

Dear Board of Education,

My name is Sergio Suarez and I have been a staff member at Gompers Preparatory Academy for 16 years. I am writing this letter to bring to your attention that I am very disappointed and saddened to hear that a promise to continue on-loan agreements for the duration of the charter, has been broken, and is weakening the pillars that hold GPA up. That promise is being compromised by your own political agendas that serve adults and not students.

The great trajectory of this school has been because of these four founders, Vincent Riveroll, Lisa Maples, Paz Garcia Ramírez, and Judith Franceschi. The key to success is being consistent and I've noticed a lot of the surrounding schools in district E lack consistency in their leadership. Principals and leaders are constantly being moved around to different locations making it hard for surrounding schools to build a strong foundation. GPA is very fortunate to have that strong foundation. Our founders have dedicated and sacrificed their own family for a greater cause. They have consistently served our students from district E for more than 2 decades.

It's NOT because of financial reasons as you stated in one of your letters, Gompers Preparatory Academy pays for these individuals and remaining on-loan is NOT causing any type of burden over your budget. Please consider what was promised to them in 2004 by a previous board, and continue to make decisions with your heart and stop politicizing and gambling with our kids.

Southeast San Diego deserves great things, our community deserves great things, our families deserve great things, our children who live in Southeast deserve loving and caring individuals. This is what we call heartwork.

Please consider reversing this decision as it not only hurts the livelihood of these four individuals, but it also destabilizes our school community.

Thank you,

Sergio Suarez
16 years of Service at GPA