

November 10, 2020

Dear San Diego Unified District School Board and Superintendent Marten,

My name is Jeremy Hurlbert and I am an Assistant Director at Gompers Preparatory Academy. I am writing to you today because for the past 16 years, I have had the honor of working alongside four heroes- Vince Riveroll, Lisa Maples, Paz Garcia-Ramirez, and Judith Franceschi - who have done the impossible work in District E at Gompers Preparatory Academy. Their efforts have consistently been praised by our staff, students, families, and our community. Day after day, year after year, they forge ahead with our Mission, serving the students of Southeastern San Diego and providing the educational opportunities that ALL students deserve. This is the work that you have so easily dismissed by choosing to revoke their "on-loan" agreements. A decision that was made without providing a single valid reason for doing so. Is this the way that you treat dedicated employees after 16+ years of service, not to mention in the middle of a pandemic? These are exactly the people that our staff, students, families, and community need right now more than ever. Please do what is right and reverse your decision and immediately reinstate their "on-loan" status for as long as Gompers Preparatory Academy is a district-approved charter school.

Thank you,

Jeremy Hurlbert