

Abuse of Authority Resolution

1. Whereas the current Board President. Patti Serrano, attempted to arbitrarily impose a Land Acknowledgment statement at the beginning of every Board Meeting and graduation ceremony in the District without the concurrence of the Board.
2. Whereas the current Board President, Patti Serrano, unnecessarily created division on the Board and in the Community with a personal, politically motivated, virtue signaling demonstration with no real purpose and unrelated to the academic performance that the Board is responsible for.
3. Whereas the current Board President. Patti Serrano, attempted to intimidate another Board member into silence by misrepresenting a bogus threat supposedly from the Attorney General, who has authority over Open Meeting Law, in order to silence opposing remarks. Ms. Serrano did not seem to grasp the obvious point that there cannot be a Open Meeting Law violation during an Open Meeting (unless members are secretly communicating with each other during the proceedings). Board Members absolutely have the right to express their opinions either in their capacity as Board Members or as private citizens in an Open Meeting. How they do so is actually trivial and irrelevant.
4. Whereas the current Board President. Patti Serrano, in an unprecedented move in a recent meeting, arbitrarily cancelled the Citizen's Comments section of the meeting so that parents could not address the Board about their frustrations about the District's decision to unilaterally cancel transportation services to EVIT, refusing them their right to address their grievances to their elected representatives on the Board.
5. Whereas the current Board President. Patti Serrano, continually, and defiantly, violates her oath of office "to bear true faith and allegiance" by refusing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each meeting.

Therefore, it is resolved that Board President. Patti Serrano, because of her strongly held political activism, has abused her authority as Board President and has failed to fairly consider all viewpoints of the Board as a whole and the community at large, and should immediately step down as Board President and be replaced by another Board Member who can faithfully carry out those duties.