

Christopher Seals

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To: Christopher Seals [christopher.seals@cpschools.org]
Subject: Rally Last Night
Attachments:

Mr. Seals,

I am reaching out to let you know that there is a lot of chatter in the community about your support for the Karen Jansen rally last night at the Rotary Club. To be quite transparent, all the work you and your staff have done the past month building relational bridges with the immigrant population in the school community are in deep jeopardy of being burned. I don't know all the details about the rally, but as I understand it, you were invited to speak to the community about the plans for Richland Elementary and were coincidentally placed as a speaker right after Commissioner Jansen delivered remarks on the new zoning plan. Based on our conversations and the work we've done over the past few weeks, I believe your intentions to be pure and this was a case of a newcomer to the community being blindsided by a political machine. Whatever the case, the damage to the trust in the immigrant community has been done and we will have to work extra hard to restore it. I and the team at Family Connections stand ready to help you mend the bridges, but we will need to act quickly and with care. Please let me know a time that you are available to meet so that we can discuss this.

Thanks,

Marcus

Marcus Garcia
Executive Director
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