



DELAC CHAIR REPORT Karla Gabriela Franco

Esteemed DELAC members and guests. I am writing to you today to share my report, which serves as my most effective means of connecting with each of you and informing you of the significant impact we are making as a committee. Most importantly, it allows me to witness your remarkable growth as an advocate and your unwavering commitment to being a voice for our English learners.

I want to emphasize and acknowledge your remarkable growth in understanding how we should advocate for our students. But, above all, I want to highlight the immense responsibility we bear in accepting the role of representatives for your school. At the district level, we become the voice for all English learner students, not just our children or those in our schools. This elevated position transforms us into leading parent advocates who raise their voices to demand transparency and ensure our involvement in all district-wide changes and implementations that impact our English learner students. Our role is particularly crucial when such changes have the potential to affect our students positively or negatively. We must prevent our voices from being used solely for the benefit of others.

On Tuesday, May 7th, Mrs. Gomez (Board Member) presented a resolution to the board in which she wants to replace the DELAC committee by creating a subcommittee that will have no more than 2 or 3 parents on it. It will be run by district administrators, teachers, and organization members, thus taking all power away from the legitimate parents who were elected to represent our schools and all our English Learners. Especially newcomer students. She invited organizations like CARECEN and COFEM, and they also brought a newcomer student. The poor boy didn't even know how to speak English and still said they reclassified him with an English deficit which is reprehensible. I told them that if that is how they plan to reclassify students, not that they care about academic English. I emphasized that I as president was disappointed with that resolution since none of those who came have ever set foot on a school campus. They don't even have the slightest idea of how much their need is on our school campuses since all they are really looking for is not support for our students or parental involvement. All they are looking for is to blatantly steal even more of our students' funds. Parents, we cannot allow this.

We are legitimate parents, so we were elected by our ELAC committees at our school sites. What is even stronger is that DELAC is a Districtwide Parent Advisory Committee to advise district officials on services and programs for English Learners. It is a California state requirement that every public school district in California that has 51 English Learner students must form a District Level Parent Advisory Committee (DELAC). Our responsibilities as an advisory committee are also stated and we are to advise the school district board of trustees on:

The development of the district's master plan for educational programs.

The administration of a needs assessment in the district is conducted at each school.

Implementation of district-wide programs, goals, and objectives for programs and services.

Development of the district's plan to ensure that teacher assistants working with English Learners meet professional standards.

Parents, I know that if we allow that resolution to pass, our job and responsibility as legitimate parents and elected by our ELAC committees, our students will be the ones who pay the consequences of representatives who see us as problematic parents for demanding transparency and results of their implementations for the support of our English Learners. They will bring in a subcommittee that does not really help support our English Learners. The only good thing about this organization and the ideologies of Ms., Gomez is to enrich their pockets, and take away parent's legitimate right to advocate for our students with individuals who have never been involved in their children's education and believe they can advocate for those who are nothing.

SO, AS PRESIDENT, I ASK YOU TO JOIN US AND GO TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONFRONT THEM AND TELL THEM THAT WE WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO REPLACE A LEGITIMATE COMMITTEE. TOGETHER WE WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO TRAMPLE ON US ANYMORE AND WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO SET UP SUBCOMMITTEES THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED WITH OUR CAMPUSES.

Thank you very much, committee. I kindly ask that for the June 17 meeting, you be present in person, your president will acknowledge your support, dedication, and effort.

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Meeting on May 23, 2024.

UNITY IS STRENGTH; TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER.

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