

Greetings, Superintendent Marten:

I hope my email finds you well.

I am writing this email to ask you to preserve the on-loan status for me and my GPA colleagues Judith Franceschi, Lisa Maples and Vincent Riveroll.

The four of us have spent the majority of our educational careers serving the families of Gompers Preparatory Academy with pride and satisfaction. Many of our students come to GPA from within the neighboring community in District E, as well as from other underserved areas in San Diego. As you already know, working in a school south of I-8 is not a job for everyone. It has taken a tremendous amount of not only arduous work, time and dedication, but also a great deal of heart work to turn GPA into the thriving educational and safety hub that is significantly needed by our students and that has been requested by their parents.

The difficult work that the four of us have performed prior, during and after the inception of the charter is driven by the philosophy and belief system we uphold. Our belief system is that every child is deserving of a good and decent education in a safe and nurturing environment. This is needed in order to ensure our students graduate from high school and matriculate to a college or university of their choice.

The progress that Gompers Preparatory has made over the last 16 years has been noteworthy and appreciated by the parents, community and other stakeholders. A team composed of the aforementioned on-loan employees is what is needed to continue propelling the successful trajectory of the school. It is what the parents, students, and community expect and deserve.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider revoking our on-loan agreements. Our parents, students and community have the expectation that the school should not deviate from the great work and success GPA has had and continues to experience. You have the opportunity in your hands to support the students and families of GPA by upholding the agreement.

I would like to leave you with the following words from a wise Roman philosopher:

***“To do harm is to do yourself harm.  
To do an injustice is to do yourself an injustice. It degrades you.  
You can also commit injustice by doing nothing.”***

***-Marcus Aurelius-***

With regards,

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