

To: maritza.velazquez@sgvn.com

Subject: Article regarding Garvey School District - April 20, 2012

Date: Sun, 22 Apr 2012 19:11:21 -0700

Dear Ms. Velazquez,

Your representation that I criticized poor teachers and ruined the reputation of the district is inaccurate. Please find the attached full text of my comments as I read them at the Garvey School District Board Meeting on April 19, 2012. I was asserting concerns I have heard from parents and teachers who have for a long time felt that their voices have been ignored or silenced by teachers, school board members and administrators alike. My intention was to refocus the attention away from political maneuvering and back to how to best meet the educational needs and interests of all children in the Garvey School District in this very difficult time of devastating budget cuts. It is my hope that by speaking up that other parents will finally also come forward and engage in these conversations. My goal is to direct discussions to solutions and not further division among those beside parents who have a great impact on our children's education. I encourage you to help us by looking into the questions and concerns that have been raised by all sides.

Thank you,

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