

November 20, 2020

Dear Superintendent Marten and SDUSD Board members,

I am requesting you grandfather the four on-loan district employees at Gompers Preparatory Academy (GPA). Please allow us to continue the work at GPA without having to make the decision to return to the district or resign from the district.

Our work on behalf of students in District E has brought success and the district has commended us on the work we have done. We appreciate your praise, but during these perilous times, more than ever **we need your grace.**

Allowing the four of us GPA founders to continue on loan would **allow us to continue to provide consistent service and leadership** to a historically underserved community.

I implore you to consider our years of service to the district prior to working at GPA; as well as our selfless work to transform a failing school into a thriving school.

It is hard to fathom that after 28 years of service and as I near retirement age, I would choose to resign. I also find it hard to fathom that after 16 years of steady improvements and dedicated service I would walk away from what I consider my life's work. It feels like an impossible decision to have to make. **Please do not force us during a time of crisis to make such a lofty decision that will have dire effects whichever way we choose.** Please make the humane and benevolent decision to support your employees who are making a difference in district E; **please allow us to remain on loan.**

I trust that you will give this great consideration. I trust that as requested by Dr. Whitehurst Payne during the November 17th board meeting, on loan is agendaized for the December 1st board meeting and that you favorably decide to allow us to remain and continue the good work we have been doing for 16 years.

I am more than willing to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached at 619-757-4839.

Respectfully,
Lisa A. Maples