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Sent: Sunday, May 27, 2007 10:21 PM

Subject: Fw: PLEASE READ THESE DOCUMENTS AND TELL ME HOW MANY OF THE STATED GOALS ARE BEING BLATANTLY VIOLATED BY THE RECENT ACTIONS AFFECTING OUR CHILDREN AT CORONADO; PLAN TO ADDRESS EACH ONE AT THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND HOPE YOU ALL WILL TOO!

Volusia School District betrays teachers, students and ultimately society by violating all of its stated mission goals in the name of purported budget balancing. Recommend an independent audit of their financial records and transactions to find better money saving strategies other than by removal of highly skilled role models and teachers of our children. Our children should be placed first and foremost and continuity of teaching staff should never be sacrificed to save dollars. Leaders should sacrifice first before ever sacrificing the needs of the very individuals they are paid to serve... our schoolchildren!

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Sent: Friday, May 25, 2007 11:53 PM

Subject: PLEASE READ THESE DOCUMENTS AND TELL ME HOW MANY OF THE STATED GOALS ARE BEING BLATANTLY VIOLATED BY THE RECENT ACTIONS AFFECTING OUR CHILDREN AT CORONADO; PLAN TO ADDRESS EACH ONE AT THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND HOPE YOU ALL WILL TOO!

Dear Coronado families and concerned friends, elected officials and news media,

Due to the recent drastic cuts in public school staffing in several of the smaller Volusia County Schools, despite stellar performances by the staff and students in all areas this past year, it is beyond belief that our children have to revert to more primitive modes of learning rather than surging forward on the rising tide of success that we are seeing. Is it or is it not the goal of Florida's Public School system to raise the standards of excellence in all areas to produce intelligent, socially responsible, productive citizens for this state? Then why are the schools being forced to drop VITAL staffing in all areas to revert to more primitive modes of operation. Do we want drop outs, delinquents and future welfare dependants and jail inmates OR... do we want leaders, compassionate, resourceful, confident and competent adults entering the society and workforce? It all starts in ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MY DEAR WATSON. AND it can all end in ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. If we do not watch out, our children will be discarded by the roadside as their potential for success is squandered in the hands of school districts limited by their "number crunching formulas", school boards spending our tax dollars for personal raises by Golly and costly cross country trips to gain some bonding and education of their own(which could easily be obtained Online at home)... when will the schools be put in the position to get the job done? What could possibly motivate a child to pursue a career in public school education when the job security is so unbelievably volatile. Imagine if you will, Governor Crist is doing a spot on job of leading our state when the next day after a great legislative session he gets the call... pack your boxes because you are no longer funded for your position... we are transferring you to Arkansas . Bye Bye. This scenario is happening in our public schools every summer and it is Ludicrous.

I have copied the superintendent of Volusia County Schools Message and the school district's goals for our children's education. Please take the time to read them and see how Blatantly they have been disregarded by the staffing cuts at our small school. Please use a highlighter to show how many areas of our children's educational and emotional well being are going to be adversely affected by losing the staff. Also note that it is utterly ludicrous to reverse a trend favoring attainment of these goals by the sweeping staff cuts for the coming school year. Is there anyone out there willing to intelligently bring these reversals of progress to the attention of the Superintendent and all who will be present at this summer's school board meetings? Do any of you have children who would like to speak out on their own behalf? My daughter Sydney has been firing off a speech tonight and I'm encouraging other students to do the same. I think we can rock this boat if we put forth a united effort. DO we have any legal action we may pursue? Linda Trimble of the News Journal is putting out an article as we speak and any of you may contact her at : linda.trimble@news-jrnl.com

Let's explore all avenues. Below are the false doctrines of our beloved leaders..... Valeh



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

"PLEDGE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE"

Thank you for your interest in Volusia County Schools, where we pledge to create a pos

teaching and learning environment for nearly 66,000 students.

We are proud to be a public school district employing more than 9,500 people who serve our students in many valuable ways. Although our job descriptions are varied, we all share one important common denominator - that of role model to our students and the community. We are people.

As we go about our individual responsibilities we all work together to emphasize academic achievement, independent learning, and problem solving, as well as good character and citizenship.

In 2001, voters approved a \$515 million bond referendum that is channeling desperately needed funds toward many construction and renovation projects. We are more than halfway complete with the largest school construction program in our county.

These improvements to our school campuses are evident as earth is moved and new or improved school buildings take shape. But the most important work takes place inside these buildings. It is there that our children spend at least 180 days a year with each new morning offering exciting opportunities for growth and improvement.

Our employees work to bring our students the very best educational experiences possible. We want all of our school environments to bubble with energy, enthusiasm and inspired teaching and learning. We want each student to have the best chance to succeed in school.

For these reasons, we pledge to motivate our students, teachers and staff and help them make that all-important connection between schoolwork and real world applications and experiences.

We also pledge to weave lessons of good character into the academic program, all in an atmosphere where students and teachers feel competent, confident, challenged and respected. It is important that our students and staff reach their full potentials, and that we encourage respect for other cultures, races and perspectives.

As you read the [school district goals](#), know that we take these promises seriously, and we believe they are possible for every student in our system.

Please join us in our quest to help our students grow, succeed and accomplish academic and personal goals they may have never believed possible. Together we can.

Margaret A. Smith, D. Ed.
Superintendent
Volusia County Schools

School District of Volusia County

2003-2008 Goals

(School Board approved March 24, 2003)

Academic Excellence

Goal 1 We will continue to support and implement a comprehensive curriculum, which **False..Goal 1 : Not true ...science teacher cut, media specialist cut , guidance counselor cut,**

incorporates the arts, foreign language, health education and physical education,

language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, career and technical education,

character education, technology, and social development.

Goal 2 We will promote responsible citizenship and prepare all students for work, postsecondary **False..Goal 2: Our guidance counselor Tina Howard promoted great citizenship**

education, and adult living.

as witnessed by the award winning FFEA and Girls on the Run programs. She curtailed bullying in

Goal 3 We will increase achievement for each and every student as measured by rigorous **many instances where the teachers were unable to.. and helped new teachers implement**

national, state, and local standards.

effective behavior management techniques. She has been cut..

Access and Equity

Goal 4 We will address the diverse educational needs of all students.

Goal 5 We will ensure effective access to rigorous programs for all students.

Goal 6 While continuing to raise all student academic performance, we will close the **False...Goals 4-6: The Reading specialist, Dr. Boswell provided essential reading support**

achievement gap between the No Child Left Behind Act identified sub-populations
facing challenges and now she too is gone.

to students

and the general population as a whole.

High Performing Instructional and Non-Instructional Staff

Goal 7 We will be strong advocates for public education.

Goal 8 We will continue to recruit, develop, and support outstanding and highly qualified
10; We just received some highly qualified teachers who have

False..Goals 7-

personnel.

been removed as swiftly as a blink of an eye.

Goal 9 We will continue to foster a climate that promotes professional development for instructional
and non-instructional staff.

Goal 10 We will maximize efforts to protect instructional time.

Involved Family and Community

Goal 11 We will continue to provide and encourage a climate in which the involvement of
families and community members from diverse backgrounds is valued and welcomed.

False.Goals11-14: We the parents , families and community have had our trust

Goal 12 We will increase our commitment to family and community partnerships to provide
the school officials elected to serve in our children's best interest.

by

resources and programs to maximize student achievement.

The act

of dismissing so many essential teachers and support personnel

Goal 13 We will involve families and the community in our proactive efforts to provide a safe,

**on the morning after a terrific school year and after the school grounds have
been vacated**

orderly, and well-disciplined environment in our schools and during school activities.

of

students and families is an act of sheer treason and betrayal by a cowardly

Goal 14 We will communicate district expectations and work collaboratively to support the

**school district which is fully aware of the betrayal of its wards..our school
children.**

family's responsibility to foster academic achievement and appropriate behavior for

all students.

Safe and Orderly Environment

Goal 15 We will promote an emotionally, intellectually, and physically safe environment for **False..Goal 15: The staff cuts including removal of assistants in other local schools with**

all of our students. **students**
challenged by severe emotional

School District of Volusia
County **and physical disabilities is a perfect recipe for disaster and litigation not IF but WHEN**

2003-2008
Goals **injuries occur.**

(School Board approved March 24, 2003)

Effective Operations

Goal 16 We will focus on excellence in individual and organizational performance.

Goal 17 We will maximize and allocate federal, state, and local resources to implement the **False..**
Goals 16-19: Does this include pay raises for a priveleged school board taking expensive

District's Strategic Plan.
courses at posh resorts at the expense of taxpayer dollars intended for our school?

Volusia's School Board will now have watchful eyes investigating their every move.

Goal 18 We will continue to improve managerial and operational efficiency and effectiveness. **How they eat, drink and pamper themselves while justifying their personal**

Goal 19 We will foster a climate that promotes open communication, ethical behavior, shared **expenditures of money that is earmarked in Tallahassee for the**

INSTANT IMPROVEMENT Of Our Schools will be under direct public scrutiny.

responsibility, accountability, mutual respect, and lifelong learning.

----- Original Message -----

From: [Michele Nelson](#)

To: rlevy7@cfl.rr.com

Sent: Friday, May 25, 2007 5:05 PM

Subject: AAAAAHHHH!!!

Hey, Valeh:

Athena forwarded me your email and I got your phone messages this afternoon. I will read your email and do whatever I can to help change things. I hope you'll save my email address for future messages.....thanks!!!!!!

Michele