<sup>3</sup>
- ***Los dueños de armas pueden evitar la responsabilidad bajo estas leyes guardando su arma de fuego en un recipiente cerrado con llave o protegida con un mecanismo de cierre cuando no se utiliza.***<sup>4</sup>

Gracias por ayudar a mantener seguros a nuestros niños en la escuela. Recuerde que la manera más fácil y segura de cumplir con la ley es de guardar las armas de fuego en un recipiente cerrado con llave o protegida con un mecanismo de cierre cuando no se utiliza.

Atentamente.



Glen Webb, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

<sup>1</sup> Veá el Código Penal de California §§ 25100; 25200.

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## Sharing another comment from MH Times

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To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento" , email: "betandos@mhusd.org betandos@mhusd.org" , email: "rwoolf9523[REDACTED] Ron Woolf" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org Donna Ruebusch" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org Amy Porter Jensen" , email: "jborgioli[REDACTED]" , email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

Here is another comment made by a community member dissatisfied with our district

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**helloMH95037: MY AGENDA IS MY KID!**

I am still unclear as to the agenda of the superintendent.

He wants to hire a mouthpiece to do his job at the cost of another \$100,000.00.

The 6th grade configuration cheerleader, Webb, asks for money to cover the cost of sending 5th grade students to science camp. Is his agenda to appease questioning parents with magic money?

You have Amy Porter-Jensen making wisecracks about how much some schools fundraise verses others. What is her agenda?

Donna Ruebusch's agenda is to leave School Board Meetings early?

Benevento's agenda...rubber-stamp whatever Betando wants.

Wednesday, October 14

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## Read comments in MH times and listen to your constituents

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email: "monicaguynn[REDACTED] Monica Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 9:53:31 PM Pacific Daylight Time Guynn"

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Sharing more comments.....

I believe the person who commented was trying to get the article corrected because it is not accurate.

I don't believe that 100 students will leave if the schools don't improve, I believe it will be a lot more than that. I know my 2 will be gone, and it is not because I am pulling them if the parents fighting for the kids lose their recall movement, I am pulling them because our schools are not doing well and yet the Superintendent and his four sheep on the school board are not willing to admit there is a problem that needs to be addressed. If you are happy with failing you should definitely support the current board and superintendent. They are very good at pretending the schools are great, and apparently gordonj588 is drinking the Cool Aid.

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email: "monicaguynn [REDACTED] Monica Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 9:56:48 PM Pacific Daylight Time Guynn"

To: email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org Amy Porter Jensen" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org Donna Ruebusch" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] Ron Woolf" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org" , email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org Gino Borgioli" , email: "beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento" , email: "betandos@mhusd.org betandos@mhusd.org" , email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

.....read the views of your public....

Another community member comment....

The MHUSD is spiraling down hill. Our leaders are making poor decisions with a 4 to 3 board and a district leader who allows memos to be sent out in Friday folders telling parents to secure their guns because if their kids come to school with a gun and fire it, the parents will be fined 30,000 dollars. Those of you who support this poor leadership obviously don't go to board meetings and don't have children that attend our schools. Don't support either side unless you know all the issues and can support your side with facts and not your hateful opinions.

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## More evening reading

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## Re: More evening reading

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 10:47:45 PM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "monicaguynn [REDACTED] Monica Guynn"

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## Fwd: Notification - Gas Smell at Britton

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 1:56:12 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "jborgioli [REDACTED] gino Borgioli"  
Bcc: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" , email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch" , email:  
"dave [REDACTED] Dave Clink"

Imagine 12 months from now 1000 students on the field same issue -

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From: **Jayne Giangreco** <[giangrecoj@mhusd.org](mailto:giangrecoj@mhusd.org)>  
Date: Thursday, October 15, 2015  
Subject: Notification - Gas Smell at Britton  
To: Amy Porter Jensen <[PorterJensenA@mhusd.org](mailto:PorterJensenA@mhusd.org)>, Bob Benevento  
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Cc: Steve Betando <[betandos@mhusd.org](mailto:betandos@mhusd.org)>

Trustees,

There was a gas smell at Britton and the fire alarm was pulled. All students have been moved to the field and the fire department is on the scene. PG&E is on their way. Facilities believes the smell is from the HVAC which releases these "burps" which can smell like gas. Students will return to class as soon as PG&E gives the ok for them to do so.

Thank you,  
Jayne

*Jayne Giangreco*

Executive Secretary to the Superintendent  
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Imagine 12 months from now 1000 students on the field same issue --oh wait---there will be construction going on in the field. But I'm sure Mr Webb has already disaggregated that data. Move along children, nothing to see! Move along, I say!

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## SBAC Results

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email: "badillor@mhusd.org Rick Badillo" Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 2:08:38 PM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "betandos@mhusd.org Steve Betando"

Cc: email: "BeneventoB@mhusd.org Bob Benevento"

Bcc: email: "sforstner [REDACTED] Scott Forstner" , email: "snoguch [REDACTED] Sharon  
Noguchi" , email: "dgerard [REDACTED] David Gerard" , email: "barmando3 [REDACTED] Armando Be" , email:  
"fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch" , email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" , email: "roakley [REDACTED]  
Oakley, Ryan" , email: "veronicabad1 [REDACTED] Veritutititita mi amorcito" , email: "Sally\_Casas [REDACTED]  
Sally Casas" , email: "pcisewski [REDACTED] Paige Cisewski" , email: "ckharman [REDACTED] Kristin Harman"

Steve,

I know the MHUSD has had the SBAC results. When will we be sending these out to the community. Ed Code 60640, in part states that within 20 working days of receipt, or within 20 days of the next school year. Please provide the entire Board with an update.

Rick

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email: "monicaguynn[REDACTED] Monica Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 5:14:47 PM Pacific Daylight Time Guynn"

To: email: "badillor@mhusd.org" , email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org Gino Borgioli" , email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org Amy Porter Jensen" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org Donna Ruebusch" , email: "rwoolf9523[REDACTED] Ron Woolf" , email: "beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento"

More truthful comments from your public....

morganhil: General Conundrum and Gordon --so maybe you didn't read the article. Betando got reimbursed over \$12,000 and perhaps over \$23,000 in our tax money, without going through the approval process that is stated in black and white in his contract. For the trustees to ignore this would make them complicit in what we would call in places outside the Morgan Hill Bubble "unjust enrichment". That's what was in the agenda. Betando already has gotten this money, don't you get it? What would happen to your boss if she did the same at work?? She'd be fired of course! And that's what these trustees should do if Betando doesn't come forward with an immediate apology and the repayment of tax money that he took without authorization. This is literally taking school services away from our children. What if we let these things pass without penalty? Why would we give Betando special treatment?Where's the outrage Mr. and Ms. Taxpayers? Pretty cut and dried, Gordon and General Conundrum!!

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# Positive Change

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email: "monicaguynn[REDACTED] Monica      Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 6:00:50 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
Guynn"

To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org Donna Ruebusch" , email:  
"rwoolf9523[REDACTED] Ron Woolf" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org Amy Porter Jensen" , email:  
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Listen to the community...especially the parents

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**-LEON BROWN**

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## Positive Change

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email: "monicaguynn[REDACTED] Monica      Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:36:03 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
Guynn"

To: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento" , email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org Donna Ruebusch" , email:  
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# Superintendent's Expenses

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Monday, October 19, 2015 at 1:13:14 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "ruebuschd@mhusd.org" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED]" , email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org" , email:  
"beneventob@mhusd.org" , email: "dgerard [REDACTED]" , email: "jborgio [REDACTED] gino Borgioli" , email:  
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VERY IMPORTANT...MUST READ...VERY IMPORTANT...MUST READ...

We the people are in the process of filing a complaint with the Justice Department of the State of California for Superintendent Steve Betando's past expenses to be reviewed. As tax payers we have the right to have the expenses investigated and what we are doing is legal. What Mr. Betando has done is highly illegal.

Please vote **no** on Superintendent Steve Betando's past expenses. I must remind you that he is **under contract** and that said contract says with prior approval. A contract is a binding document, a yes vote will **breach his contract**. He must be held accountable for money he has stolen from tax-payers.

cc Attorney Generals Office, State of California  
Attention: Justice Department  
Santa Clara District Attorney's Office  
Sharon Noguchi, San Jose Mercury News  
Scott Forstner, Morgan Hill Times

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# POLICE REPORT

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email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn" Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 11:08:22 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

Dave,

APJ filed a complaint with the police department. The officer said he had twelve e-mails of sexual nature. Monica and I went through each of my sent e-mails and not one even hint of a sexual nature...We are now printing them out...If I asked to meet for coffee in a public place is of sexual nature, well arrest me now, wow...I talked to a Criminal Lawyer and a Civil Lawyer, they both say that either Benevento or Betando have doctored my e-mails that was sent. She has filed a false claim with the police department and I can go after her in court for doing so...They need to back off they are skating on thin ice...  
How do like them now?

ROB GUYNN PHOTOGRAPHY  
NFL Alumni Photo Services  
El Toro SSC President

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] {Office }  
[REDACTED] {Mobile }  
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sent from my iPad

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## Re: RECALL BENEVENTO

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email: "porterjensena [REDACTED] Amy Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 11:14:30 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
Porter Jensen"

To: email: "robguynn [REDACTED] Rob Guynn"

Cc: email: "beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] Ron Woolf" , email:  
"ruebuschd@mhusd.org Donna Ruebusch" , email: "jborgioli [REDACTED] gino Borgioli" , email:  
"dgerard [REDACTED] David Gerard" , email: "rickbadillo [REDACTED] rickbadillo [REDACTED]"

On Tue, Sep 29, 2015 at 11:45 AM, Rob Guynn <[robguynn \[REDACTED\]](mailto:robguynn [REDACTED])> wrote:

My name is PARENTS4POSITIVECHANGE and I have been following the news of the pending recall of MHUSD Board Trustee and President, Bob Benevento.

I support the recall and I intend on signing the recall petition and eventually voting for Trustee Benevento's removal.

The school district has enough things to deal with, besides a special election to have Benevento recalled.

Mr. Benevento, I urge you to resign as a MHUSD Trustee.

The parents of this community understand that you have served many years on committees and boards and organizations, but perhaps your time is up. Education has changed in this world and Morgan Hill needs to face the fact that our schools are not shining stars.

I have read the recall petition and I want to put [REDACTED] education first.

Mr. Benevento, it time for a change.

Respectfully,  
P4PC

[beneventob@mhusd.org](mailto:beneventob@mhusd.org), [badillor@mhusd.org](mailto:badillor@mhusd.org), [porterjensena@mhusd.org](mailto:porterjensena@mhusd.org), [ruebuschd@mhusd.org](mailto:ruebuschd@mhusd.org), [gerardd@mhusd.org](mailto:gerardd@mhusd.org), [rwoolf9523 \[REDACTED\]@mhusd.org](mailto:rwoolf9523 [REDACTED]@mhusd.org) and [betandos@mhusd.org](mailto:betandos@mhusd.org)

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# "Professional Contact"

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email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch" Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 6:20:30 AM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "porterjensena@mhusd.org Amy Porter Jensen" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org Rick Badillo" , email:  
"beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento" , email: "rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] Ron Woolf" , email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org  
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 , email: "betandos@mhusd.org Steve Betando" , email: "snoguchi [REDACTED] Sharon Noguchi" , email:  
"sforstner [REDACTED] Scott Forstner"

Mrs. Porter-Jensen,

We are not and we shall never be "friends" via FaceBook. Do not contact me through that channel. If you want to contact me, do it through your MHUSD email. I told you, after you approached me, at the culmination of a MHUSD Board of Trustees Meeting that I do not trust you. I see no reason for us to communicate at all, unless it is about the business of the MHUSD.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Fitch

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## Fwd: Resignation?

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"    Monday, October 26, 2015 at 5:14:21 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
To: email: "jborgioli [REDACTED] gino Borgioli" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org Rick G. Badillo"  
Cc: email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch" , email: "dave [REDACTED] Dave Clink"

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **David Gerard** <[gerardd@mhusd.org](mailto:gerardd@mhusd.org)>  
Date: Monday, October 26, 2015  
Subject: Resignation?  
To: Steve Betando <[betandos@mhusd.org](mailto:betandos@mhusd.org)>

Hello Steve,  
Happy Monday. Though I can't reveal who shared these rumors, have any of our current MHUSD board members resigned? I'm not aware of this myself.

Best regards,  
David

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# The Status of Amy Porter-Jensen as a MHUSD Trustee

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email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen      Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 12:05:17 PM Pacific Daylight Time  
Fitch"

To: email: "betandos@mhusd.org Steve Betando" , email: "beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento" , email:  
"rwoolf9523 [REDACTED] Ron Woolf" , email: "badillor@mhusd.org Rick Badillo" , email: "borgiolig@mhusd.org Gino  
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10/28/15

Dear Superintendent Betando, President Benevento, Vice President Woolf,  
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Please confirm that Mrs.  
Porter-Jensen resigned as a MHUSD Trustee on October 20, 2015.

Respectfully,

Karen Fitch

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## Re: The Status of Amy Porter-Jensen as a MHUSD Trustee

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email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 12:47:44 PM Pacific Daylight Time

To: email: "fitchfamusa [REDACTED] Karen Fitch"

Cc: email: "betandos@mhusd.org Steve Betando" , email: "Beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento"

Dear Mrs. Fitch:

Thank you for your email. I have heard the same rumors about Trustee Porter Jensen being a target of a new potential recall and shortly thereafter I began to hear that she has resigned. However, in response to a question from me as to whether any current trustees have resigned, Mr. Betando told me as of yesterday morning that there have been no trustee resignations. I later learned from other sources that she has executed a sworn affidavit that she did indeed resign as of October 20 and that she immediately informed MHUSD. I also know that a vacancy occurs only when a Trustee sends written confirmation to the County Superintendent. Since it is our Superintendent's responsibility to inform trustees of any such change, I can only tell you what I have heard and thus I am copying both Mr. Betando and our Board President who will be able to validate or deny these rumors.

Best regards  
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# Re: The Status of Amy Porter-Jensen as a MHUSD Trustee

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Fitch"  
To: email: "gerardd@mhusd.org David Gerard"  
Cc: email: "betandos@mhusd.org Steve Betando" , email: "Beneventob@mhusd.org Bob Benevento"

THANK YOU MR. GERARD.

It is so refreshing to actually get a response to a correspondence that I sent.

I appreciate your candor and understand that you cannot confirm the Mrs. Porter-Jensen has vacated her position.

Karen Fitch

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