

Dear Superintendent Marten and San Diego Unified Board Members:

President- John Lee Evans

Vice- President- Richard Barrera

Board Trustee- Sharon Whitehurst-Payne

Member- Kevin Beiser

Member- Michael McQuary

Greetings Everyone:

My name is Armida Judith Franceschi. I am writing this letter with all my respect, to ask you to please preserve the on-loan status for my GPA colleagues and myself.

San Diego Unified School District placed me at Gompers Secondary School during the 2003-2004 school year, along with my colleagues. The four of us have worked and spent most of our educational careers at Gompers. I am wondering, why now? Why do we have to make this life-changing decision right in the middle of a worldwide crisis, a health pandemic? As you all know, the last school year, 2019-2020, ended with distance learning. We are now going into our fifth month of distance learning again. It hasn't been easy for anyone. We have been working above and beyond for eight months to ensure that our students are learning as much as they were before the health crisis, and to maintain some kind of normalcy in their lives. I want you to please deeply consider the immense impact this decision will have on our lives and the lives of our families, our students and their families, and our beloved school community.

Sixteen years ago, when we became a charter school, we were promised that our on loan status would stay active as long as our school met and maintained the standards set forth by the District and the State of California. I think you are aware that our school has been, and still is, a **brightly shining star** in Southeast San Diego. Once again, I am asking you, imploring you, on behalf of myself and my colleagues, our families, our students and their families, and our community, not to dim our brilliant GPA star.

We are not done. We still have work to do. The hard work that San Diego Unified School District has commissioned us to do. I ask that you please let us finish the work and meet the commitment we have embraced for our students, and families, and community.

Please reconsider this decision carefully and do not uproot everything we have worked so hard for, especially during a worldwide pandemic. Let us continue to serve our students as passionately as we have been for the last sixteen years.

Please allow our on-loan agreements at Gompers Preparatory Academy to remain in place.

Thank you for your consideration.

With all respect and gratitude,
A. Judith Franceschi

