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The Capistrano Dispatch

LETTERS

Addressing the Trustees

By Alli Maier, San Juan Capistrano

Good day Trustees. Inexplicably, I was unable to exercise my right, as a parent, to voice my opinion Tuesday evening—even though I arrived early enough to be the third person to submit my blue card.

My name is Alli Maier; my husband and I have lived in this district for over 35 years. Between the two of us, we have attended Crown Valley, Moulton, Del Obispo, Niguel Hills, Marco Forster and Dana Hills before moving on to venerated universities. Currently, I have three children in this district: a kindergartener and third grader at John Malcom and not know me, however, I am an active parent behind the scenes and have a reasonable command of the infra and superstructure issues that surround this wounded bird we call CUSD.

I am writing because of something Superintendent Carter taught me, personally: Silence is Concurrence. I implore each and every one of you to be truly contemplative about what it is you are doing. Most especially our newest board members, whose seats are still warm from their predecessors. It takes a great deal of audacity to enact something so severe without any tenure to back it. This type of activity lends itself to a heightened awareness that breeds distrust, contempt and community unrest. It raises suspicion and smacks of duplicity.

Superintendent Carter is a man of compassion, conviction, and internal fortitude—the likes of which our district has not seen in some time. His top priority is our children. What is yours?

To impetuously impeach this man, without legitimate provocation is a crime and an abuse of your power. Moreover, an expensive one at that. We are currently enduring the worst fiscal crisis in modern times, in California's history and our district's lifespan. Where do you propose getting the money from to accomplish this fanatical measure? The "Bank of Fired Teachers?" How does this benefit our children? This is fiscal irresponsibility at its ugliest. This extremist agenda is insulting to our intelligence.

Telling us to calm down is hypocritical (and a fallacious statement [Trustee] Addonizio). You all need to simmer down. We needed him. He continuously strived to make positive changes. It is incumbent upon each and every one

of you to establish peace—not perpetuate this vicious cycle of internal warfare.

This district seems to be having a love affair with inertia. Start thinking for yourselves, rather than succumbing to pressure from the Education Alliance. You are in no way, shape or form the role models for our children that you were elected to be. Your behavior is embarrassing. In the interest of divine justice, let me end with this: Hell hath no fury as parents of children scorned by the actions of a puppet group that clearly does not have our children's interests at heart. The ACLU has been contacted in connection with these unfolding events. Do you have the forecasting abilities to see where this is headed? I hope you do. Thank you for your time.