

Dear Fillmore Gazette,

I am a proud teacher of more than 17 years in this district – I love Fillmore! I have been here through hard times and good times and I still love this district! I work with wonderful colleagues who are good teachers who care about our students.

We have had some rough years with our prior administrators at the district and I understand that those tough times call for united voices to be heard, but what I hear and see now is just awful. Our district finally got some good people in there and our own union leadership is behaving as badly as our prior administrators. Well my voice says Enough is Enough!

I know I am not the only voice to say Stop trying to chase these good people away! We know what it is like to have the bad ones at the DO and our schools; we need to keep the good ones! I teach my students the basic rules – tell the truth, be kind and do unto others. It is with great shame that I see and hear our own union leadership doing just the opposite.

I know my voice is not alone in saying SHAME ON YOU!

We may not speak or yell out loud, but there are those of us who know this is wrong and don't agree. So not to be part of this shameful behavior, my voice must share that there are those of us who appreciate the fresh and inspirational leadership of Jeff Sweeny, the most beautiful changes to our schools from Bob Subey and Mike Bush and the kind and open nature of Evelyn Townend. These are things we have not always had and I cannot support the behavior of our very own union trying to disparage these good people and what they have brought to us!

If you ask why my voice does not carry a name, you clearly have not been to a three hour union meeting and had to endure the LOUD and malevolent voice of our own union leader towards anyone who does not agree with them!

As a proud teacher who loves Fillmore, I am asking that you understand that my love of Fillmore compels me to share this and ask that you print my letter so some good people know that there are those of us who thank them so they don't run away!

A Concerned and Dedicated Teacher

In case you do not print this, I leave my letter for my wonderful colleagues.