

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Miguel Lucatero, I am the father of a family that is in Pasco School District No. 1. I am a member of a group formed by parents of families. The group's name is **"Padres de Familia Preocupados Por La Educación y el Éxito de sus Hijos"** (**Parents of Families that are concerned for the Education and Success of their Children**). The objection of our group is to support each other and work together as a team for the well-being of our children and of the community.

We have been a group for a little more than a year, we try to get together to support each other at least once a month to share ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Each time we meet, different parents arrive with different stories and really **alarming** concerns, because of the said situations we decided that our first step was to invite Mrs. Michelle Whitney who at that time was to be the next Superintendent in 2017-2018 and Mr. Scott Lehrman, President of the school board District 1. They were present at one of our meetings where they attentively listened to the parents with some of their concerns.

Our next step was to draw up a letter with 11 concerns of the group which was presented to Mrs. Michelle Whitney and Mr. Scott. Of which the answers we received are annexed with this document so you can judge it for yourself.

For us parents it was not enough, since we have not really seen changes, our children are not reaching the standards required by the State, and this is only going to be achieved with having truly competent teachers and after-school help.

#### [Annex No. 1 11 Concerns and the answers](#)

We want to let you know that we have tried to resolve this locally as parents to improve the education system that our children receive, but we really feel frustrated to see that they only hear, give answers, but in practice they leave much to be desired. For example, in reference to the tutors; the agencies that provided tutoring were removed, but in reality tutoring assistance was hidden for some years. We asked the district information concerning regarding the use of the funds that were earmarked for tutoring and this was what they reported to us. Again judge for yourselves. In like manner we do not see academic progress, each time the priority of improving schools are increasing as can be seen in annex No. 3.

#### [Annex No. 2 Report of the use of funds for tutoring and the number of students that received assistance.](#)

### [Annex No. 3. List of Priority Schools.](#)

OSPI made an improvement plan without taking us into account as parents of families, knowing the comprehensive collaboration plan for Title 1 to collaborate with parents of families. As you can see this is the manner in which we are taken into account, with a survey that in truth I do not understand at all, the translation is very poor and incomprehensible.

### [Again, judge for yourself annex No. 4](#)

I would like to thank you for your attention to the present, we hope you take our concerns into account. We do not want to see our children desert college because of the lack of qualified teachers and the academic system did not forge good foundations.

Sincerely,

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**Parents of Families that are concerned for the Education and Success of their Children”)**

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