

REPORT OF PAC PRESIDENT 2024-2025 DIANA GUILLEN

"If you want the poor to remain poor, generation after generation, keep standards low in your schools and look for excuses for your academic deficiencies and personal misconduct. But please don't congratulate yourselves on their compassion." (Thomas Sowell)

Dear PAC Member,

I want to communicate that I attended a state meeting via Zoom on Thursday at 6 pm as a mother of course since I cannot do it representing the PAC until the membership accepts it! But I think it's important to share this information. The state reportedly wants to change the language of the description of the results of the Smarter Balanced state tests that are sent home to make them more "understandable."

How should California summarize students' Smarter Balanced scores?

Levels	Current	Proposed
Level 4	Standard Exceeded	Advanced
Level 3	Standard Met	Proficient
Level 2	Standard Nearly Met	Foundational
Level 1	Standard Not Met	Inconsistent

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Today we will have a presentation on a waiver from the office of Legislative Affairs and Government Relations by Ms. Martha Alvarez who is the head of that department. The exemption is for the district to circumvent the law and be able to hire staff with no experience in certain areas of classified employees.

For the past 3 years this exemption has been presented to the PAC in a way that violates the committee's rights to show an official position whether neutral, with or without objections. In previous years, this agenda item was put in advertisements downplaying it, and the district legislative office, headed by Ms. Alvarez, omitted information from the committee about her right to weigh in and be consulted. Thanks to the advocacy and union of the board of directors, today that right to PAC will be respected.

These acts of taking away the voice of parents are not isolated, in schools parents suffer retaliation, although LAUSD has policies that supposedly do not tolerate these behaviors of the staff, we know the reality that our parents are crushed with intimidation, but unity is strength and today PAC is more united than ever to defend the rights of each of our students.

The education table talks about equality, equity, protection for African-American and immigrant students, but looking at the results of state exams and I-ready exams that are standardized we do not see the blessed equity and the right to have a high-quality education where students are not able to

children are graduated with "D" and when they leave they do not want to continue studying because they know that that D does not give them the opportunity to meet expectations in a school. That is destroying our children's future and their dreams.

Member Jackie Goldberg has just retired, an admirable lady for years of struggle and her knowledge in politics, I liked something that she expressed that she **strongly believed that no person should work for free**, but it never bothered her that parents give our time for free, or that they give us parents \$5.99 for childcare, that was given 15 years ago, something that today is a handout...

But parents do not come to be paid, but to have our work recognized and that our rights and opinions about the education of our students are respected, let's continue to work with dignity so that all our contributions have a sense of impact on the education of all students.

Thank you very

much

sincerely:

Diana Guillen
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