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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Fwd: [School Board] School Board Meeting, Aug. 23 - Yvette Felarca firing

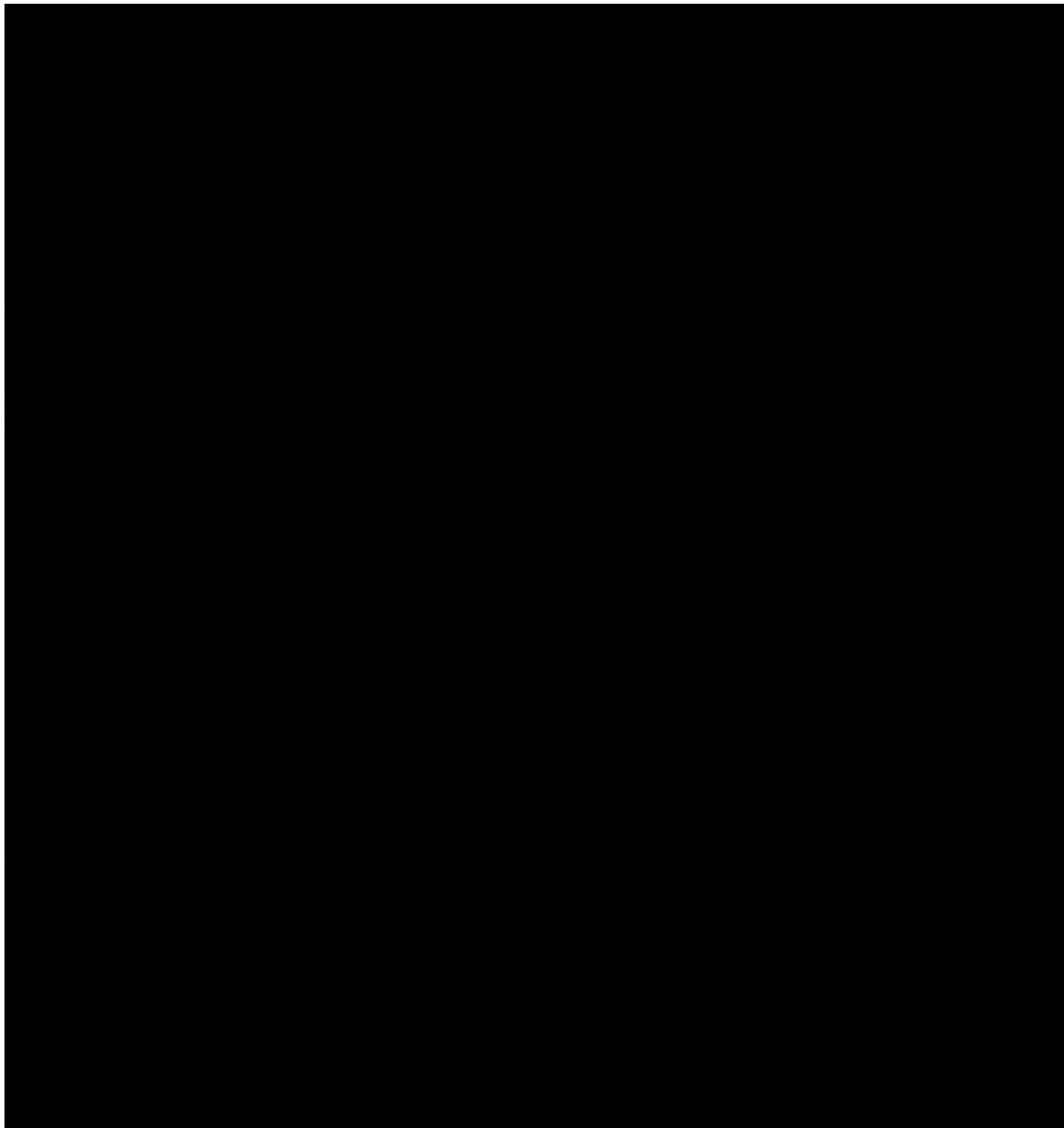
3 messages

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net>

Fri, Aug 18, 2017 at 1:24 PM

To: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Without breaking confidentiality - do you answer politely?





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Beatriz Leyva-Cutler

Berkeley School Board Member

beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net

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If you are unable to meet during office hours please call **510-644-6550** or email me to schedule a time to meet. *Si no está disponible durante las horas de oficina favor de llamar este número si gusta reunirse conmigo o mandar un correo electrónico.*

Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Sat, Aug 19, 2017 at 12:08 PM

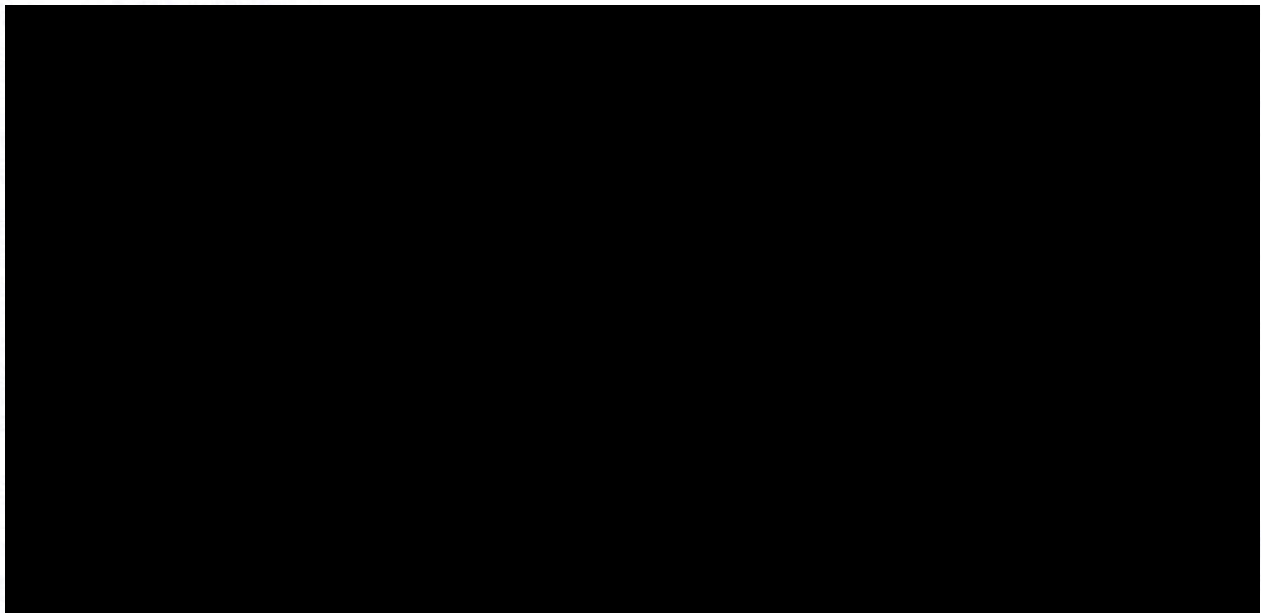
To: Beatriz Leyva-Cutler <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net>

Cc: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

I'm just ignoring the ones that are not clearly from Berkeley folks.

On Aug 18, 2017, at 1:24 PM, Beatriz Leyva-Cutler <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net> wrote:

Without breaking confidentiality - do you answer politely?



From : Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>
Date : 22-05-2017 04:39:41 PM
To : yvettefelarca@berkeley.net
Cc : "Pasquale Scuderi" <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>
Subject : Re: Request Copy of Threatening Phone Messages re: April 27

Dear Ms. Felarca:

This email constitutes the Berkeley Unified School District's response to your May 10, 2017 request for voice messages. Please note that we are treating your request as a California Public Records Act (Government Code § 6250 et seq.) request and respond as follows:

The District does not have disclosable, non-exempt documents in its possession that are responsive to your request. Indeed, the records that you are requesting are exempt from disclosure under Government Code 6254(b) as "records pertaining to pending litigation to which the public agency is a party, or to claims made pursuant to Division 3.6 (commencing with [Government Code] Section 810), until the pending litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled."

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles Burress

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6320

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Yvette Felarca <yvettefelarca@berkeley.net>
Date: Wed, May 10, 2017 at 1:08 PM
Subject: Request Copy of Threatening Phone Messages re: April 27
To: Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

Mr. Scuderi,

I'm requesting a copy of threatening phone messages that were left on King's voicemail April 26 or 27 that were reported to the police (I think one of them alluded to a dumpster," and also a copy of the one that was left on [REDACTED] voicemail in February which also pertained to me. Janet Levenson told me that the District still has copies of them and that you're the person to contact.

Thank you.

--Yvette Felarca

BUSD000003

Date : 7/19/2017 7:13:16 PM
From : "Ty Alper"
To : "Natasha Beery"
Cc : "Charles Burress", "Donald Evans", "Pasquale Scuderi", "Janet Levenson", [REDACTED] "Jay Nitschke"
Subject : Re: Reporter asks status of Ms. Felarca following her arrest and being charged
Thx Natasha - good idea!

On Jul 19, 2017, at 7:02 PM, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net> wrote:

I have temporarily taken down the BUSD Facebook page, as that has in the past been a locus of inflammatory commentary (mostly from people outside Berkeley) on this topic.

Rather than have to deal with moderating comments unrelated to the primary purpose of the BUSD Facebook page, I'd prefer to put it on summer hiatus, which we were basically doing anyway. Let me know if you disagree.

Meanwhile though, I expect our web site and phones may get calls again, so Lyz and Jessica, and MLK folks, may also eventually need a basic statement (variations on "no comment.")

-Natasha
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Natasha Beery
Director
Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP) and Community Relations

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2020 Bonar Street, Third Floor
Berkeley, CA 94702
(510) 644-8749

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 4:13 PM, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net> wrote:
Perfect

On Jul 19, 2017, at 3:55 PM, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net> wrote:

Ty, thanks. Dr. Evans has asked me to tell the press that we are still trying to gather information. So, unless there's an objection, I will tell the press that we still trying to gather information and have no comment at this time.

Charles

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6320

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 3:52 PM, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net> wrote:
Thanks for this, Charles. As you know, this is all extremely sensitive. My request and recommendation is that we say we have no comment at this time.

On Jul 19, 2017, at 3:40 PM, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net> wrote:

A reporter from Channel 13 in Sacramento asks for an update on Ms. Felarca's status. He forwarded the email below from the Sacramento County District Attorney saying an "Yvonne Felarca" was arrested in Southern California last night (see yellow-highlighted update section), apparently in connection with the June 26 demonstration in Sacramento. An article published online today by the Sacramento Bee, "Prosecutors charge four suspects in Capitol riot case, one a suspected neo-Nazi and three counter-demonstrators," says Yvonne Felarca is known also as Yvette, is a Berkeley middle school teacher and was arrested in Los Angeles.

What should I tell this reporter (and others who call)? I suspect we'll be hearing from other reporters shortly.

Charles

BUSD000004

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
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----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 3:26 PM
Subject: FW: capitol riot update
To: "charlesburress@berkeley.net" <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Hi Charles,

Here is the latest information from the Sacramento County District Attorney. Can you tell me the status of district employee Yvonne Fekarca?

Thank You,

[REDACTED]

Reporter

CBS13 Sacramento

805-260-2076 (cell)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:14 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: capitol riot update

"On June 26, 2016, members of the Traditional Worker's Party (TWP) held a rally on the west steps of the state capitol after securing legal permits from the California Highway Patrol. The rally began at 11:00 A.M. Numerous counter-protesters also arrived at the capitol to block the rally, none of whom were lawfully permitted to conduct their demonstration. In the hours that followed, violent clashes occurred between the two groups resulting in a number of assaults and several stabbings.

The California Highway Patrol Protective Services Division investigated the incident. After several months of reviewing video footage, interviewing witnesses, and attempting to identify participants, the investigators submitted arrest warrant requests to the District Attorney for review. In all, arrest warrants for 101 individuals were submitted for consideration. Many of the charges submitted did not meet the District Attorney's filing guidelines including: 85 counts of Unlawful Assembly, 55 counts of Conspiracy to Unlawfully Assemble and 32 counts related to the possession of illegal signs and banners. In several other cases, there was clear evidence of felonious conduct but the identity of the perpetrators could not be established. Unfortunately, included in this category were all of the stabbings and the attack on a local television reporter. After reviewing all of the evidence submitted, the District Attorney's Office sought and received arrest warrants for individuals whose conduct represented the most egregious offenses that can be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

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We cannot disclose the names of all of the individuals for whom warrants have been issued until after arrests have been made. We can confirm at this time that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been arrested on charges of Assault with a Deadly Weapon or by Means of force Likely to Inflict Great Bodily Injury and Participating in a Riot. [REDACTED] was arrested in Colorado and is pending extradition to California. [REDACTED] was arrested in Southern California and is scheduled to be arraigned on July 24, 2017 in Department 63 at 8:30 AM." - Chief Deputy District Attorney Steve Grippi

UPDATE (July 19, 2017):

Yvonne Felarca was arrested last night in Southern California on charges of Assault by Means of Force Likely to Inflict Great Bodily Injury, Participating in a Riot, and inciting a riot. We have no further information as to Felarca's court date at this time.

[REDACTED] was arrested today in Yolo County on charges of Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Participating in a Riot. Williams is set for arraignment on July 21, 2017 at 1:30 in Department 63 of the Sacramento Superior Court.

There are no further outstanding warrants related to this incident.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:02 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Question

Yes.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Question

Can we say you will have more to come then?

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KOVR/ KMAX TV Sacramento

Assignment Manager

916-374-1301

cbsacramento.com

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:03 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Question

BUSD000006

We cannot comment on the names or numbers of arrest warrants until those arrests have been made.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:01 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Question

On the press release from yesterday I read that over 100 warrants were considered. Can you tell us how many were actually issued?

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[REDACTED]

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Date : 2/3/2017 6:41:24 PM
From : [REDACTED]
To : "Donald Evans" , "Evelyn Bradley" , "Janet Levenson"
Subject : Re: Regarding Yvette Felarca

Fyi

On Feb 3, 2017 3:57 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Shame on you for hiring her back. This is discrimination and against the First Amendment. Does this "by any means necessary" also mean influencing her students to disregard and disrespect dissenting opinions and the rights of others? I hope there is an investigation this time that actually amounts to something. It is one thing to do this when school is not in session and she doesn't have immediate reach to young malleable minds. (On the physical assault alone, she should not have been allowed back. Great job showing your students that it's okay to hit someone just because they're labeled with -ist or -ism) Quite another for her to do this so blatantly during a school week, when she ostensibly has reach (the next day) to students without any down time to reflect and regain the composure, poise and neutrality a teacher in any school should have.

What am I talking about? [UC Berkeley protest spills into city streets, buildings vandalized](#)

Click/hover over the playlist in the bottom left of the video. Skip on to #4.



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UC Berkeley protest spills into city streets, buildings vandalized

Berkeley police were investigating a hit-and-run on Wednesday night involving a white BMW and protesters in Berk...

From: **Beatriz Leyva-Cutler** <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net>
Date: Mon, Oct 3, 2016 at 8:19 PM
Subject: Re: Partisan Defense Committee Statement re: Yvette Felarca
To: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>, Charles Burrell <charlesburrell@berkeley.net>
Cc: Superintendent Evans <Superintendent@berkeley.net>

I would like to add that the statement be also shared with these organizations that provide letters to the board.

Beatriz

On Mon, Oct 3, 2016 at 7:50 PM, Partisan Defense Committee (Bay Area) <pdcbayarea@fastmail.net> wrote:

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Beatriz Leyva-Cutler
Berkeley School Board President
beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net

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2nd Thursday of the Month @
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4:30 to 6pm

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Donald Evans, Ed.D.
Superintendent

From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 21-04-2017 12:23:54 AM
To : Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>,
Subject : Felarca

A parent sent me this:



I am pretty surprised that BUSD has given the green light to BFT members to take the day off on May 1. How will sites be supported that day?
Janet

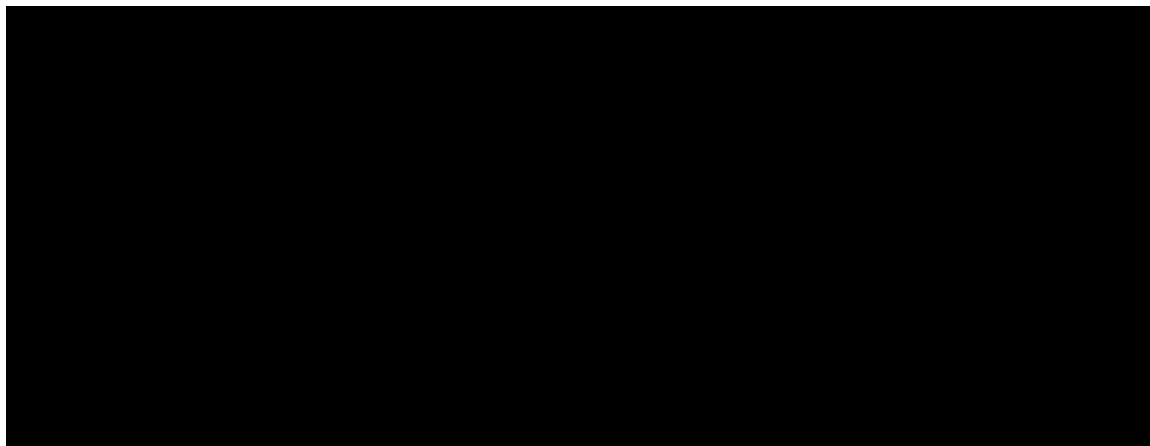
Janet Levenson
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From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 25-08-2017 01:37:50 PM
To : Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>,
Subject : Fwd: call

This person has called many times today

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:



From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Date : 17-10-2016 09:50:08 AM

To : [REDACTED]

Cc : [REDACTED] "Natasha Beery" <natashabeery@berkeley.net>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] "Donald Evans" <donaldevans@berkeley.net>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]; "Pasquale Scuderi" <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject : Re: Felarca Rally at King on Monday morning?

Both BPD and Diesel showed up about 9:30. I sent both away after letting them know that no support was needed. Thanks!

Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
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On Mon, Oct 17, 2016 at 9:18 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the update. I'm glad they didn't cause a disruption at the school.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On Mon, Oct 17, 2016 at 9:11 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED],

Janet texted you that BPD was not needed. At 8:05, there were approximately a dozen people standing, mostly adults, on the corner of Rose and Grant with signs as a protest. The flyer that was being distributed was the same one used to advertise the Oct. 12th organizing meeting and the board meeting on the 19th. By 8:30, there were approximately 25 to a maximum of 30 people, including some students. Very few staff members participated. The protesters dispersed shortly after 8:30.

[REDACTED]

On Mon, Oct 17, 2016 at 8:34 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

I called BPD and informed them that about 20 BAMN members are there but presently are quiet. BPD said they would inform the beat officer.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On Sun, Oct 16, 2016 at 9:01 PM, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net> wrote:

Charles Burruss just forwarded to me a message that Ty Alper forwarded him from a parent who said that Yvetta Felarca had sent an email to parents saying she was holding a rally at King on Monday morning.

The parent [REDACTED]) says:

[REDACTED]

You all know about this? Has anyone see Felarca's email to parents?

Let me know if assistance is needed with communications, as Charles is out of town until Tuesday.

-Natasha

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Natasha Beery
Director
Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP) and Community Relations

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(510) 644-8749

From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Date : 20-07-2017 01:27:45 PM

To : Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Cc : "Donald Evans" <donaldevans@berkeley.net>; "Evelyn Bradley" <evelynbradley@berkeley.net>; "Ty Alper" <tyalper@berkeley.net>; "Natasha Beery" <natashabeery@berkeley.net>; "Pasquale Scuderi" <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

Subject : Re: Felarca flyers posted near King this morning

My secretary just alerted me that her voicemail is filling up with rude messages. Probably the main line too. Can someone have All office main lines shut off from accepting messages until she returns on 8/14? Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 20, 2017, at 10:44 AM, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net> wrote:

[REDACTED], a reporter for KQED, sent out the two tweets below this morning. He says one flyer shows Ms. Felarca's apparent home address and email as well as contact info for Janet.

<[REDACTED] Tweet 1.png>

<[REDACTED] Tweet 2.png>

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
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From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Date : 14-10-2016 06:01:10 PM

To : Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]

Cc : [REDACTED]

Subject : Felarca

Good Evening,

A parent called to let me know that she received an email from Yvette asking her to rally in front of the school on Monday morning. The parent was formerly a supporter and is now no longer a supporter. She is worried about the confusing and negative impact on students of holding this rally at school on Monday morning. Below is the email [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I suspect a large BAMN necessary contingent will be there. Please note that in the email she directs parents to the complaint form to register complaints against us for not having a qualified teacher in the room.

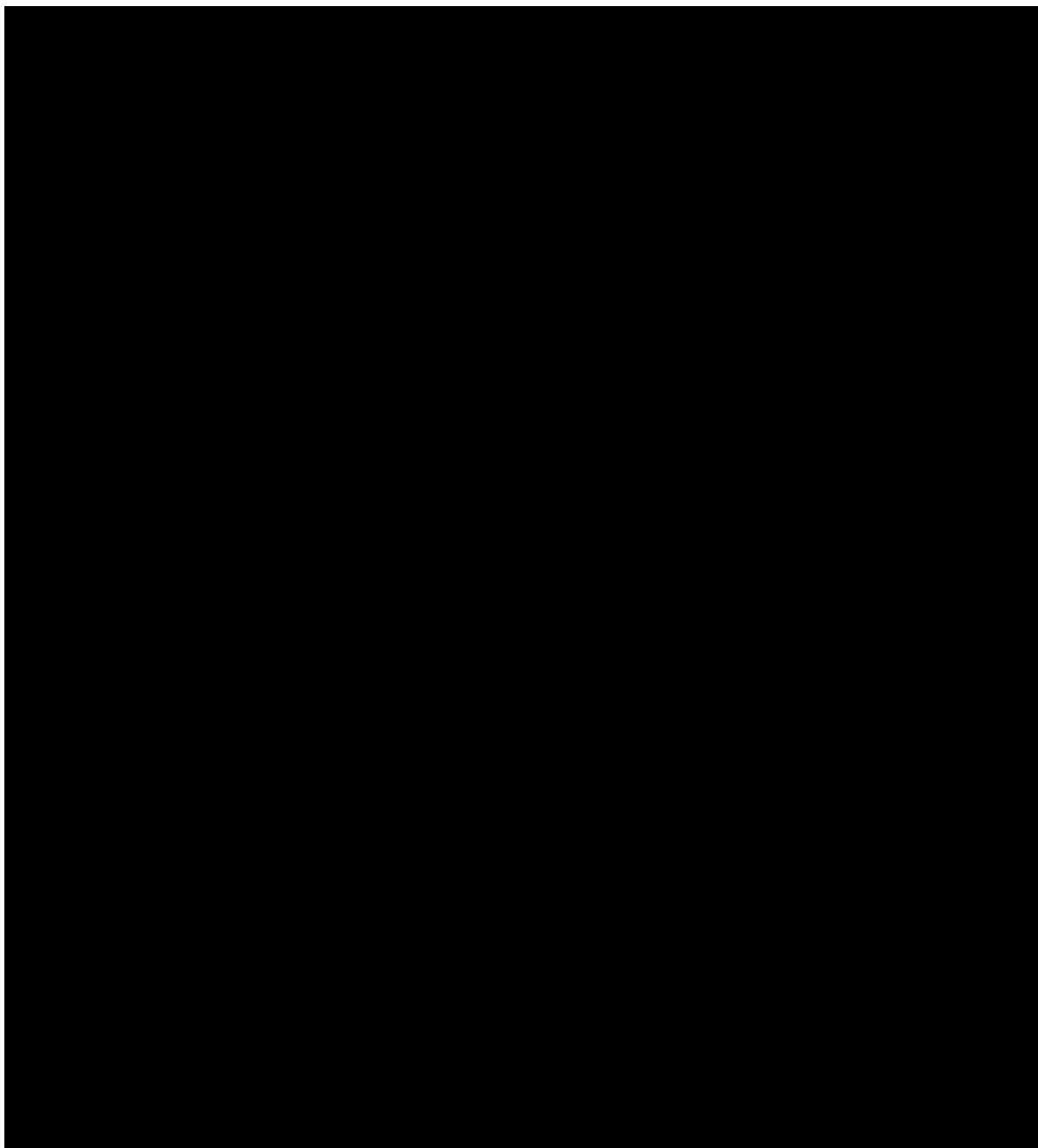
I am not working this weekend but will check email Sunday night.

Janet

Janet Levenson

Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School

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From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 23-08-2016 02:48:23 PM
To : David Gold <davidgold@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]
Subject : Fwd: IMPORTANT: Safety Staffing at King

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016
Subject: IMPORTANT: Safety Staffing at King
To: [REDACTED] Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]

While we don't think there is a compelling or immediate safety concern re: Felarca Janet continues to field concerns from parents.

We will put two additional safety officers at King for Week 1; this staffing is abundantly cautious but worth the investment given the summer threat and the uncertainty some parents and staff members are feeling. Tracie D is working on this now.

Also, Susan can you follow up with BPD and request extra patrols for week 1 and make sure the beat officers in King's area know about why we are making the request?

It seems that the extra eyes and ears of two safety officers plus extra attention from BPD should help convey that we are being cautious and attentive.

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Pasquale Scuderi
Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6257

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Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Letter received regarding Ms. Felarca

3 messages

Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Aug 15, 2017 at 2:11 PM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>, Evelyn Bradley <evelynbradley@berkeley.net>

The attached letter dated Aug. 2 arrived on my desk in a Graduate Theological Union envelope today. He urges termination of Ms. Felarca. The envelope included a copy of an earlier letter, dated Feb. 14 (also attached), which also was mailed in a GTU envelope from the same person, [REDACTED] whose LinkedIn profile says he's working on his PhD at [REDACTED] and is an instructor at the [REDACTED]

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
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Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Thu, Aug 17, 2017 at 2:36 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Evelyn Bradley <evelynbradley@berkeley.net>

Thanks Charles. I don't think there's anything you need to do with these letters.

[Quoted text hidden]

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Ty Alper
President, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District
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BUSD General Phone Number: 510-644-4500
Direct line: 510-698-1905
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For political email, please use ty@tyalper.org.
For email related to Berkeley Law, please use talper@law.berkeley.edu.

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:25 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

[Quoted text hidden]

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Donald Evans, Ed.D
Superintendent

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel" - Maya Angelou

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

KPIX Channel 5 asks if Ms. Felarca on paid leave

3 messages

Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Thu, Aug 10, 2017 at 12:16 PM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Evelyn Bradley <evelynbradley@berkeley.net>

Donald, Pasquale, Evelyn,

I got a call from [REDACTED] a reporter at KPIX 5, saying he understands that Ms. Felarca is on paid leave while facing the charges in Sacramento and asks me to confirm. What would you like me to say?

Charles

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
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Evelyn Bradley <evelynbradley@berkeley.net>

Thu, Aug 10, 2017 at 12:49 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Cc: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

Our teachers who teach K-12 are on summer break at this time.

[Quoted text hidden]

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Best regards,

Evelyn Tamondong-Bradley

Assistant Superintendent

Human Resources Department

Berkeley Unified School District

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Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:26 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

UPDATE: Capitol Riot: Yvonne Felarca

4 messages

Orio. Shelly (DA) <OrioS@sacda.org>
To: "Orio. Shelly (DA)" <OrioS@sacda.org>

Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 9:48 AM

UPDATE:

Yvonne Felarca's arraignment date is set for August 10, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. in Department 63, which is at the Main Jail, 651 I Street.

Original Statement on Arrests

**Shelly Orio|Media Officer|Sacramento County District Attorney's Office**

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 9:59 AM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Evelyn Bradley <evelynbradley@berkeley.net>, "Roy A. Combs" <rcombs@f3law.com>, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>, Maggie Riddle <maggieriddle@berkeley.net>

FYI

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
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[Quoted text hidden]

Orio. Shelly (DA) <OrioS@sacda.org>
To: "Orio. Shelly (DA)" <OrioS@sacda.org>

Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 3:38 PM

I am resending the below update as some reporters stated they did not receive this update.

From: Orio. Shelly (DA)
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 9:49 AM
To: Orio. Shelly (DA) <OrioS@sacda.org>
Subject: UPDATE: Capitol Riot: Yvonne Felarca

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Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:27 PM

[Quoted text hidden]

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Donald Evans, Ed.D
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Channel 5 asks if Felarca is currently working for us

3 messages

Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 10:55 AM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Evelyn Bradley <evelynbradley@berkeley.net>

Susie Steimle of Channel 5 just called asked if we can comment on Felarca's arrest. I told what I've told other media (still gathering info, no comment at present), and she asked if Felarca is currently working for us. What should I tell her?

Charles

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6320

Evelyn Bradley <evelynbradley@berkeley.net>

Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 12:24 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Cc: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Yes, you can confirm that she is an employee of the District.

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Best regards,
Evelyn Tamondong-Bradley
Assistant Superintendent
Human Resources Department
Berkeley Unified School District
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Berkeley, CA 94702
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(510)644-2883 fax

My regular office hours are from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm and other hours by appointment.



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Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:28 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

[Quoted text hidden]

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Donald Evans, Ed.D

Fwd: Felarca interview

3 messages

[REDACTED] Sat, Aug 26, 2017 at 4:40 PM
 To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

Hi Donald, Charles, Natasha -

FYI, from the LA Times.

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<http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-bay-area-protests-bamn-leaders-say-they-won-t-be-fooled-1503714512-htmlstory.html>

Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net> Sat, Aug 26, 2017 at 5:46 PM
 To: [REDACTED]
 Cc: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

yep, there's also a piece in Berkeleyside with her press conference.

We are getting very positive email responses to the Superintendent's email message, but there is also one which comments on YF's activities.

-Natasha

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Natasha Beery
 Director
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Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:23 PM

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Fwd: Felarca lawsuit

1 message

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:29 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

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From: **Ty Alper** <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Date: Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 7:19 PM

Subject: Felarca lawsuit

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Hi Donald,

The Berkeleyside article today said Felarca dropped her lawsuit against the District in May. Is that true? Was the Board ever informed?

Ty

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Donald Evans, Ed.D

Superintendent

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Yvette Felarca postings about School Board/She is targeting you!

2 messages

patches@as.net <patches@as.net>

Sat, Apr 29, 2017 at 1:02 PM

Reply-To: patches@as.net

To: boardofed@berkeley.net, janetlevenson@berkeley.net

Cc: [REDACTED]

Yvette FelarcaApril 26 at 9:56pm

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Yvette Felarca shared a link.

February 25

Definitely watch all 30 minutes of public comment, which begins around 38:00 and goes to 1:08:00.



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Yvette Felarca

October 19, 2016

This support letter was written by my 13 year old former student, [REDACTED] who now lives in Mexico City. He called into the Berkeley School Board meeting tonight and read it out loud on speaker phone--making Berkeley School Board history. Thank you, [REDACTED] Here's his letter:

First of all: thank you, for letting me read this to you.

I am a Mexican 13 year old boy, who once lived and studied at Berkeley, to be specific at MLK middle school. I was a student of Ms. Felarca. I really enjoyed listening to her and learning from her. I really don't understand why are we even discussing the fact that she is not being allowed to be a teacher. For 5 months I heard her complainings about the world, racisms and freedom. I admire her, her way of thinking, her way of seeing things.

Who is Yvette Felarca?

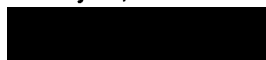
She is a freedom fighter, she is a racisms fighter, she wants to make the world a better place and teach kids how to do it, how to think about it, how to act. She wants justice, she wants to make better citizens. Isn't that what teachers are meant to be?

I want to say that Donald J. Trump has a chance to win the presidency of the U.S. Trump is a racist man, a fascist, and in my point of view "the stupidest man alive". Lots of people in America support him, and will vote for him. Is that a good thing about U.S education? No! That actually talks bad about U.S's education. That means that some teachers, the people who are in charge of kids, the future, also support "the stupidest man alive". We need more fighters like Ms. Felarca. Like once Yvette Felarca said, and I quote: "We need to take them head on, confront them, but with as many people as possible."

I want racism to stop, to erase from existence and I think that trying to fire Ms. Felarca is a terrible mistake if we want racism to stop. I want to end this by saying this by saying that the key of everything is education, good education, including happiness. I know that you will do the right thing and get Ms. Felarca back. I want to thank everyone in here that support Ms. Felarca because she is one of those teachers who care and help everyone get through the seek of happiness.

Apoyo desde México! Apoyo desde el mundo! Apoyo desde mi corazón! Y apoyo desde la conciencia!

Thank you,



Yvette Felarca

February 23

Good work to all who came to the Berkeley School Board meeting, spoke, made calls, and sent emails of support. Our presence and statements at the School Board meeting were a strong reminder to BUSD that they will be held accountable to choose the right side of history in the latest witch-hunt by Trump trolls and neo-fascist defenders. My personal favorite part was when community member and folk-musician, Orion, declared that I should be able to teach "forever," and then broke into song (with guitar in tow). It was priceless. I'll post more tomorrow after getting some sleep, and I'll include a link to the video of the School Board meeting so you can see for yourself. Special recognition and respect to former and current BHS students speaking out against sexual harassment and assault, and the administration's cover-up of those attacks.

Yvette Felarca

February 19

Better version of KRON4 story on yesterday's press conference at UC Berkeley. Although the sound is low, you can read the captions to see the strong quotes, especially from BAMN National Chair and Spokesperson (and my attorney), Shanta Driver.

Yvette Felarca

February 20

Information on this Latest Witch-hunt by Trump Supporters and Trolls and What You Can Do:

As you all remember, last Fall I was subject to a witch-hunt by the BUSD administration because of the role I had played leading anti-fascist protesters against a neo-Nazi rally in Sacramento the previous summer. Hundreds of Berkeley students, parents, and community members, along with many more around the country, signed petitions, sent emails, and rallied to my defense. That movement defeated that attack. Although prevented from teaching my students for 6 weeks, I was able to return to my classroom. Since then, I have continued teaching and encouraging my students to develop to their full potential. This was victory for me, but also a victory for all the teachers and school support staff. Most most importantly, it was a victory for our students who benefit from our devotion, creativity, and hard work.

In the months since the attack on me last Fall, things have changed dramatically. On the one hand, Trump was "elected" president, bringing to power and emboldening some of the most dangerous people in America. On the other hand, a mass movement of millions of people all over the country (and the world) has come forward, aimed at defeating Trump's hate-filled authoritarian vision for this country and defending all the basic human rights under attack now, including, in particular, immigrant rights. I have naturally committed myself to doing everything I can to build this new movement as a mass democratic struggle that can fight to win. In making that commitment, I am honored to have been a part of the strength and victories that the overall movement has won so far. I have also become a target for some Trump supporters.

I need your support once again. Fox News is waging a hysterical witch-hunt against me because of my prominence in the Bay Area movement against Trump and his Breitbart white supremacist backers. On Monday Feb.13, I was invited by Fox News commentator Tucker Carlson to appear on his program. His aim, of course, was to try to manipulate and ambush me in a live interview. Instead, I stood my ground in the interview and refused to allow Tucker Carlson to back me into a corner or get away with misstating my actual views. The fact that I stood my ground against a Fox News demagogue-journalist was a surprising humiliation to him and the Fox News audience, and has driven several hundred Trump supporters into a frenzied attempt to create a new witch-hunt. They have made hundreds of calls to the Berkeley school administration attempting to frighten school officials into firing me.

As important as it is to me that I continue to teach the students whom I care about so deeply, it is even more important to the Berkeley community as a whole that the local school authorities not cave into the pressure of these right-wing extremists to get me fired. Trump is now waging a new offensive of terror against immigrant communities, and his Education Secretary, Betsy DeVos, would decimate public education if we allow her to. BUSD should not give into these bullies. It would represent a defeat for me and my students, and a defeat for the progressive values that hold our community together, and the national movement of millions of new activists fighting to defend those values all over the country against Trump and his bullies.

What You Can Do:

1. Call and email the Berkeley School Board and Superintendent Evans and let them know that you support me against the bullying and harassment by Trump's supporters.

boardofed@berkeley.net
superintendent@berkeley.net
510-644-6206 (Superintendent)
510-644-6550 (school board)

2. Come to the Berkeley School Board meeting on Wed. Feb. 22 from 7-8:30 pm at 1231 Addison St., Berkeley (behind the administration building Bonar St./University Ave.) to speak out and support those who speak during the public comment section of the meeting. Your family and friends are all welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions and ideas. Thank you for your past and future support, and to the many of you who have already reached out to me--I am so grateful. Together we can win another victory for our children and their right to the better world that they deserve.

Yvette Felarca
Martin Luther King Middle School Teacher
Berkeley Federation of Teachers (BFT) Executive Board Member
Equal Opportunity Now / By Any Means Necessary Caucus (EON/BAMN)
Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration, and Immigrant Rights and Fight for
Equality By Any Means Necessary (BAMN) National Organizer

February 20

Dear Berkeley School Board,

I am writing today in defense of Yvette Felarca, who is a teacher at King Middle School and an exemplary engaged citizen and activist. As you surely know, Yvette has recently come under fire from the organized and automatic attack machine linked up with the Tucker Carlson show on Fox, on which she appeared as a guest last Monday.

At my university, we have long-centralized the value of "engaged citizenship" in the general education curriculum, as students are encouraged to take up myriad activist and public initiatives as part of the basic mission of a public university. We want our graduates to be informed, critical, and willing to take action and responsibility in their world and communities. From that perspective, Yvette appears as a model educator and citizen. She stands up against a rising tide of dangerous racist, sexist, and misogynistic movements wherever she can. She has the bravery and conviction to fight like those courageous women, many of them nurses and teachers, who found their way into Spain in the late 1930s to stand up against Franco. People such as Yvette are very easy to condemn in the time of their actions, but they emerge as heroes and moral examples

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Fwd: heads up

1 message

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:33 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Ty Alper** <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Date: Sat, Mar 25, 2017 at 7:04 AM

Subject: Fwd: heads up

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Can we check Washington's schedule to make sure nothing is scheduled there that day?

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]**Date:** March 24, 2017 at 11:04:16 AM PDT**To:** Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>**Subject:** heads up

Good morning,

[REDACTED] spoke with me this morning about another planned action in Civic Center park for **April 15, Saturday**. Police are preparing in exactly the same way they did for the March 4 event, and are expecting the same crowd of protesters and counter-protesters. We are looking at our calendar and assessing the events at BHS that Saturday - on initial look it's very light that day.

Here is a Twitter photo of what looks like a BAMN response:

<https://twitter.com/freemansullivan/status/844998519974871041/photo/1>

And here is a disturbing website:

<https://mcga.media/berkeley-april-15-preparation/>

Let me know if you'd like to talk further or advise about next steps.

REDACTED

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Principal, Berkeley High School
Berkeley Unified School District
(510) 644-4803

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Donald Evans, Ed.D
Superintendent

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Fwd: abusive phone c

1 message

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:34 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: Tue, Mar 21, 2017 at 8:59 PM

Subject: Fwd: abusive phone c

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

This is an update from Janet after my call asking her to tell us more about the explicit nature of the calls staff received related to YF.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Date: March 21, 2017 at 7:14:04 PM PDT

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: abusive phone calls

I asked my VP's the following:

1. What was the nature of the voice messages that you received related to Felarca? I know David received one that was creepy about sexual performance. Did each of you receive voice messages that were more creepy or personal in nature?
2. How did that make you feel?

Here is how David responded:

Most were OK. There were a few where expletives were used about us and Ms. Felarca in addition to the graphic one you listened to.

Some were rattling and a little disturbing, especially because I was not clear on their intent. There are some disturbed people out there where we don't get to know their intentions or capabilities. I would say that my family were/are more concerned and worried than I am.

Here is how [REDACTED] responded:

I received one that was anti-semitic. The caller assumed I was Jewish based on my name and proceeded to talk about 'you people'. There were a couple that used profanity, but I can't remember what specifically. Most were relatively benign. I didn't listen to a lot of them all the way through. None felt creepy or personal.

I haven't heard back from Javier yet.

Janet

Janet Levenson

Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

East Bay Times asks about policies on teacher outside activity and criminal charges

6 messages

Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 12:14 PM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Evelyn Bradley <evelynbradley@berkeley.net>

Cc: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Below are two questions from East Bay Times reporter Tom Lochner. Could you please advise me on how you'd like me to respond?

Thanks, Charles

1. What is the general school district policy regarding employment of teachers accused or convicted of various infractions, crimes, misdemeanors, felonies etc.?

2. What is the general school district policy on what kind of conduct is permissible/impermissible outside school hours and premises (assuming that such a policy has passed the First Amendment test)?

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From: **Tom Lochner** <tlochner@bayareanewsgroup.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 11:51 AM

Subject: Re: quick question

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Hi Charles,

Yes, I do have access to PACER but it's through a company account and it's a cumbersome process, so before I go through it, I wondered if you may know of the top of your head when the next court hearing is in the Yvette Felarca federal lawsuit, and what stage of the process we're in.

2) I know you cannot talk about any specifics of personnel matters, but what is the general school district policy regarding employment of teachers accused or convicted of various infractions, crimes, misdemeanors, felonies etc.

And what is the general school district policy on what kind of conduct is permissible/impermissible outside school hours and premises (assuming that such a policy has passed the First Amendment test) ?

Thanks in advance.

--tl

On Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 1:20 PM, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net> wrote:

I don't know at the moment. Have you checked PACER?

Charles Burress

Public Information Officer

Berkeley Unified School District

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On Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 12:36 PM, Tom Lochner <tlochner@bayareanewsgroup.com> wrote:

What's the status of the lawsuit Fellarca filed against the district alleging defamation and violation of civil rights (is it ending?) ?

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Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

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 Cc: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Hi Charles,

I'm pretty sure we don't have any general written policies that cover these areas. Unless I'm wrong about that I would just say we follow the Ed Code. - Ty

[Quoted text hidden]

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Ty Alper
 President, Board of Education
 Berkeley Unified School District
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Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 12:42 PM

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There is a short (one-sentence) section titled "Conduct" on page 11 in our Employee Handbook that applies to conduct in general but not specifically to criminal charges or convictions: "All employees are role models for our students and ambassadors to the Berkeley community and are expected to conduct themselves in a civil and professional manner at all times." But other than that, I'm not aware of any policies that might be applicable.

Charles

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510-644-6320**

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Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net> Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 1:56 PM
To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>
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Since he asked about policies I would just say we don't have any written policies on the subject but we follow Ed code

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net> Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 2:10 PM
To: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>
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Okay, that sounds good to me.
Thanks,
Charles

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Fwd: Board President and Superintendent's Message on Protecting Transgender Students

1 message

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:37 PM

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From: **Superintendent Evans** <superintendent@berkeley.net>

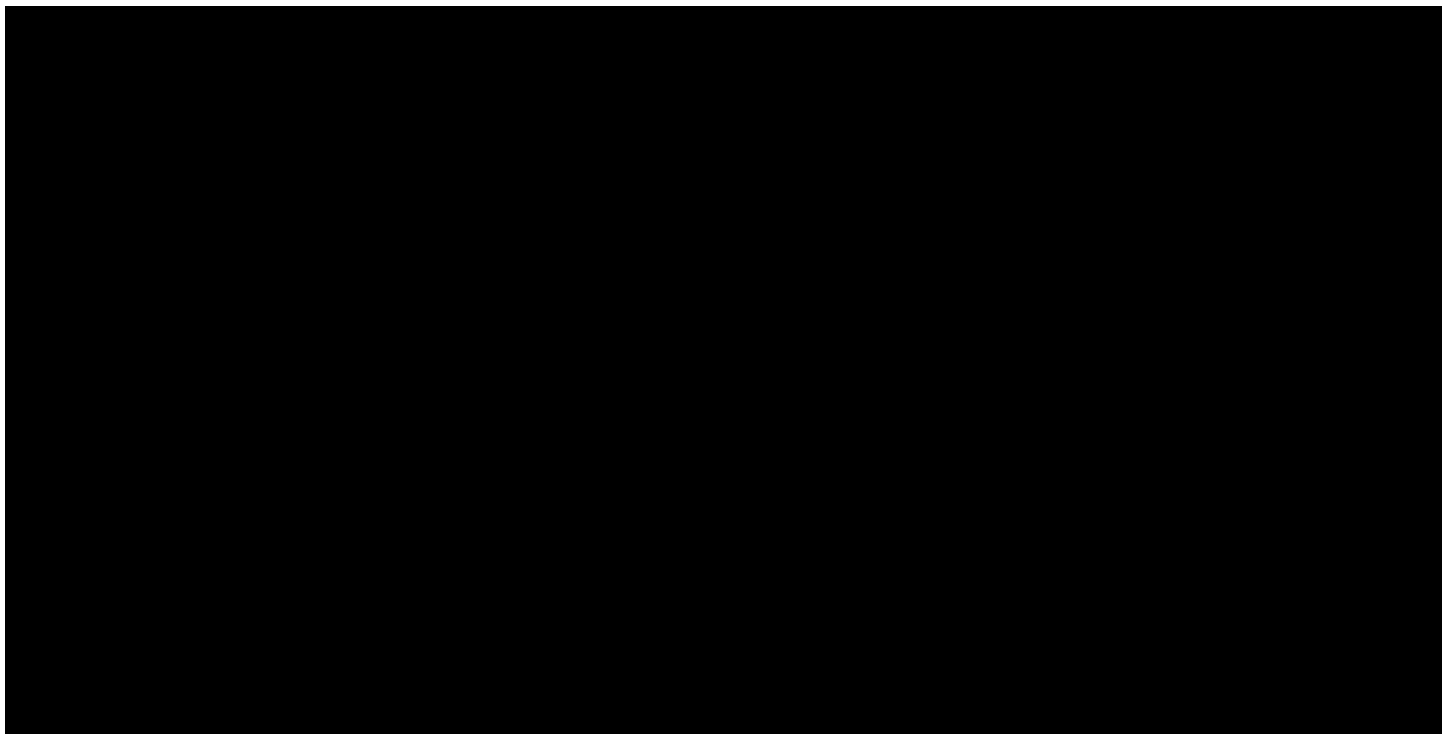
Date: Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 11:07 AM

Subject: Fwd: Board President and Superintendent's Message on Protecting Transgender Students

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

FYI,

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On Feb 24, 2017 5:06 PM, "Donald Evans" <superintendent@berkeley.net> wrote:

**STATEMENT FROM BOARD PRESIDENT AND SUPERINTENDENT REGARDING PROTECTION OF
TRANSGENDER STUDENTS**

Earlier this week, the President issued an order rescinding federal protections for transgender students in our nation's public schools. Our community should know that this order will have no impact in the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD).

We are committed to protecting all students, including transgender students, from discrimination, bullying and harassment. In 2013, our School Board passed one of the first policies in the state to protect transgender students. Moreover, transgender students in California have the right under state law to use restrooms and locker rooms that align with their gender identity. State law also expressly prohibits discrimination in schools on the basis of gender identity.

Ty Alper, Board President
Donald Evans, Ed.D., Superintendent

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Fwd: Yvette Felarca (message from BUSD website)

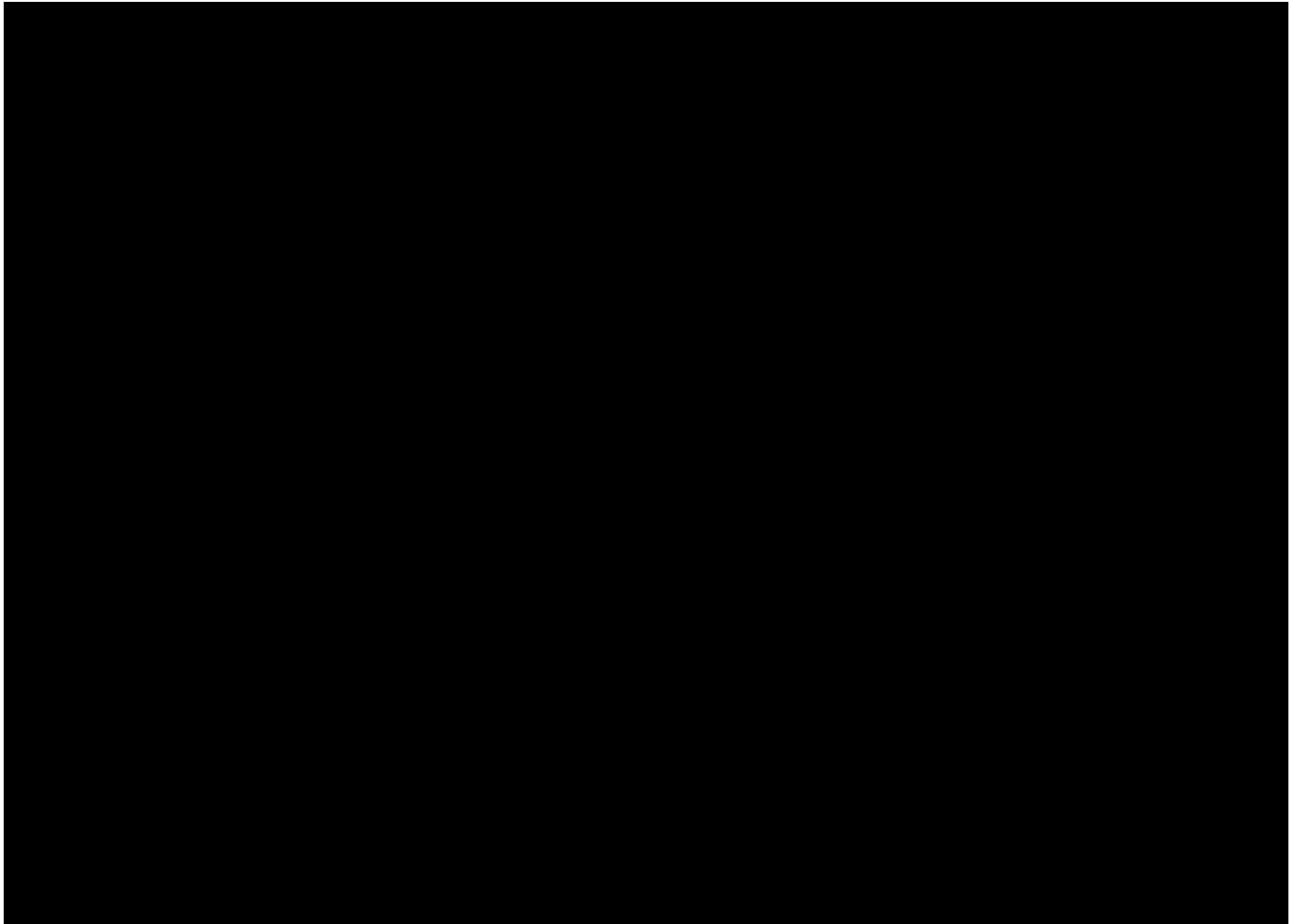
23 messages

Jay Nitschke <jaynitschke@berkeley.net>

Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 9:41 AM

To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Would you please respond as appropriate?



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Director of Technology
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Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 9:50 AM

Cc: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

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Berkeley Unified School District Mail - Fwd: Yvette Felarca (message from BUSD website)

Charles, could you reply to let them know that you are the person to whom to address Public Records Act requests?

-Natasha

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Natasha Beery
Director
Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP) and Community Relations

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 9:51 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Bcc: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Jay Nitschke <jaynitschke@berkeley.net>

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your message. You may send a Public Records Act request to me at charlesburress@berkeley.net.

Sincerely,
Charles Burress

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6320

Regards,

Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 9:53 AM

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
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Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 9:58 AM

-Natasha

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>
To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 10:20 AM

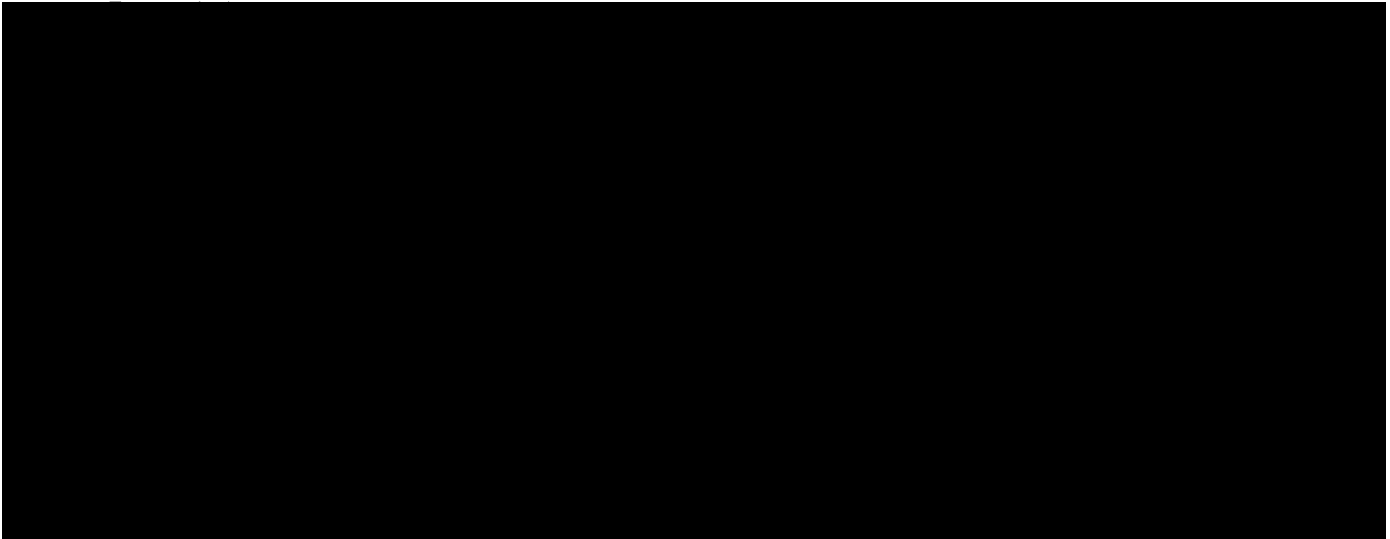
Thanks.

Charles Burress
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Jay Nitschke <jaynitschke@berkeley.net>
To: Web Emails about Felarca <emails-re-felarca@berkeley.net>

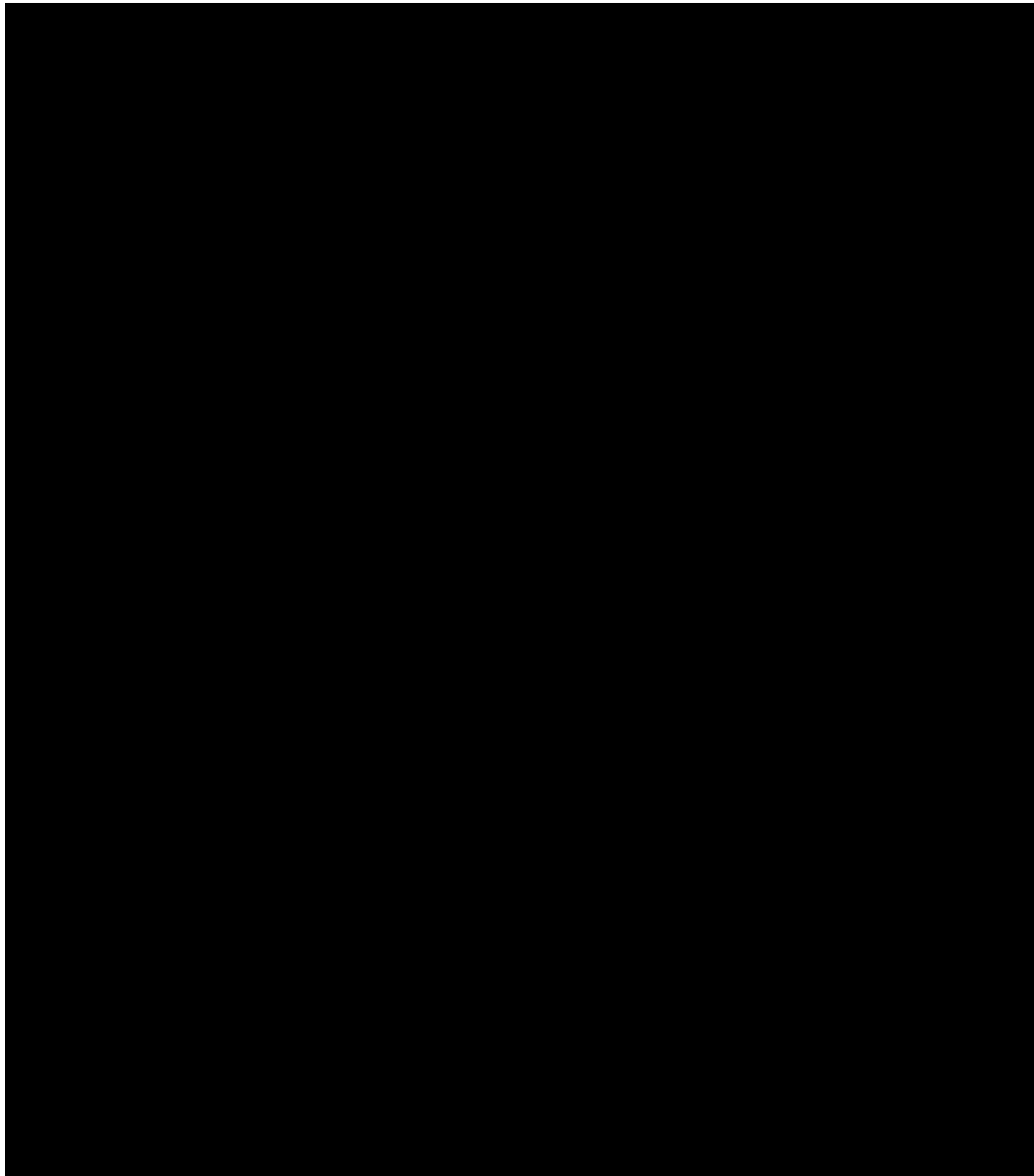
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You received this message because you are subscribed to the Google Groups "Web Emails about Felarca" group.



Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 5:05 PM

To: Evelyn Bradley <evelynbradley@berkeley.net>, Brent Daniels <brentdaniels@berkeley.net>

Cc: REDACTED
<pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

Dear Evelyn and Brent,

We received the Public Records Act request below seeking "BUSD Code of Conduct applicable to BUSD teachers participating in public protests or other public activities on or around public property."

I looked in the Employee Handbook and found a very short "Conduct" section on page 11 containing one sentence: "All employees are role models for our students and ambassadors to the Berkeley community and are expected to conduct themselves in a civil and professional manner at all times."

Can you tell me if we have anything else that might qualify as a "code of conduct" in this circumstance? Perhaps Board Policy, Administrative Regulations or anything in the BFT contract, for example? (I looked through the contract and didn't see anything.)

Thanks,
Charles

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6320

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 21, 2017 at 4:22 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
Bcc: Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Dear [REDACTED]

Regarding your Feb. 10 Public Records Act request, we do not have an employee Code of Conduct. We have a very short section on employee conduct, titled Conduct, on page 11 of our District Employee Handbook, which can be accessed online at <http://www.berkeleyschools.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Employee-Handbook-201617-110216-cp-v4.pdf>.

I was not able to identify any BUSD policy regarding compliance with California Government Code Section 1027.5.

Sincerely,
Charles Burress

Charles Burress
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Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:40 PM

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Donald Evans, Ed.D
Superintendent

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Maya Angelou*

another KPIX request for on-camera interview

15 messages

Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 11:16 AM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

Jessica Flores of KPIX (CBS 5) just called asked if someone from the district is available for an on-camera interview as soon as possible on what the district is doing about all the calls and emails regarding Ms. Felarca and is there anything the district can do regarding the parents' concerns. Please let me know if any of you would like to do this.

Thanks

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Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 11:21 AM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Cc: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

I don't think we have much to say so I'm not sure an on camera interview is something we need or want to do.

I am somewhat anxious to have the statement done so we can release it and point people to it. Is there an ETA on that?

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Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 12:01 PM

To: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Cc: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

Donald is meeting with some parents currently. I will ask him as soon as he emerges.

-Natasha

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Natasha Beery

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 12:24 PM

To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Cc: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

I'm going out for a Post Office run and lunch break. The reporter's phone number is Jessica Flores, 415-760-1894.

Back soon, Charles

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 12:58 PM

To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Cc: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

KPIX reporter Jessica Flores just called again, said she's at the middle school now, and that she could come over to the district office now if someone is available to be interviewed.

Sent from my iPhone

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Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 1:19 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Cc: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

I defer to Donald but continue to think there's no much we can say - I hope we can at least provide her the statement we've come up with.

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 1:26 PM

To: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Cc: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

I sent the statement to her and to the other media who've inquired. I also told her that we are not available for an interview.

Charles

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
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Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 1:37 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Cc: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

Thank you Charles! Can we please post on website and send out to community (however we did it last time)?

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 1:46 PM

To: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Cc: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

I'm working on the web post now. Other than posting on the web site and sending it to the media, I don't recall any other ways that we distributed statements regarding Ms. Felarca to the community since I've been here. (But my memory is far from perfect.)

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Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 1:57 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Cc: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

We sent the message out from the Superintendent via School Messenger to all staff and to all parents.

However, in this case I'm not sure we want to do that. So far the response and interest seems to be contained primarily w/in the King Community and then the far-flung media. We are not getting comments from people in Berkeley or BUSD in general (hmm, must not be Fox viewers?)

I was going to share this message with Janet for her to share with her community, but other than putting the message on our website, providing further messaging about this may not actually be useful. The Board could choose to say something tonight at the special meeting if they deem it appropriate.

-Natasha

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Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 2:05 PM

To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Cc: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

Ok I defer to you all

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Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 2:45 PM

To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Cc: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

Can someone send me the link to the statement on the website? I am going to send it to Berkeley people who have emailed the Board. Thanks!

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Ty Alper

Please use tyalper@berkeley.net for BUSD-related matters.
For political email, please use ty@tyalper.org.
For email related to Berkeley Law, please use talper@law.berkeley.edu.

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 3:01 PM

-Natasha
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Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 3:09 PM

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Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:42 PM



Threat Messages - Forward to Felarca?

2 messages

Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Wed, Feb 15, 2017 at 10:35 AM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Evelyn Bradley <EvelynBradley@berkeley.net>

Cc: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Hi,

We are continuing to be inundated by messages regarding Yvette Felarca. We are monitoring them for any threats to King Middle School as took place in June. Nothing has emerged as a direct threat, although there have been some indirect mentions -

We are however seeing a few that threaten (indirectly) Ms. Felarca, such as "she should have her teeth kicked in" or "accidents happen."

Do we need to forward those to her? I imagine she's getting plenty of direct communications herself. Do we need to ask [REDACTED]? Not sure that the district has any responsibility here - it's hard enough to read the hundreds of messages that have come in thanks to this employee's choice to speak about her extracurricular activities. Maybe we should just set up an auto-forward so she gets everything. That might be simplest.

-Natasha

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Natasha Beervy

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Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:42 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

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Donald Evans, Ed.D

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KPIX asks if anyone will talk on camera about Ms. Felarca

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 4:10 PM

Christin Ayers of KPIX (510-453-5048) just called, said they have a news crew "around Berkeley" and asks if anyone is available for an interview. I asked her what questions she'd like to ask, and she said she didn't know alf of them but that she'd likely want to ask whether Ms. Felarca was approved to talk to Tucker Carlson, what our reaction is, whether she's considered to represent the school and her standing now. Please let me know if any of you are willing to speak with them. If not, I'll refer her to our June 29 statement.

Charles

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
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Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:44 PM

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Berkeleyside asks if we're re-evaluating Ms. Felarca's position

4 messages

Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 11:23 AM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

Frances Dinkelspiel of Berkeleyside called and asked if our position in favor of keeping Ms. Felarca in the classroom will remain the same? What do we want to say?

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6320

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 11:25 AM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

I think we should stick to what we've been saying or what we've used in the past when we brought her back.

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Donald Evans, Ed.D
Superintendent

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Maya Angelou*

Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 11:28 AM

To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Any suggestions on how to incorporate what we've said in the past into a response that's responsive to the present outcry?

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Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:44 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

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From: **Donald Evans** <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Date: Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 11:25 AM

Subject: Re: Berkeleyside asks if we're re-evaluating Ms. Felarca's position

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Fwd: [School Board] Fwd: FIRE NUTJOB COMMUNIST AGITATOR FELARCA!

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Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:45 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

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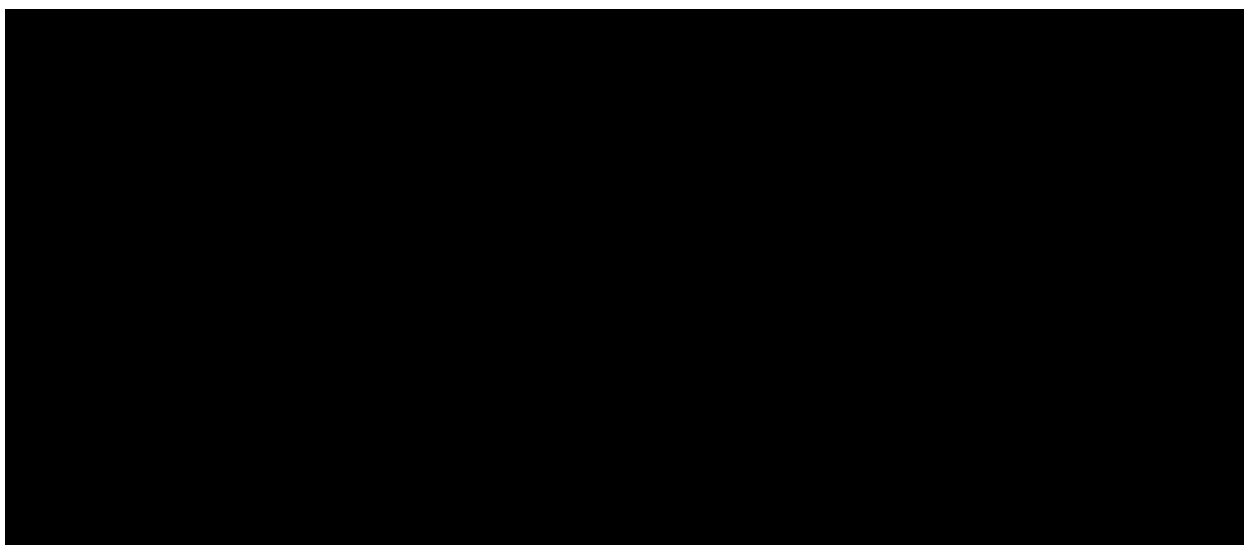
Subject: Fwd: [School Board] Fwd: FIRE NUTJOB COMMUNIST AGITATOR FELARCA!

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net> [REDACTED]

<evelynbradley@berkeley.net>

I am not suggesting any particular course or action but just FYI since you all don't get this board of ed emails, we are getting these apparently from all over the country. Not a ton of them, just a steady stream that makes me think someone has put out a call for people to email us. Again, just FYI.

Begin forwarded message:



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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

good morning from KPIX

17 messages

Dinsmore, Brian N <Dinsmore@kpix.cbs.com>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 6:32 AM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Cc: "Dinsmore, Brian N" <Dinsmore@kpix.cbs.com>, "Hasan, Amal" <amhasan@cbs.com>, "Konczal, Michael" <Konczal@kpix.cbs.com>, "Mitchell, Benjamin J" <bjmitchell@cbs.com>, "Quintana, Ryan" <rquintana@cbs.com>, "Saiers, Peter F" <saiers@kpix.cbs.com>, "Samra, Christine" <csamra@kpix.cbs.com>

Hi Charles,

There is a video making the rounds on social media this weekend that purportedly shows a teacher with BUSD allegedly attacking a person near the UC Berkeley Campus in the aftermath of the so-called "Milo" incident. While we are checking on the video and its validity, wondering if you are aware of this, and if BUSD is investigating?

The social media posts claim this is the same teacher who was involved in another protest in Sacramento in August of 2016. The teacher is reportedly placed at MLK Middle School in Berkeley. I am leaving names out pending further reporting and vetting of the video.

Any help on this most appreciated.



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Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 11:08 AM

Bcc: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

I think it could be difficult to respond to questions about a video without knowing what video you're referring to. Can you forward it to me, or at least a link to it?

**Best,
Charles**

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
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Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 12:48 PM

Cc: "Hasan, Amal" <amhasan@cbs.com>, "Konczal, Michael" <Konczal@kpix.cbs.com>, "Mitchell, Benjamin J" <bjmitchell@cbs.com>, "Quintana, Ryan" <rquintana@cbs.com>, "Saiers, Peter F" <saiers@kpix.cbs.com>, "Samra, Christine" <csamra@kpix.cbs.com>

Of course—here is a sampling of what was posted online this weekend..

<https://twitter.com/bfraser747/status/830139497073422338>

<https://twitter.com/proudwednesday/status/830312033144827904>



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From: Charles Burress [mailto:charlesburress@berkeley.net]**Sent:** Sunday, February 12, 2017 11:08 AM**To:** Dinsmore, Brian N**Cc:** Hasan, Amal; Konczal, Michael; Mitchell, Benjamin J; Quintana, Ryan; Saiers, Peter F; Samra, Christine**Subject:** Re: good morning from KPIX

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 1:42 PM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

CBS 5 asks us if we are aware of video circulating this weekend about Ms. Felarca and if are investigating. I asked them to send me a link, and they sent links to two videos, one in which Ms. Felarca appears to be assaulting a demonstrator (I believe this was the Sacramento demonstration in late June), and one of her interview with KTVU shortly after the Milo Yiannopolous protest at UC Berkeley in which she indicates support for "militant" action, including damaging property, as legitimate political means. What do you advise we say in response?

Charles Burress
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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 1:44 PM

To: "Dinsmore, Brian N" <Dinsmore@kpix.cbs.com>

Brian, thanks. I'll see what I can find out on our end. In the meantime, if you make any progress in checking the first video's validity as well as the date and location, please let me know.

Thanks,
Charles

Charles Burress
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Dinsmore, Brian N <Dinsmore@kpix.cbs.com>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 1:48 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Ok. we are checking and vetting. The alleged involved teacher was related to another incident in Sacramento in June of 2016, not August.

Thanks again

Brian



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To: Dinsmore, Brian N

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 3:23 PM

To: "Dinsmore, Brian N" <Dinsmore@kpix.cbs.com>

Bcc: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

Yes, we are aware of that incident, and the District Superintendent and then-President of the School Board issued a statement after a subsequent threat was made to the school where she taught: <http://www.berkeleyschools.net/2016/06/29/important-community-message-from-superintendent-board-president-2/>.

Charles

Charles Burress

2/20/2018

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Dinsmore, Brian N <Dinsmore@kpix.cbs.com>
To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 3:33 PM

Ok. we are dropping for now. Thx for working on it.



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From: Charles Burress [mailto:charlesburress@berkeley.net]

Sent: Sunday, February 12, 2017 3:23 PM

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>
To: "Dinsmore, Brian N" <Dinsmore@kpix.cbs.com>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 3:55 PM

Okay.

Charles

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Sun, Feb 12, 2017 at 4:57 PM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

CBS 5 decided to drop the story about Ms. Felarca for now. Meanwhile in case you haven't seen it, I discovered today that she was the subject of a Feb. 6 Breitbart News article that could have put us on the White House radar: "Radical Berkeley, Anti-MILO Protest Leader: 'No Regrets'". The article describes her as a leader and supporter of violent protests, and includes this as the third paragraph:

"White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer told reporters Friday that the administration "knew" who the protesters were, but there was no indication that Spicer was aware of the involvement of Felarca, who was involved last year in the Burlingame, California protest that forced Donald Trump and his Secret Service detail to leave their vehicle."

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Tomorrow at King

4 messages

Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 2:31 PM

To: [REDACTED], Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

My EL teachers are organizing a wall of unity and love for the whole school tomorrow from 8:00-8:30am. Staff, students and families will show support of our immigrant students and families. I'm letting you know since we've received numerous hateful calls today about Ms Felarca. We don't expect trouble but want you to be aware. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 3:55 PM

To: Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Janet, if anyone takes photos, could a couple be sent to me (for possible use in the Weekly Bulletin if that would be okay)?

Thanks,
Charles

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On Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 2:31 PM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

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Sent from my iPhone

Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 4:03 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

sure

Janet

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[Quoted text hidden]

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:47 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

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Donald Evans, Ed.D
Superintendent

Here's what BAMN Twitter feed says re BHS walkout:

4 messages

Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Tue, Jan 17, 2017 at 12:43 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Jay Nitschke <jaynitschke@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]

Here's the post on twitter - scroll to the bottom to see what it says re BHS.

Are they coordinating with student leaders, or is this just BAMN?

L.A./BERKELEY/OAKLAND ACTIONS:
 TRUMP MUST GO BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY
 No "business as usual" until Trump is defeated
 WALKOUT * STRIKE * MARCH * PROTEST

- * Defend Immigrant Rights
- * Stop Trump's Deportations
- * Defend DACA and DAPA
- * Open the Borders
- * Shut Down Immigrant Concentration Camps (Detention Centers)
- * Defend Sanctuary Cities and Sanctuary Campuses
- * No Wall, No Militarization of the Border with Mexico
- * Defend Public Education
- * Stop the Creation of a Trump-led Police State
- * The people rejected him— Trump must go. The principle of democracy must prevail over the Electoral College
- * Build a Mass Movement for Democracy and Equality to Stop Trump's Racist and Misogynist Movement of Hate

Join BAMN. We will not accept the coming to power of a fascist movement in America. No Trump Tyranny!

PROTEST TRUMP'S INAUGURATION

Monday, Jan. 16 - Friday, Jan. 20
 LOS ANGELES WEEK OF WALKOUTS

Friday, Jan. 20
 Shut down schools, universities, workplaces!

BERKELEY/OAKLAND: Berkeley High students walk out and march to UC Berkeley, rally on Sproul Plaza (Bancroft + Telegraph) at noon. Oakland students walk out and march to downtown Oakland, join the Oakland march at noon.

-Natasha

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Natasha Beery

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Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Tue, Jan 17, 2017 at 12:45 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Jay Nitschke <jaynitschke@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]

And here's the flyer which includes BHS walk-out:

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WALKOUT * STRIKE * MARCH * PROTEST



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Join the BAMN contingent at the Women's March in Oakland: gather at 9:00am at Oakland Public Library 125 (14th St at Oak St.)



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BAMN Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration & Immigrant Rights and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary
Contact: (510) 293-4901 email@bamn.com www.bamn.com Join our BAMN Facebook group

-Natasha

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Cc: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Jay Nitschke <jaynitschke@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]

Tue, Jan 17, 2017 at 12:51 PM

Erin told me that BAMN members are passing out flyers at the high school. She doesn't know if students will walk out or not. [REDACTED] and Student Leadership are working on planning some on-campus activities at noon on campus. UC Berkeley's protest also is at noon.

Charles Burress

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On Tue, Jan 17, 2017 at 12:43 PM, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net> wrote:

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:48 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Ty Alper** <tyalper@berkeley.net>
Date: Mon, Dec 5, 2016 at 9:07 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: [School Board] Re: This is a problem that must be dealt immediately.
To: Beatriz Leyva-Cutler <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

I don't actually read it as a threat, just someone who is disappointed she is back and warning us that we'll be legally liable if she does something wrong again.

On 12/4/16 4:32 PM, Beatriz Leyva-Cutler wrote:

Can legal counsel find out who this is? I almost feel there is a threat implied in this letter. Do you?

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Dec 4, 2016 4:13 PM
Subject: [School Board] Re: This is a problem that must be dealt immediately.
To: <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>, <Superintendent@berkeley.net>, <boardofed@berkeley.net>
[Quoted text hidden]

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Vice-President, Board of Education
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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Fwd: Re: [School Board] Media Alliance Follow-Up Letter to BUSD

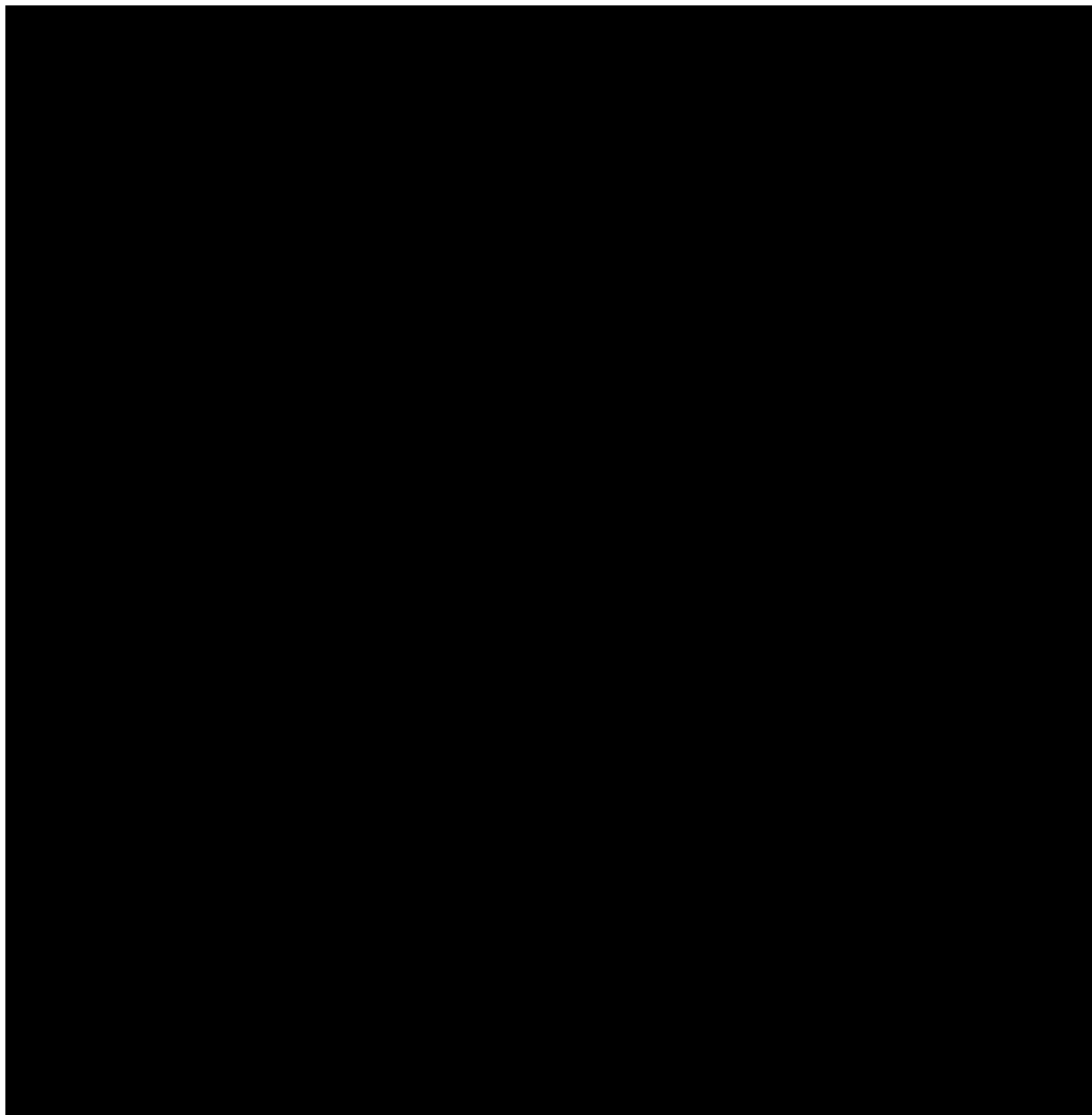
4 messages

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net>

Sun, Oct 23, 2016 at 5:09 PM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

OK I will need help to reclarify what was said and what really happened...so just leave this alone. What do you recommend? Who is Media Alliance anyway?



Sun, Oct 23, 2016 at 5:23 PM

To: Beatriz Leyva-Cutler <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net>

Cc: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

My advice is ignore it. She's wrong (just because you said we were recessing into closed session doesn't mean we did, and the minutes are accurate).

[Quoted text hidden]

<Media Alliance Letter to BUSD 10-23-16.pdf>

Mon, Oct 24, 2016 at 5:38 PM

To: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

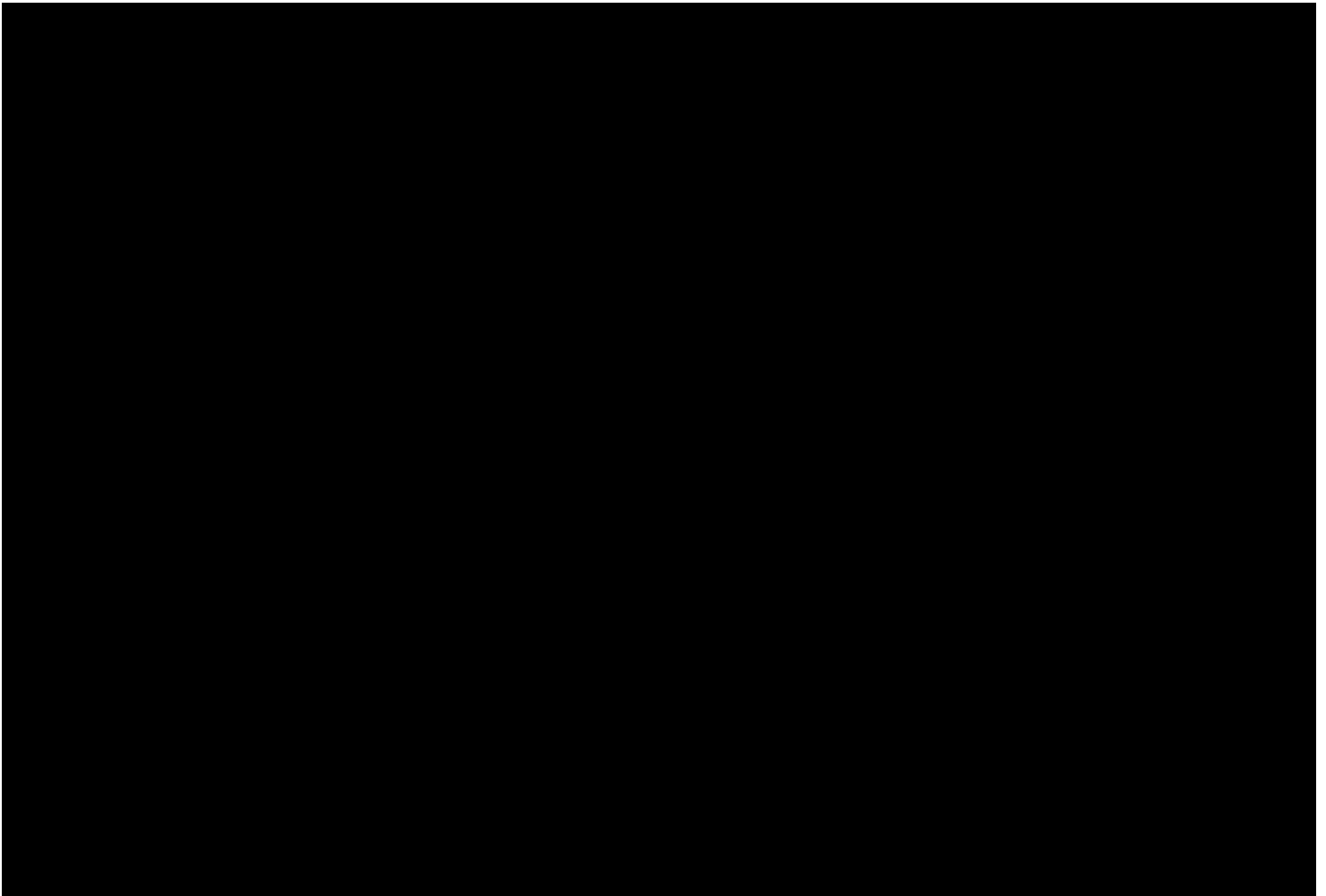
Cc: Beatriz Leyva-Cutler <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Media Alliance is a nonprofit activist organization based in San Francisco and founded in 1976 that leans left, or far left, and seeks to support the rights of media workers, promote diversity in the media and "hold big media accountable." It was long based in Oakland before moving to SF last year. My impression is that their influence is not especially significant, and I'm not aware of any notable mainstream media members who are affiliated with them. They don't seem to take a fair or well-researched approach to their own reporting, as you can see in this report from their executive director about the Felarca case: <http://www.media-alliance.org/article.php?id=2607>. They sponsor events, issue press releases and advocate on various issues they deem important. Their job board is popular with some out-of-work journalists.

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King seventh graders in limbo4 messages



Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Mon, Sep 26, 2016 at 10:07 PM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

FYI - do we have a plan for what we are telling the students who have her?

[Quoted text hidden]

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Mon, Sep 26, 2016 at 10:10 PM

I thought you should see this.

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:53 PM

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel" - Maya Angelou

More questions from Daily Cal

5 messages

Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Fri, Sep 23, 2016 at 12:37 PM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED], Beatriz Leyva-Cutler <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net>

Bcc: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

The Daily Cal reporter just called again with the following questions:

1. How long with Felarca be on admin. leave?
2. When will she know if she can go back to work?
3. Who makes the decision?
4. Who conducts the investigation?
5. How was she notified that she was put on leave?
6. Who brought the concerns to the District's attention?

I assume my answer is we can't comment because it's a personnel matter, but if there are any answers to these questions that I can provide, please let me know.

Thanks,
Charles

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
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[REDACTED] Fri, Sep 23, 2016 at 12:42 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

I'm sorry, this is a personnel issue. We are not able to comment further at this time.

[Quoted text hidden]

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Mon, Sep 26, 2016 at 11:51 AM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Cc: [REDACTED] Beatriz Leyva-Cutler <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net>

Charles,
These are all confidential questions.

On Fri, Sep 23, 2016 at 12:37 PM, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net> wrote:

[Quoted text hidden]

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Donald Evans, Ed.D
Superintendent

*"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel" -
Maya Angelou*

Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Mon, Sep 26, 2016 at 11:57 AM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Cc: [REDACTED] Beatriz Leyva-Cutler <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net>

Right, that's what I told her -- we can't comment further because it's a personnel issue.

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
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Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:53 PM

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Fwd: Re[10]: Yvette Felarca — Berkeleyside inquiry

1 message

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:57 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 3:13 PM
Subject: Re[10]: Yvette Felarca — Berkeleyside inquiry
To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

I've emailed Lt. Schofield, and called him a few times as well but have not heard a response.

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

From: "Donald Evans" <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: 7/26/2016 14:51:13
Subject: Re: Re[8]: Yvette Felarca — Berkeleyside inquiry

Hi [REDACTED]

I'm back from vacation. I don't have the name, but let me try and get the name from BPD. They were the ones that did everything for me. I worked with them.
Donald

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 26, 2016, at 12:18 PM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Donald, my editors ordered me to follow up on this. Which FBI agent did the BUSD deal with?

Please let me know.

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

From: [REDACTED]
To: "Donald Evans" <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
Sent: 7/15/2016 10:20:44
Subject: Re[7]: Yvette Felarca — Berkeleyside inquiry

Donald,

I'm still waiting on this — my contact at the FBI, Prentice Danner is having trouble locating records of an investigation and said that he'd be able to track it down if you can furnish us with the name of the agent who the BUSD reported the threat to. Please let me know.

Thanks,

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

From: [REDACTED]
To: "Donald Evans" <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
Sent: 7/13/2016 20:27:20
Subject: Re[6]: Yvette Felarca — Berkeleyside inquiry

Can you give me a call? I've got a couple follow ups:

How long has Felarca been employed by BUSD?

What's the name of the FBI agent that the BUSD interacted with re: the threatening email?

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

From: "Donald Evans" <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: 7/12/2016 10:09:06
Subject: Re: Re[4]: Yvette Felarca — Berkeleyside inquiry

Good morning [REDACTED]
We've moved both programs for the entire summer.

On Mon, Jul 11, 2016 at 2:47 PM, REDACTED

[REDACTED] wrote:

Donald,

One quick follow up: What, if any, activities are there at MLK during the summer? I noticed that they were suspended after the threats and I wondered if they'd started up again.

[REDACTED]

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

From: "Donald Evans" <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: 7/6/2016 18:03:25
Subject: Re: Re[2]: Yvette Felarca — Berkeleyside inquiry

[REDACTED]

I forgot to tell you, the reason for that answer is that I don't have the liberty to discuss personnel issues with anyone. Because this involves an employee, everything is confidential. So the best answer would be, "due to confidentiality of the matter, the district is not at liberty to discuss the status of the employee."

Thanks,

Donald

On Wed, Jul 6, 2016 at 3:36 PM, Donald Evans
<donaldevans@berkeley.net> wrote:
That is correct.

On Wed, Jul 6, 2016 at 3:25 PM, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] wrote:
Thanks Donald. Just to be sure my facts
are straight: I can print (and be accurate)
that at this point she still has a job?

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----- Original Message -----
From: "Donald Evans"
<donaldevans@berkeley.net>
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Sent: 7/6/2016 15:22:54
Subject: Re: Yvette Felarca —
Berkeleyside inquiry

[REDACTED]
We don't have anything else
to report at this time.

On Wed, Jul 6, 2016 at 2:37
PM, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hi Donald,

I wondered if the BUSD
had an update on whether
or not Felarca remains
employed, and what if any
action has been taken?
Would you give me a call?

If possible, I'd like to wrap
this up by tmrw, end of
day.

Thanks,

—
Donald Evans, Ed.D
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Fwd: Petition

1 message

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:57 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Natasha Beery** <natashabeery@berkeley.net>
Date: Thu, Jun 30, 2016 at 4:12 PM
Subject: Re: Petition
To: **Beatriz Leyva-Cutler** <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net>
Cc: **Donald Evans** <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Well, the reason your names are on the petition is that any petition like this has to be set up so that it is a petition TO someone or some organization - so in this case, it is a petition to the BUSD, and the Superintendent and the Board President are correctly identified as the people to whom the petition would be addressed.

So far only three or four of the signers are from Berkeley, but yes, it's really challenging that once again something in Berkeley is getting national and international attention - in a negative way.

-Natasha

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On Thu, Jun 30, 2016 at 3:27 PM, Beatriz Leyva-Cutler <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net> wrote:

I didn't realize that the petition has both Donald's and my name on it - calling us out to fire Yvette...Now and forever our names will come up on google and associated us with this incident...this doesn't make me happy and I sure neither Donald.

https://www.change.org/p/berkeley-unified-school-district-fire-yvette-felarca?response=9bb46f4e29f3&utm_source=target&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=one_hundred

Beatriz Leyva-Cutler
Berkeley School Board President
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Office Hours:
2nd Thursday of the Month @
Casa Latina on San Pablo and Delaware
4:30 to 6pm

Key Points

3 messages

Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Mon, Jun 27, 2016 at 5:34 PM

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>

[REDACTED], Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]

- This morning we were informed that over the weekend there was a political protest in Sacramento that became violent, and one of the people involved in the situation is a teacher at King Middle School. [Yvette Felarca of By Any Means Necessary]
- Last night and today, the school and principal have received a number of communications expressing concern about this incident, and one email threatened that if the teacher in question were not fired within the week, someone would come to King with the intent to harm children. There has been a lot of use of Twitter and Facebook as well as direct emails and phone calls - the Principal's phone number was posted on Twitter.
- The FBI have reviewed the email and by their criteria considered it to be a low level threat. The Berkeley Police have said they are taking the threat seriously, and have increased their patrols. We are requesting additional SRO assistance.
- We feel the threat is limited to the King location but we are being cautious about publicity as to the relocation of the two summer camp programs using the school - RatSports and EdMoCamp (being moved to Willard and to Oxford).
- Superintendent is reaching out to BCCE to discuss staff safety at the King site.
- [REDACTED] is point person for communications with the summer camps.
- [REDACTED] (sp?) at Edible Schoolyard has also been contacted - they are so far planning to stay but we asked that they inform everyone.

-Natasha

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Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Mon, Jun 27, 2016 at 6:15 PM

To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Cc: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]

Thanks. [REDACTED] announced to all of the ESY Academy participants at breakfast. [REDACTED] told me to announce that it was a shooting threat specifically so I did that at noon.

[Quoted text hidden]

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Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
(510) 644-4544

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:58 PM

To: Charles Burrell <charlesburrell@berkeley.net>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Donald Evans** <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Date: Tue, Jun 28, 2016 at 5:50 AM

Subject: Re: Key Points

To: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Yes

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 27, 2016, at 7:10 PM, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net> wrote:

Thx! Did something go out to all camp parents?

On Jun 27, 2016, at 7:02 PM, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net> wrote:

I'm forwarding the key points from the incident drafted by our communications department.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Date: June 27, 2016 at 5:34:50 PM PDT

To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi

<pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>,
[REDACTED]

Subject: Key Points

[Quoted text hidden]

1 message

Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:59 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Beatriz Leyva-Cutler** <beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net>
Date: Mon, Jun 27, 2016 at 8:25 PM
Subject: Re: King Update
To: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Is any of this response in our safety plans? Goodness and now BUSD should add up the cost associated with this situation that BAMN has brought to our doorstep so when we do seek legal counsel we can talk about the staff time, BPD, monitors, the change of sites for programs...it is worth noting

On Mon, Jun 27, 2016 at 4:34 PM, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net> wrote:

Update

We're still receiving random emails and phone calls from many unknown people. Someone gave Janet's school number out as a contact to call about firing the teacher.

Both camps (EDMO and RATS) are being moved to two separate locations which we're not identifying to the public. The two locations will host students for the next two weeks. Within those two weeks, we will reassess the situation. EDMO is a science program that host roughly 30 students and RATS is responsible for 25 students.

EDMO sent their kids home right away this morning and is slated to be at the new location tomorrow. We're sending a letter home to the RAT parents this evening. Students leave at 5:00 pm.

At this time, we securing BPD to monitor the schools for the next two weeks.

A press release will be sent to all media outlets at 5:00 pm. Talking points for the board will come later this evening.

Donald

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Donald Evans, Ed.D
Superintendent

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel" - Maya Angelou

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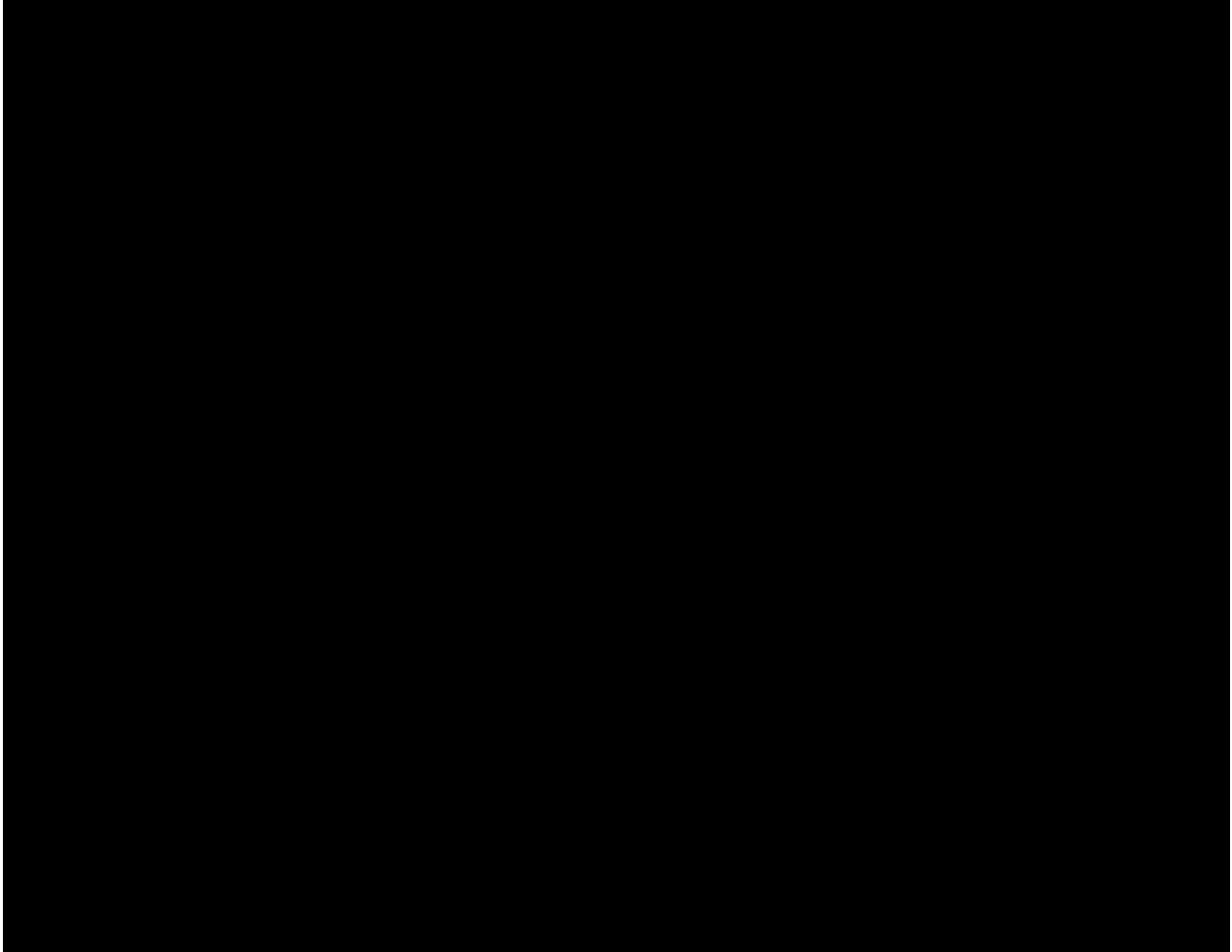
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Berkeley School Board President
beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net

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2nd Thursday of the Month @
Casa Latina on San Pablo and Delaware
4:30 to 6pm

From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 01-03-2017 03:34:28 PM
To : Javier Mendieta <javiermendieta@berkeley.net>
Subject : Fwd: Ms. Felarca

I responded to this parent already. Just sending this to you FYI.
Janet

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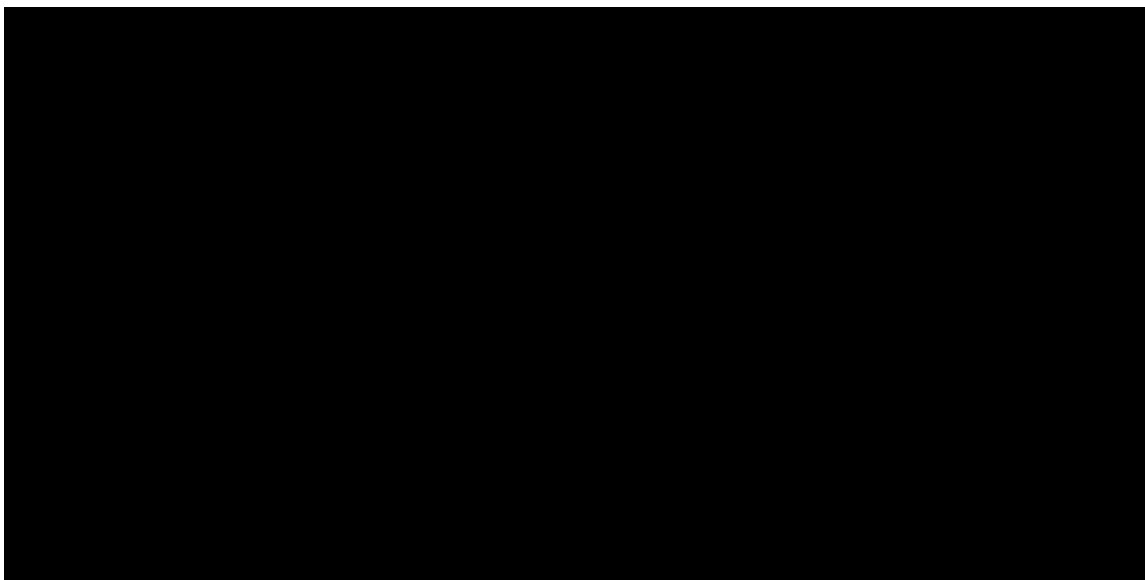


From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 13-02-2017 10:01:48 PM
To : Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>
Subject : Fwd: Thoughts on Yvette Felarca

Do you know him?

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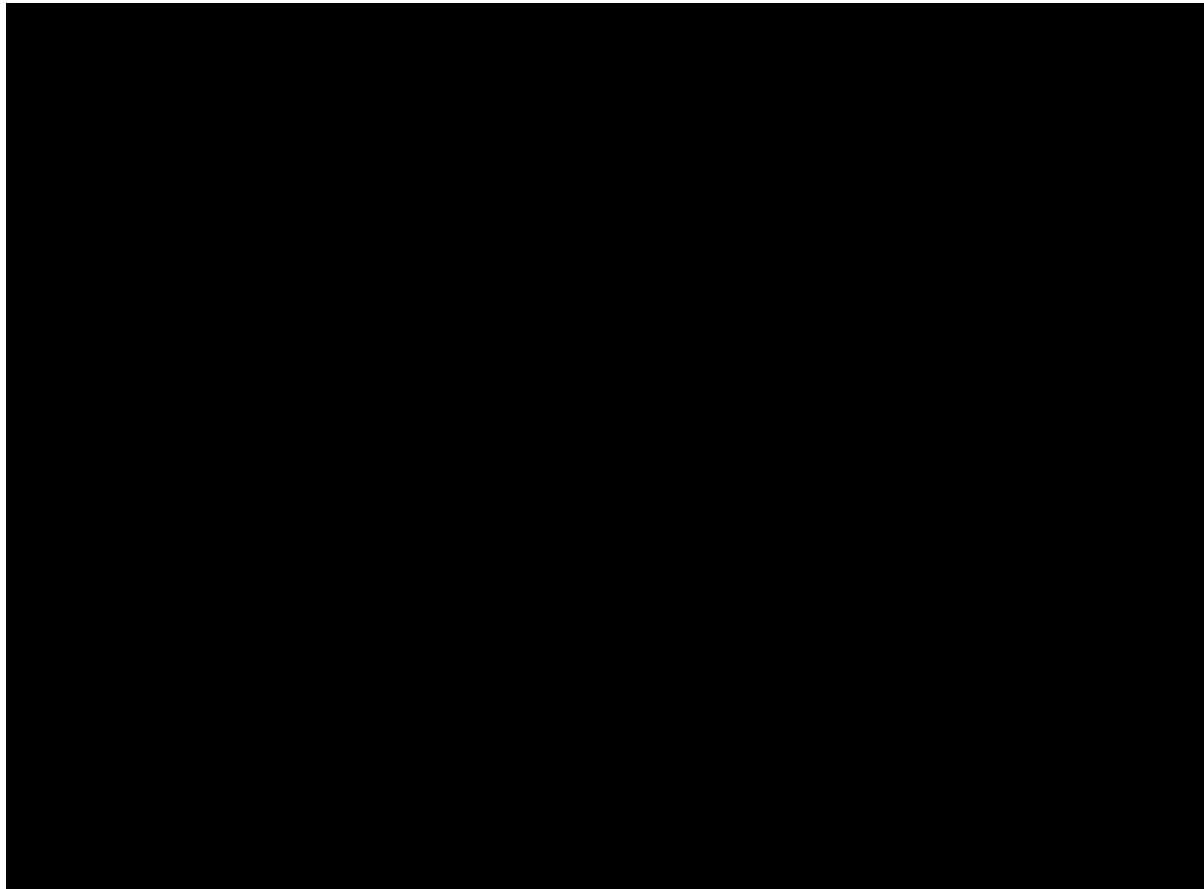
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From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 03-08-2017 03:10:02 PM
To : Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>,
Subject : Fwd: Upcoming Year at MLK Middle School

How would you like me to respond?

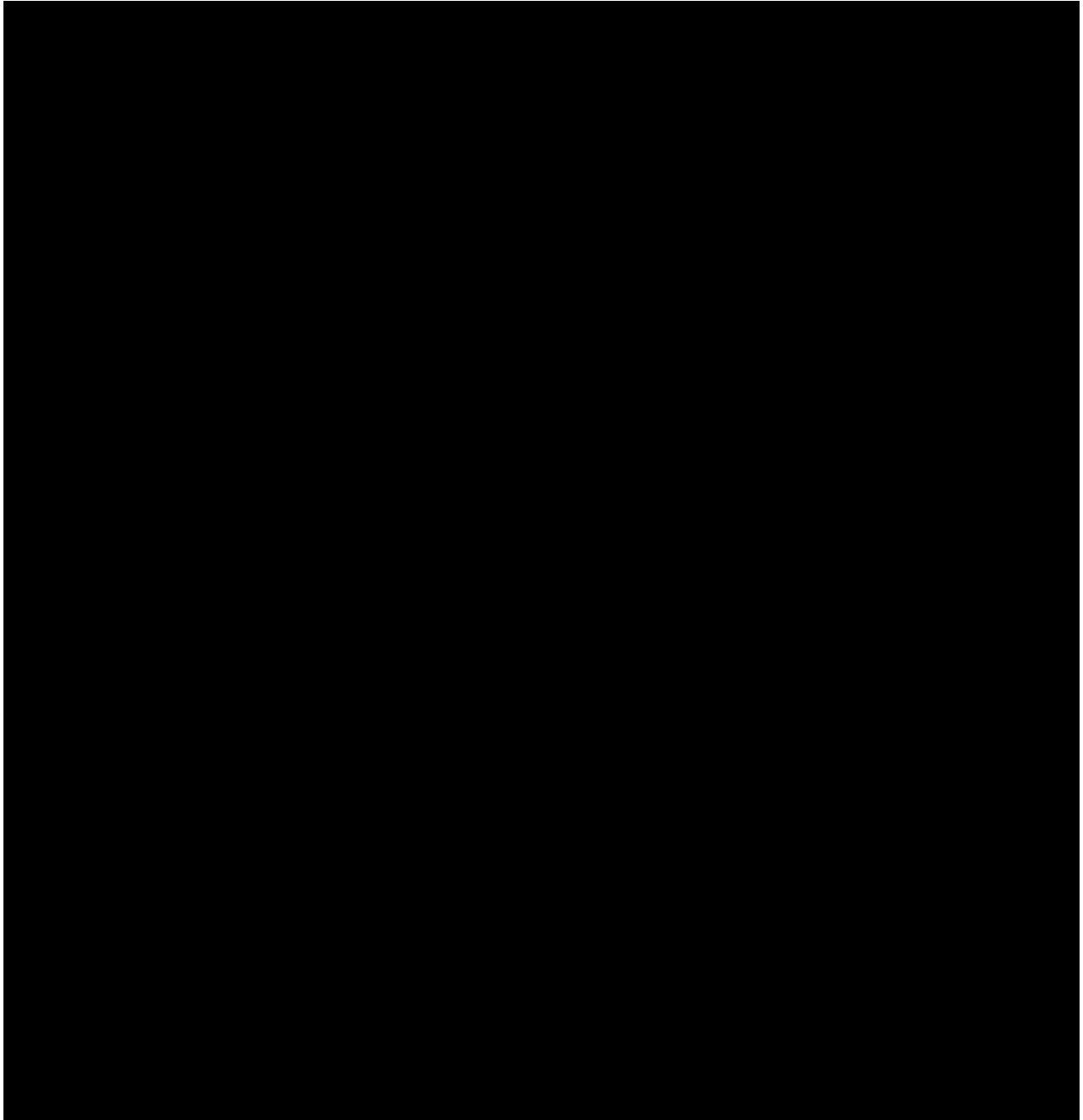
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From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 29-10-2016 10:05:20 AM
To : [REDACTED], donaldevans@berkeley.net
Subject : Fwd: Yvette Felarca/BAMN - information you may find of use

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:



From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Date : 27-08-2017 11:04:08 PM

To :

Cc : 'Pasquale Scuderi' <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>; "Donald Evans" <donaldevans@berkeley.net>; "Evelyn Bradley" <evelynbradley@berkeley.net>; "Charles Burress" <charlesburress@berkeley.net>; "Natasha Beery" <natashabeery@berkeley.net>; "Ty Alper" <tyalper@berkeley.net>
Subject : Re: call

It's not necessary. Thanks.

Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
(510) 644-4544

On Sun, Aug 27, 2017 at 11:03 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

I can be at King tomorrow morning and Tuesday as well. I will check in with you first thing in the morning [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2017, at 2:25 PM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

I spoke with Chief Greenwood. He will alert his media team to watch for any sign on the internet of an organized effort to show up at King. His patrol officers will decide on next steps which might include parking a car near King, driving by during the day, etc.

We've reported the harassing caller and an officer will come take a report. We've turned off all phones because the caller is harassing us incessantly.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2017, at 1:42 PM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

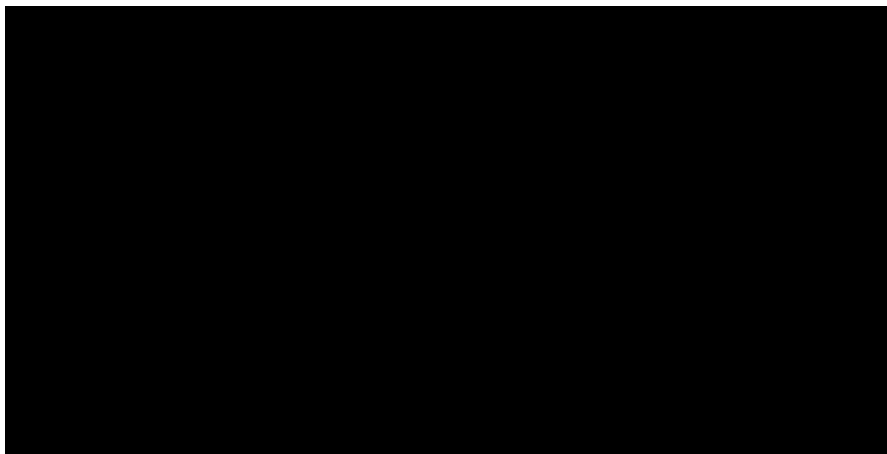
Sorry I hit send prematurely on last email.

See the email below from our school secretary. This gentleman has apparently been calling repeatedly today. Office staff aren't answering phones any longer. I need to tell Felarca and our staff since the office staff will share their fears. Please let me know what kind of support we can expect from BPD and BUSD on Monday so I can assure my teachers we aren't alone here.

We have our registration Welcome Fair on Monday and I'll have my hands full with this.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:



From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Date : 30-06-2016 06:22:30 PM

To : Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Cc : "Donald Evans" <donaidevans@berkeley.net>; "Beatriz Levya-Cutler" <beatrizlevyacutler@berkeley.net>; [REDACTED] 'Pasquale

Scuderi" <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>; [REDACTED]

Subject : Re: Felarcia - Threat update

So far those who claim to be BUSD parents often are not unless they give their names and I then I have found some in FS.

On Thursday, June 30, 2016, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net> wrote:
Donald, Beatriz et al,

Update:

The District, Board and Janet continue to receive calls, emails, requests for interviews, petitions, etc regarding Felarcia. We're fielding as best we can, and I'm tracking most of them in a [summary doc](#). Janet Leve

Lawsuit?

Today [REDACTED] (sub at Supt's Asst desk) took a call from someone who said she was a King parent and she and other parents had engaged an attorney and would sue the District if her child was in danger due t

Responses

Callers are getting a "Thank you for calling, I've noted your concern" and emailers are getting boilerplate "Thank you for your message - here is the letter we sent to our community." The letter states we cannot cc

Hate Groups

In addition to concerned parents, some of the communications we are receiving are clearly from hate groups who have discovered a renewed love for the First Amendment. The one below is from a neo-Nazi group

Follow-up

Until I am told otherwise, I will send the boilerplate response to everyone writing to Superintendent (and to Janet?), except for anything threatening which I will forward to Susan, or anything with allegations about

As of July 16 I will be unavailable and we will need other coverage for PIO-related matters.

Check-In

Do we need any further legal advice?

Perhaps at least some of us can meet on Wednesday morning when Superintendent is back in town to touch base on communications approach to our parents (who worry about the rest of summer and what happo

Thanks,

Natasha Beery

Director

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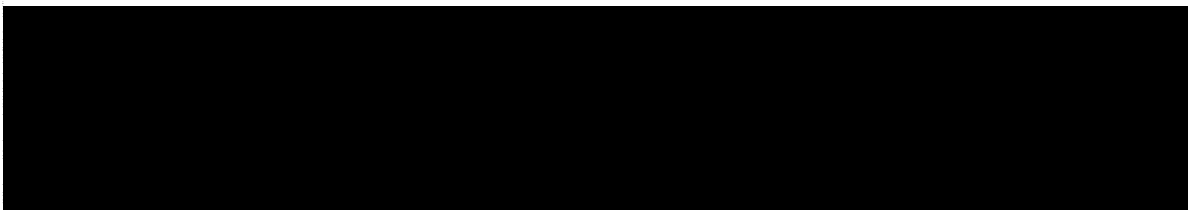
From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 16-10-2016 09:05:44 PM
To : Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>
Cc : "Donald Evans" <donaldevans@berkeley.net>; ""
Subject : Re: Felarca Rally at King on Monday morning?

I sent the email to Donald, Lisa, Pasquale, Neil, Evelyn and Maggie on Friday.

Janet

Janet Levenson
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On Sun, Oct 16, 2016 at 9:01 PM, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net> wrote:
Charles Burress just forwarded to me a message that Ty Alper forwarded him from a parent who said that Yvetta Felarca had sent an email to parents saying she was holding a rally at King on Monday morning.



You all know about this? Has anyone see Felarca's email to parents?

Let me know if assistance is needed with communications, as Charles is out of town until Tuesday.

-Natasha
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Natasha Beery
Director
Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP) and Community Relations

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From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Date : 02-02-2017 10:01:52 AM

To : [REDACTED]

Cc : "Donald Evans" <donaldevans@berkeley.net>; "Evelyn Bradley" <evelynbradley@berkeley.net>; "Pasquale Scuderi" <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>; [REDACTED]

Subject : Re: Yvette Felarca (message from BUSD website)

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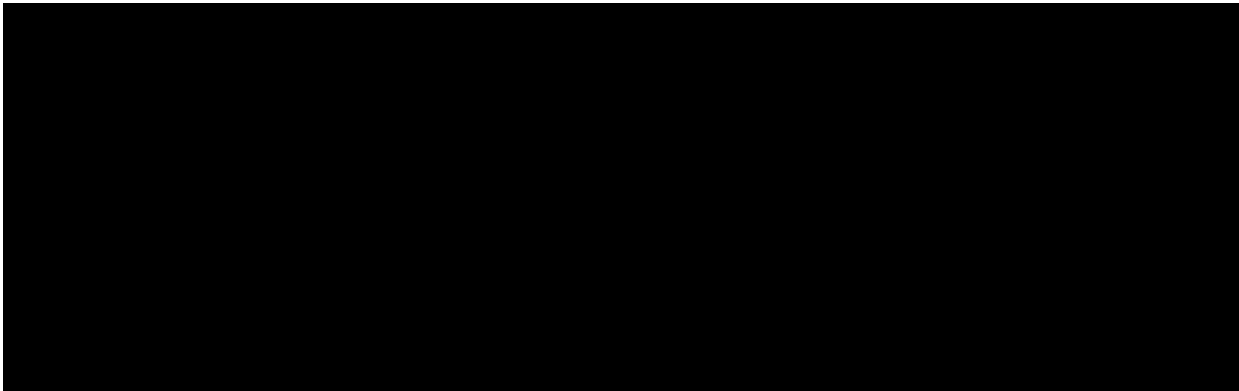
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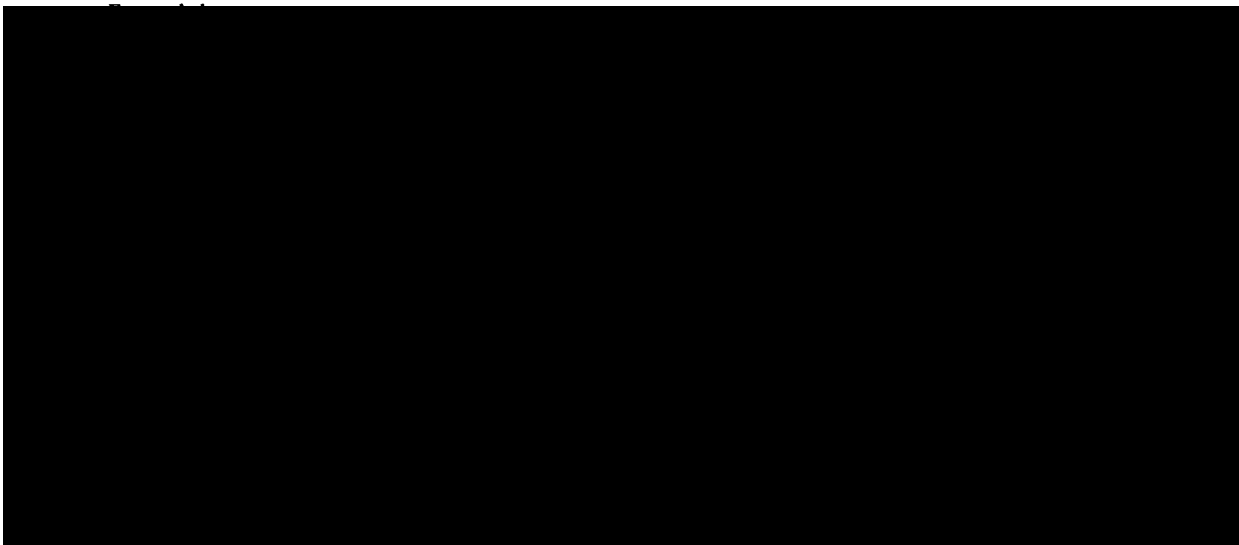
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Date: Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 8:21 AM

Subject: Fwd: Yvette Felarca (message from BUSD website)

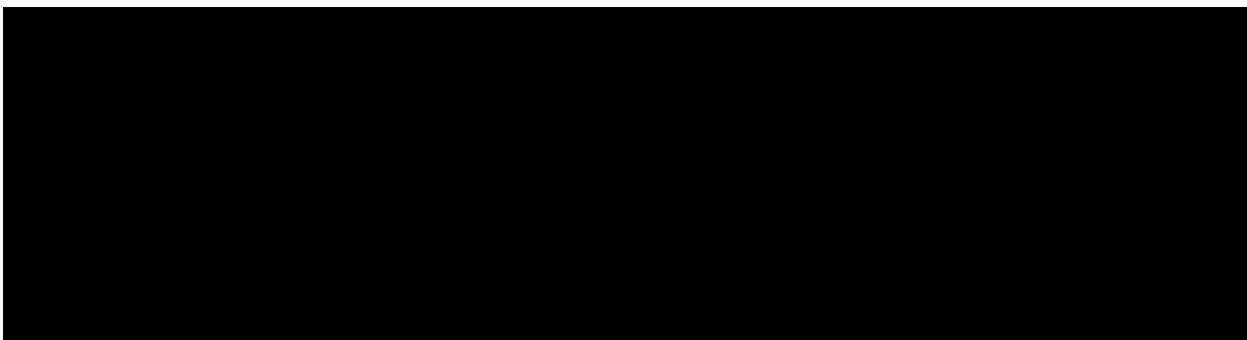
To: Susan Craig <susan_craig@berkeley.net>



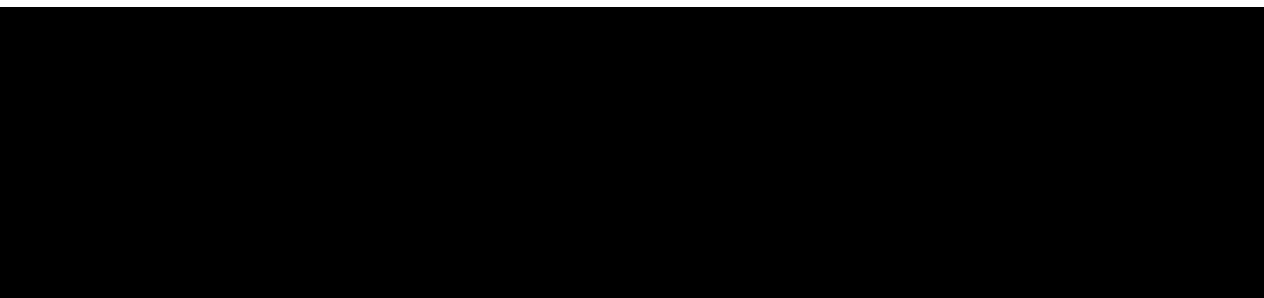
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Date : 2/14/2017 8:05:17 AM
From : REDACTED
To : "Evelyn Bradley" , " REDACTED " , "Donald Evans" , "Pasquale Scuderi" , "Janet Levenson"
Subject : Fwd: yvette felarca
Donald, Pasquale,
Who should I send these to when I receive them?



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Date : 8/23/2016 1:00:16 PM

From : "Pasquale Scuderi"

To : [REDACTED] "Donald Evans" , "Janet Levenson" , [REDACTED]

Subject : IMPORTANT: Safety Staffing at King

While we don't think there is a compelling or immediate safety concern re: Felarca Janet continues to field concerns from parents.

We will put two additional safety officers at King for Week 1; this staffing is abundantly cautious but worth the investment given the summer threat and the uncertainty some parents and staff members are feeling. [REDACTED] is working on this now.

Also, [REDACTED] can you follow up with BPD and request extra patrols for week 1 and make sure the beat officers in King's area know about why we are making the request?

It seems that the extra eyes and ears of two safety officers plus extra attention from BPD should help convey that we are being cautious and attentive.

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Pasquale Scuderi
Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6257

Date : 8/10/2017 6:39:26 PM
From : "Ty Alper"
To : "Donald Evans" , "Evelyn Bradley" , "pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net" , "charlesburress@berkeley.net" ,
"natashabeery@berkeley.net" , "janettevenson@berkeley.net"
Subject : FYI re Felarca arraignment
<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2017/08/10/berkeley-teacher-filmed-punching-neo-nazi-arraigned-sacramento/amp/>

Date : 3/14/2017 9:50:54 AM
From : "Charles Burress"
To : "Donald Evans" , "Ty Alper" , "Pasquale Scuderi" , "Janet Levenson" , "Natasha Beery"
Subject : Multiple Berkeleyside questions about Ms. Felarca and threat at King

[REDACTED] would like to speak to someone from the District regarding a number of questions she has on the issues regarding Ms. Felarca (see her email below). Any volunteers or suggestions on how to respond?

Thanks,
Charles

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6320

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Mar 14, 2017 at 1:19 AM
Subject: Re: Question
To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

I'm just hoping to have a frank conversation about the impacts of all that attention on BUSD/King.

Here are some questions, though others could arise in a conversation, which I'm hoping we can have, or that I can have with someone. Perhaps the King principal is the most appropriate person, I'm not sure if she would be interested / open to it.

- * We talked in February about the onslaught of calls following the Fox appearance; has that died down?
- * Have Berkeley schools ever experienced anything like this before?
- * Of the calls that came in, what were the main concerns expressed?
- * Were there any direct threats received?
- * If so, how many?
- * If so, what did the district do to address them?
- * What, if anything, can you say about them? (noting the concerns we have discussed re: confidentiality, copycats, etc.)
- * What is the status (if anything) of the BPD investigation?
- * What sort of security measures were taken to ensure safety? Sounds like 2 safety officers were added to the normal team? Over what period of time? (I'm not sure what the norm is or what you can or want to release about that.)
- * What communications — how many, in what form — went out to parents/students/families?
- * What resources, if any, were put in place on campus for support?
- * What did the school do to address the "fear and concern" expressed by staff?
- * The principal said she/"we" listened to every call and looked at every email -- were there additional staff put in place to monitor those things for imminent safety risks?
- * What sort of impact did the onslaught have on day-to-day operations?
- * How would you describe the district's overall respond to all the attention / criticism? How did the district approach it?
- * How do you respond to community concerns about "BUSD's failure to protect [Felarca] and school staff from the threats and harassment"?
- * Levenson made it clear that the school has a commitment to non-violence. Yet there is a teacher who has made it clear her approach is "by any means necessary." How does the district reconcile those two competing philosophies?


Can't recall if we shared this with you before. The person who shared the emails with us said, "I don't feel like the school has done a great job with how it has addressed the issue publicly, so this info might help. The general feeling on campus is that most of the staff supports Ms Felarca, but

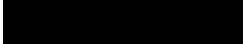
they dislike the extra attention the school is getting. The only real criticism I've heard regarding her actions has been from the principal."

I am interested in how the district or school DID (or did not) address the issues publicly. There was reference in one principal email to a possible, planned "communication" of some kind to King families but I'm not sure what if anything did go out in what form.

This may be a lot to cover / figure out today so please let me know what a reasonable timeline would be to discuss these issues. I'm happy to do it in person or over the phone, but do kindly request a verbal rather than a written exchange.

Thank you for your help.

 [Berkeleyside](#) senior reporter and community engagement chief
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On Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 9:55 PM, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net> wrote:

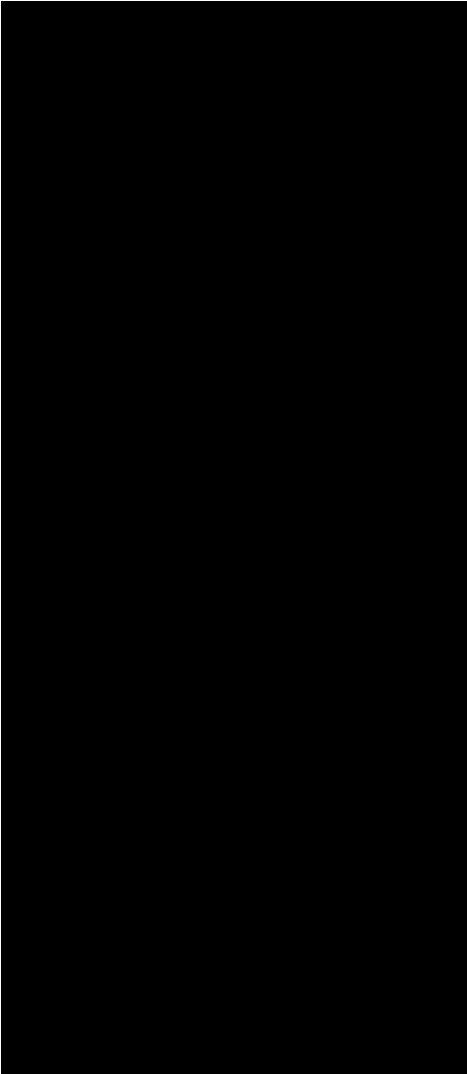
I think the District is certainly willing to consider addressing your questions, but aside from asking our response to the voicemail that was reported to police, I apologize for not knowing what your questions are. Would you mind sending them to me so that I can make sure that the District has an opportunity to consider a response?

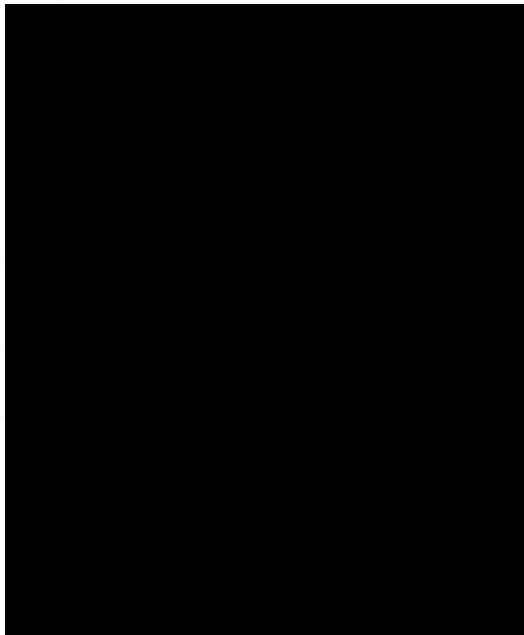
Thanks

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
[510-644-6320](tel:510-644-6320)

Date : 7/20/2017 6:51:47 PM
From : "Charles Burrell"
To : "Donald Evans" , "Evelyn Bradley" , "Ty Alper" , "Janet Levenson" , "Natasha Beery" , "Pasquale Scuderi"
Subject : More anti-Felarca flyers
Attachment : middle poster.jpg;bottom poster.jpg;Dan Brekke Tweet 1.png;Dan Brekke Tweet 2.png;top poster.jpg;

I went by King on the way home tonight and took photos of the three flyers below -- all on the same pole on the east side of Edith about 15 feet south of Rose. The top flyer is the one that KQED reporter Dan Brekke posted on his Twitter feed this morning (and which I emailed you earlier today). There have also been anti-Felarca and anti-antifa videos posted on YouTube today. In addition, we had a CBS-5 news van parked outside the District Offices most of the afternoon pleading for someone to go on camera, and just as I was typing this sentence my cell phone rang with the Chronicle on the other end.





Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6320

On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 10:44 AM, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net> wrote:

Dan Brekke, a reporter for KQED, sent out the two tweets below this morning. He says one flyer shows Ms. Felarca's apparent home address and email as well as contact info for Janet.



Date : 2/2/2017 10:23:00 AM
From : [REDACTED]
To : "Janet Levenson"
Cc : "Donald Evans" , "Evelyn Bradley" , "Pasquale Scuderi" [REDACTED]
Subject : Re: Yvette Felarca (message from BUSD website)
Janet,
I'm so sorry!

[REDACTED]

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On Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 10:01 AM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:
Yes, lots of angry calls and emails flooding in today.

Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
[\(510\) 644-4544](tel:(510)644-4544)

On Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 8:24 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:
FYI.

[REDACTED]

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Date: Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 8:21 AM
Subject: Fwd: Yvette Felarca (message from BUSD website)
To: [REDACTED]

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Date : 2/2/2017 10:42:27 AM
From : "Donald Evans"
To : "Janet Levenson"
Subject : Re: Yvette Felarca (message from BUSD website)

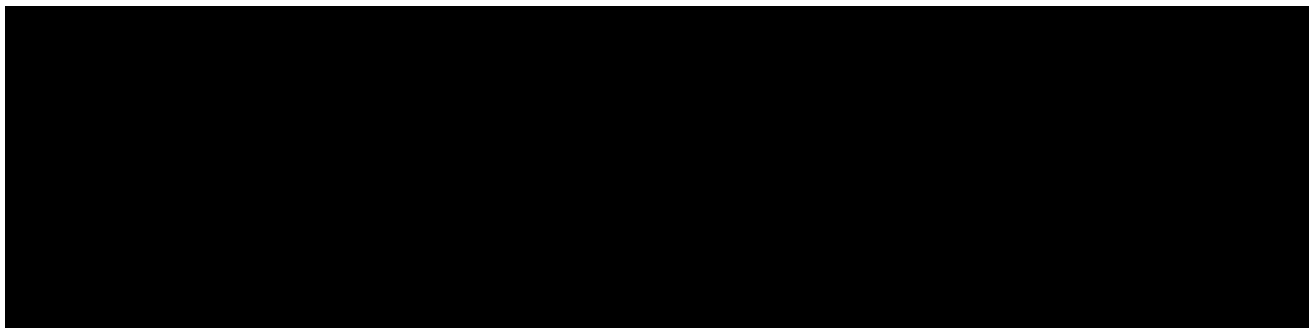
Good morning Janet,
Hang in there. I received quite a few myself this morning.
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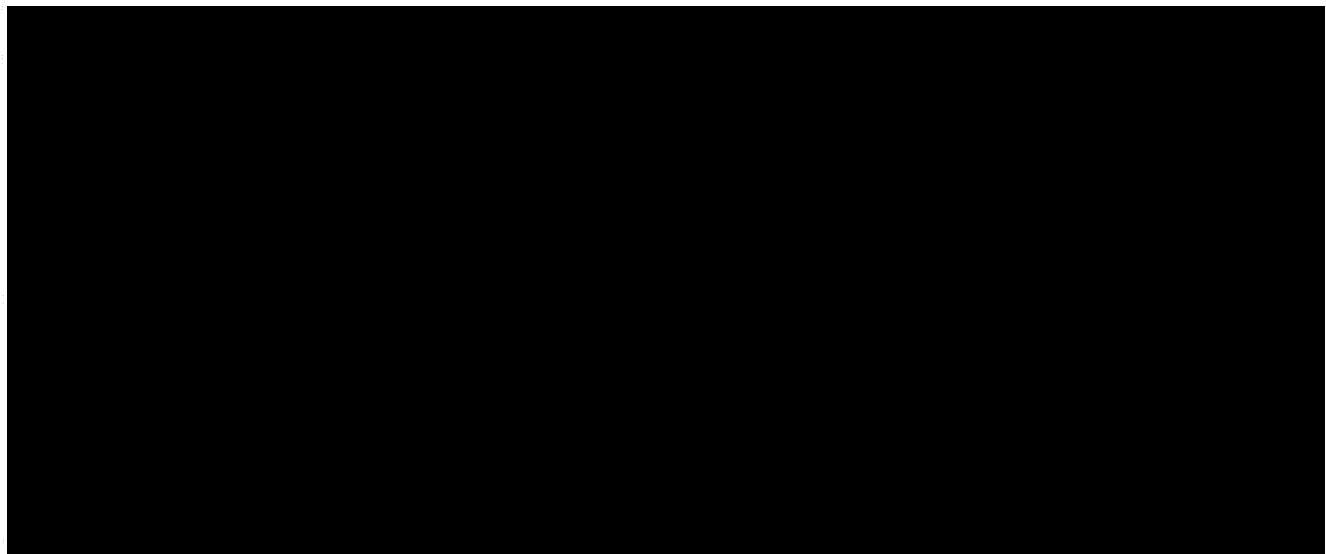
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To: [REDACTED]



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Donald Evans, Ed.D
Superintendent

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel" -Maya Angelou

Date : 6/28/2016 5:57:23 PM

From : "Pasquale Scuderi"

To : "Janet Levenson"

Cc : "Donald Evans" , [REDACTED]

Subject : Re: King phones

I will forward to [REDACTED] since Jay is out.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 28, 2016, at 3:05 PM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

The calls about Felarca are endless as I suspect you know since you are likely getting your share. I have fielded some of them and it takes its toll so I have directed office staff NOT to answer the phones unless they wish to do so. I am also not answering my line. Please use my cell phone if you need to reach me.

Can the voice mail on 644-6280 and 644-4544 be shut down for the summer so that the secretaries don't come back to a zillion messages?

Thanks.

Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
(510) 644-4544

Date : 2/14/2017 10:49:09 AM
From : "Donald Evans"
To : "Janet Levenson"
Subject : Re: FYI—King phones

Janet,

I completely understand your position on this. We're receiving a lot of calls and flooding my email box. Hang in there!

Donald

On Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 9:05 AM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

We are not answering the school phones today due to the high volume of angry callers regarding Felarca. (The secretary had 97 new calls this morning!) We will check voice messages frequently on our computers but are not picking up calls.

Janet

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Date : 2/14/2017 9:40:40 AM

From [REDACTED]

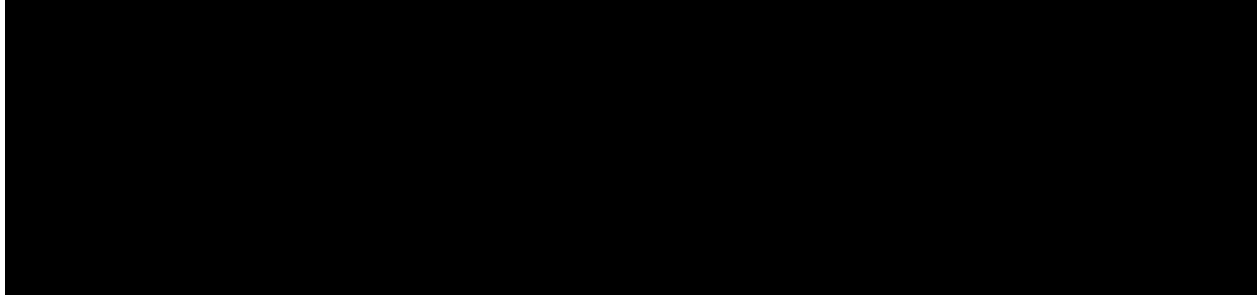
To : "Janet Levenson"

Cc : "Donald Evans" , "Pasquale Scuderi" , [REDACTED]

Subject : Re: FYI—King phones

Janet,

Thanks for the heads up. I am so sorry for you and your staff! I'll call your cell if I need to reach you for something urgent.



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Date : 2/14/2017 10:04:00 AM
From : "Natasha Beery"
To : "Janet Levenson"
Cc : "Charles Burress", "Donald Evans", [REDACTED]
Subject : Re: FYI—King phones

Thanks, Janet, we are tracking.

Have you notified your families (by email?) of an alternative way to reach the school since phones are not being answered?

I imagine you don't want to alarm your families so they worry about dangers/threats to students as there were in June.

-Natasha

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On Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 9:09 AM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:
FYI. And just a reminder about the shared gmail folder called Felarca. I am putting all emails into that folder.
Janet

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Date: Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 9:05 AM
Subject: FYI---King phones
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Date : 10/15/2016 9:40:48 AM
From : "Evelyn Bradley"
To : "Janet Levenson"
Cc : [REDACTED], "Pasquale Scuderi" , "Donald Evans"
Subject : Re: Felarca

Maggie and I will be at King at 8:00am.

On Oct 14, 2016 6:01 PM, "Janet Levenson" <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

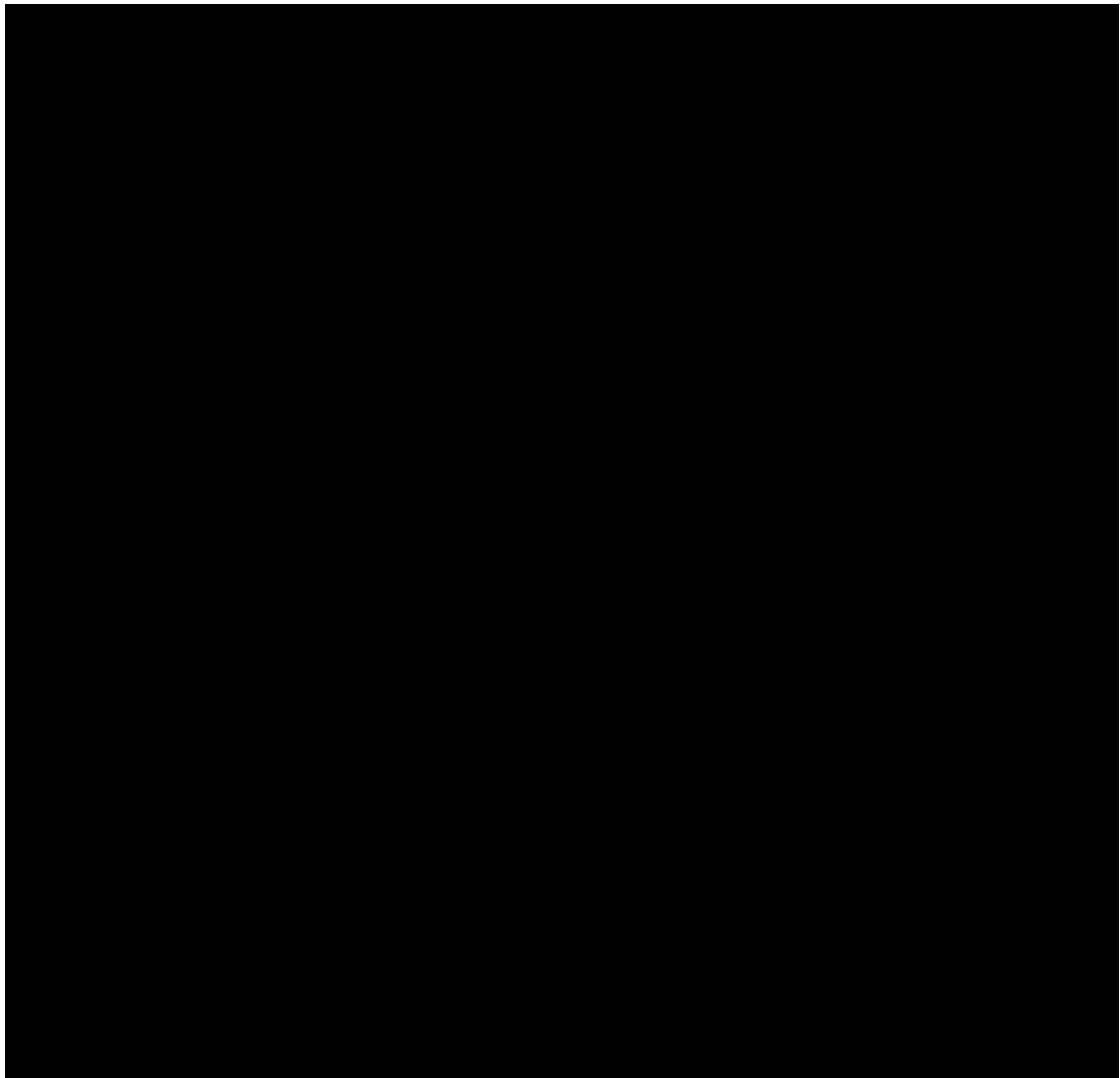
Good Evening,

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I am not working this weekend but will check email Sunday night.

Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
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Date : 10/17/2016 10:03:37 AM
From : REDACTED
To : "Janet Levenson"
Cc : [REDACTED], "Natasha Beery", "Maggie Riddle", "Donald Evans", [REDACTED], "Pasquale Scuderi", [REDACTED]

Subject : Re: Felarca Rally at King on Monday morning?

Janet,

Sounds good. Glad everything is okay. Better to have too much support than not enough!

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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On Mon, Oct 17, 2016 at 9:50 AM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

Both BPD and Diesel showed up about 9:30. I sent both away after letting them know that no support was needed. Thanks!

Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
(510) 644-4544

On Mon, Oct 17, 2016 at 9:18 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the update. I'm glad they didn't cause a disruption at the school.

[REDACTED]

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On Sun, Oct 16, 2016 at 9:01 PM, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net> wrote:

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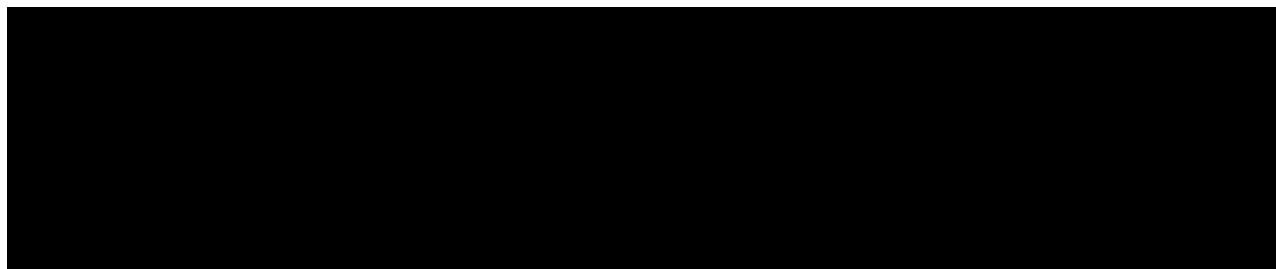
-Natasha

Natasha Beery
Director
Berkeley Schools Excellence Program (BSEP) and Community Relations

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Berkeley, CA 94702
(510) 644-8749

Date : 10/17/2016 8:34:29 AM
From : [REDACTED]
To : "Natasha Beery" [REDACTED]
Cc : "Donald Evans", "Janet Levenson", [REDACTED], "Pasquale Scuderi"
Subject : Re: Felarca Rally at King on Monday morning?

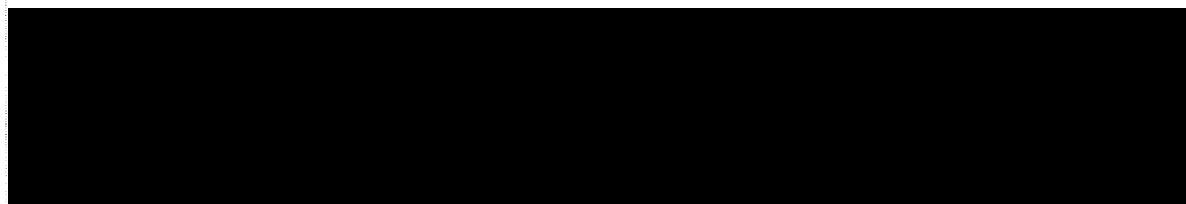
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Date : 10/17/2016 9:11:07 AM

From [REDACTED]

To [REDACTED]

Cc : "Natasha Beery" [REDACTED], "Donald Evans", "Janet Levenson", [REDACTED] "Pasquale Scuderi"

Subject : Re: Felarca Rally at King on Monday morning?

Hi [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Date : 10/17/2016 9:18:51 AM
From : [REDACTED]
To : [REDACTED]
Cc : "Natasha Beery" [REDACTED], "Donald Evans", "Janet Levenson", [REDACTED], "Pasquale Scuderi"
, [REDACTED]
Subject : Re: Felarca Rally at King on Monday morning?
Hi [REDACTED]
Thanks for the update. I'm glad they didn't cause a disruption at the school.

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Date : 8/27/2017 11:03:32 PM

From :

To : "Janet Levenson"

Cc : , "Pasquale Scuderi" , "Donald Evans" , "evelynbradley@berkeley.net" , "Charles Burress" , "Natasha Beery" , "Ty Alper"

Subject : Re: call

I can be at King tomorrow morning and Tuesday as well. I will check in with you first thing in the morning. REDACTED

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2017, at 2:25 PM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

I spoke with Chief Greenwood. He will alert his media team to watch for any sign on the internet of an organized effort to show up at King. His patrol officers will decide on next steps which might include parking a car near King, driving by during the day, etc.

We've reported the harassing caller and an officer will come take a report. We've turned off all phones because the caller is harassing us incessantly.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2017, at 1:42 PM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

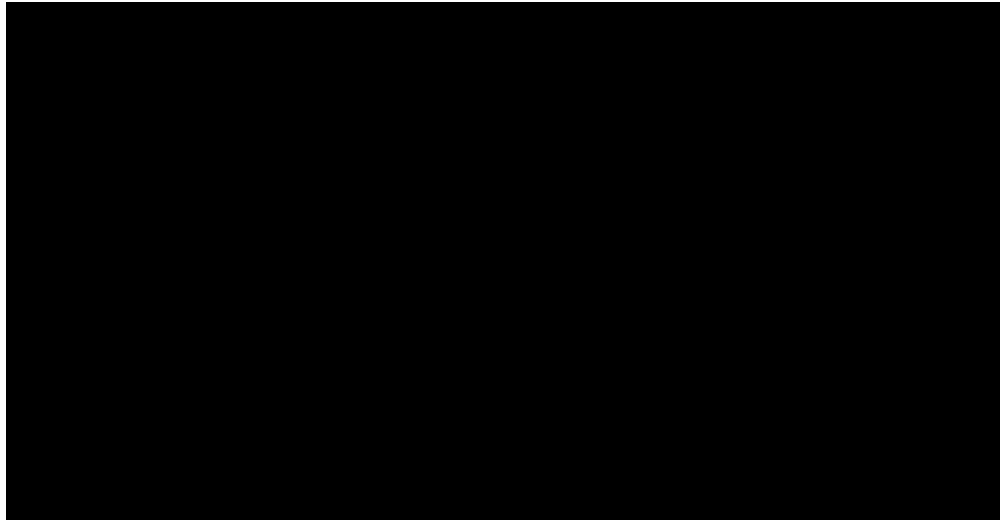
Sorry I hit send prematurely on last email.

See the email below from our school secretary. This gentleman has apparently been calling repeatedly today. Office staff aren't answering phones any longer. I need to tell Felarca and our staff since the office staff will share their fears. Please let me know what kind of support we can expect from BPD and BUSD on Monday so I can assure my teachers we aren't alone here.

We have our registration Welcome Fair on Monday and I'll have my hands full with this.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:



Date : 6/30/2016 11:40:11 AM
From : "Natasha Beery"
To : "Janet Levenson"
Cc : "Donald Evans" [REDACTED]
Subject : Re: Berkeley 7th grade teacher promotes militant action against Americans! By Any Means Necessary!

I think they do need an auto-reply.

They should know that the individuals contacting them are also sending the same communications to the superintendent and board, and there is no need for them to create separate responses.

The message could be something like this:

Thank you for contacting us on this matter. The PTA is a volunteer community-building and fundraising organization and does not have a role in employee hiring, supervision or discipline. This is handled by the District, as the employer. If you have not done so already, please address your concerns to superintendent@berkeley.net.

-Natasha

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On Thu, Jun 30, 2016 at 11:21 AM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

See the email chain below from various members of my PTA. Do we want to draft a boilerplate response for them? or just ask them to auto reply that they build community and fundraise but don't get involved in personnel matters?

Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
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----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Jun 30, 2016 at 11:01 AM
Subject: Re: Berkeley 7th grade teacher promotes militant action against Americans! By Any Means Necessary!
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] "janetlevenson@berkeley.net" <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]

I've been getting constant emails. Most of them are just nuts. I think ignoring is fine. I've given "no comments" to reporters I know. Hopefully it will all blow over soon!

On Thu, Jun 30, 2016 at 10:46 AM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Do you think it's ok to let the writer (and future correspondents) know that we've been directed to forward to Janet because the district will handle all public response? That way they'll at least know that we as PTA aren't ignoring but simply routing through appropriate channels.

On Wednesday, June 29, 2016, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Hi, King PTA Team:

This is REDACTED outgoing VP Communications for King PTA. I have been in touch with Janet this week about incoming media/public requests for comment on this issue and she asks that we simply forward these communications to her. The District will be handling public comments on the matter.

Thanks and best,
[REDACTED]

Date : 8/4/2017 1:24:48 PM
From : "Pasquale Scuderi"
To : "Janet Levenson" , "Charles Burress" , "Donald Evans"
Subject : Possible Response to Felarca

Our goal is to have the highest quality teaching staff we possibly can. We can't comment about personnel matters, except beyond what the district has already said about this particular teacher. At the site level the supervision and evaluation of teachers helps ensure that classroom environments remain focused on appropriate standards-based learning.

Short and sweet and alludes to the fact that we're making sure the classroom is safe despite the outside issues

Sent from my iPhone

Date : 8/23/2016 1:00:16 PM

From : "Pasquale Scuderi"

To : [REDACTED] "Donald Evans" , "Janet Levenson" , [REDACTED]

Subject : IMPORTANT: Safety Staffing at King

While we don't think there is a compelling or immediate safety concern re: Felarca Janet continues to field concerns from parents.

We will put two additional safety officers at King for Week 1; this staffing is abundantly cautious but worth the investment given the summer threat and the uncertainty some parents and staff members are feeling. [REDACTED] is working on this now.

Also, [REDACTED] can you follow up with BPD and request extra patrols for week 1 and make sure the beat officers in King's area know about why we are making the request?

It seems that the extra eyes and ears of two safety officers plus extra attention from BPD should help convey that we are being cautious and attentive.

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Pasquale Scuderi
Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6257

From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Date : 14-10-2016 06:01:10 PM

To : Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]

Cc : [REDACTED]

Subject : Felarca

Good Evening

A parent called to let me know that she received an email from Yvette asking her to rally in front of the school on Monday morning. The parent was formerly a supporter and is now no longer a supporter. She is worried about the confusing and negative impact on students of holding this rally at school on Monday morning. Below is the email. I spoke with Evelyn today and asked that **someone be there Monday from 8:00-8:30 to witness YF's behavior**. I suspect a large BAMN necessary contingent will be there. Please note that in the email she directs parents to the Williams complaint form to register complaints against us for not having a qualified teacher in the room.

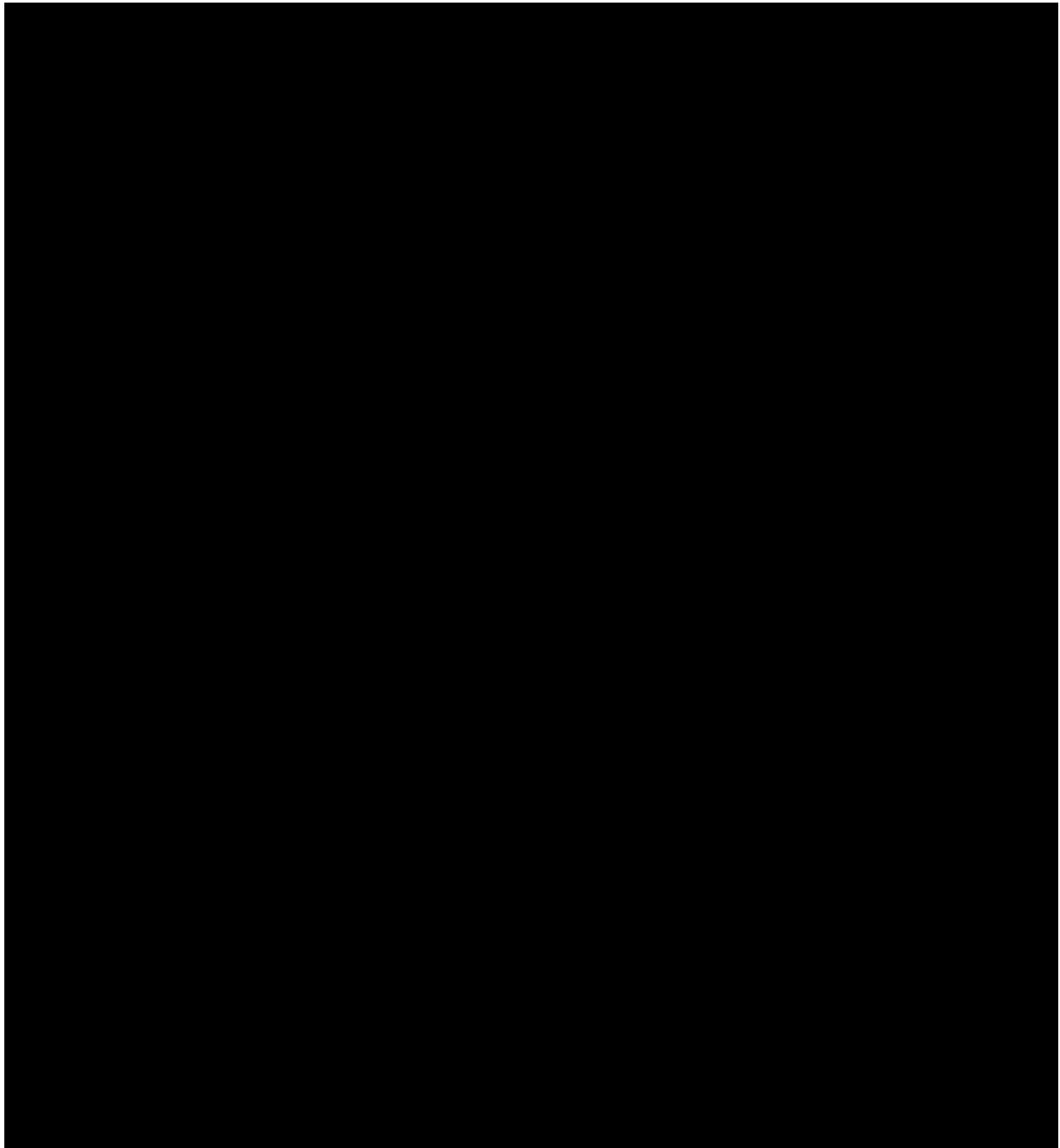
I am not working this weekend but will check email Sunday night.

Janet

Janet Levenson

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From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Date : 28-06-2016 03:05:29 PM

To : Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net> ,

Subject : King phones

The calls about Felarca are endless as I suspect you know since you are likely getting your share. I have fielded some of them and it takes its toll so I have directed office staff NOT to answer the phones unless they wish to do so. I am also not answering my line. Please use my cell phone if you need to reach me.

Can the voice mail on 644-6280 and 644-4544 be shut down for the summer so that the secretaries don't come back to a zillion messages?

Thanks.

Janet

Janet Levenson

Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School

(510) 644-4544

From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Date : 14-02-2017 09:05:19 AM

To : Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]

Subject : FYI—King phones

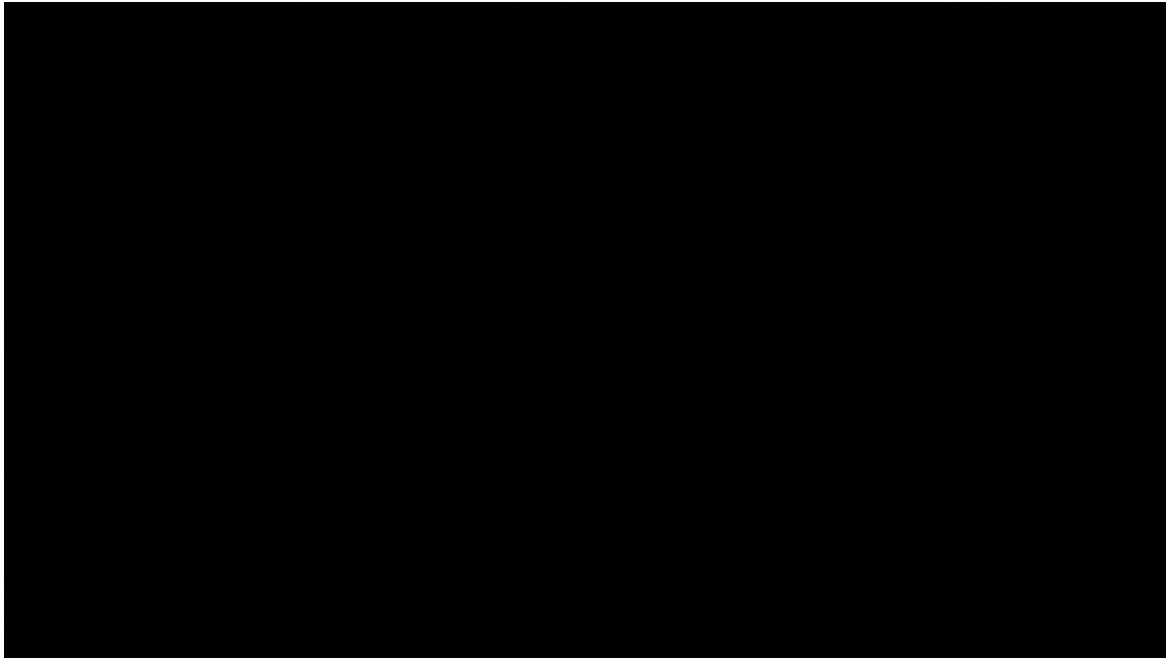
We are not answering the school phones today due to the high volume of angry callers regarding Felarca. (The secretary had 97 new calls this morning!) We will check voice messages frequently on our computers but are not picking up calls.
Janet


Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
(510) 644-4544

From: Ty Alper tyalper@berkeley.net
Subject: Fwd: ***URGENT***RE: MONDAY, YVETTE FELARCA
Date: October 16, 2016 at 6:19 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: donaldevans@berkeley.net, Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net
Cc: charlesburress@berkeley.net



FYI



From: 
Charles Burress charlesburress@berkeley.net
Subject: Fwd: ***URGENT***RE: MONDAY, YVETTE FELARCA
Date: October 16, 2016 at 8:46 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: Natasha Beery natashabeery@berkeley.net

Not sure what to do with this...

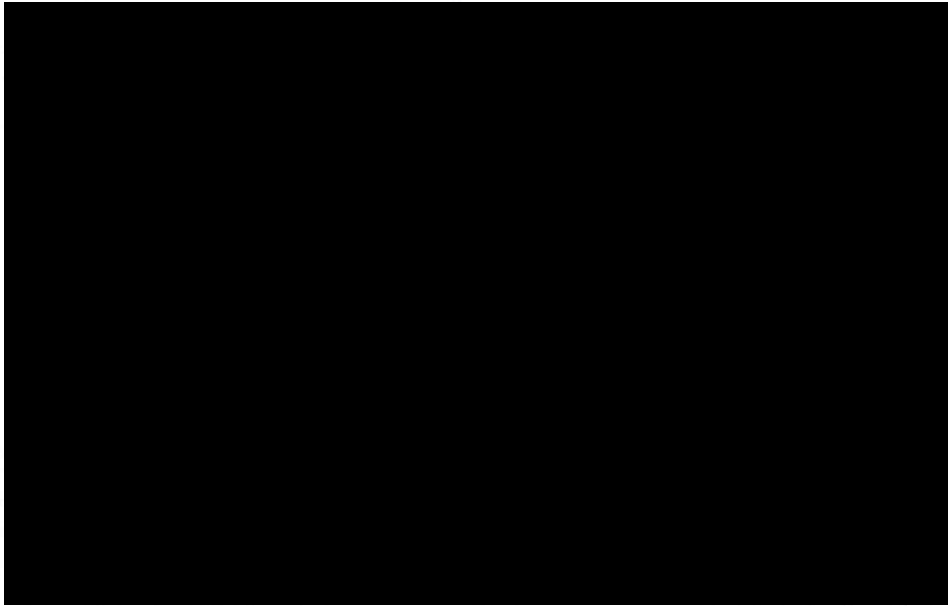
Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6320

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>
Date: Sun, Oct 16, 2016 at 6:19 PM
Subject: Fwd: ***URGENT***RE: MONDAY, YVETTE FELARCA
To: donaldevans@berkeley.net, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Cc: charlesburress@berkeley.net

FYI

Begin forwarded message:



On Oct 13, 2016 8:36 AM, "Ty Alper" <tyalper@berkeley.net> wrote:

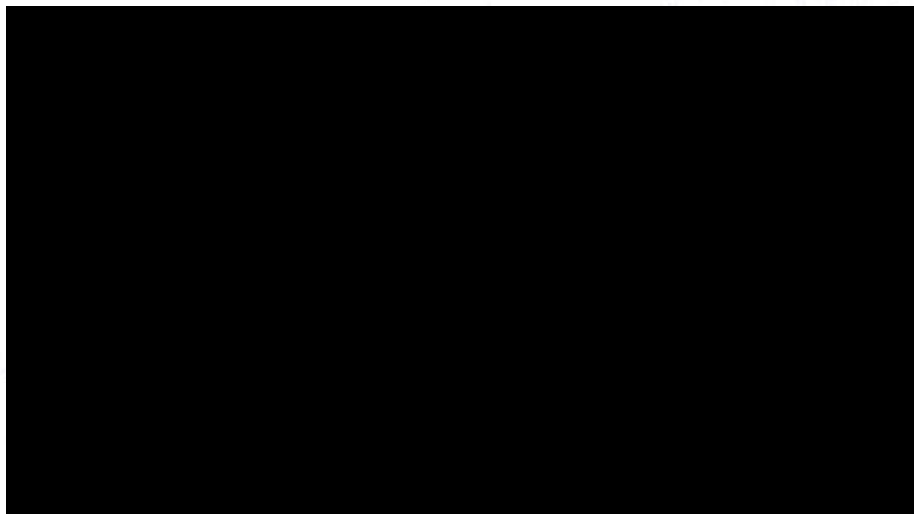
Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for writing. We are extremely limited in what we can say publicly about this matter, but I appreciate hearing your perspective very much. Here is a link to a statement the District has released: <http://www.berkeleyschools.net/2016/10/05/oct-5-2016-statement-from-the-superintendent-and-board-president/>

Again, thank you for sharing your perspective.

Best,

Ty





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Ty Alper
Vice-President, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District
2020 Bonar St.
Berkeley, CA 94702
BUSD General Phone Number: [510-644-4500](tel:510-644-4500)
Direct line: [510-698-1905](tel:510-698-1905)
Email: tyalper@berkeley.net

Please use tyalper@berkeley.net for BUSD-related matters.
For political email, please use ty@tyalper.org.
For email related to Berkeley Law, please use talper@law.berkeley.edu.

From:

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Natasha Beery natashabeery@berkeley.net

Subject:

Re: ***URGENT***RE: MONDAY, YVETTE FELARCA

Date:

October 16, 2016 at 8:56 PM America/Los_Angeles

To:

Charles Burress charlesburress@berkeley.net

I'll see what Donald, Janet et al are thinking of doing. The communication may need to come from Janet, since it's just affecting her community.

The parent didn't forward Felarca's email, I'd like to know what it says.

I'll let them know I'll stand by in case a statement or email help is needed.

-Natasha

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Natasha Beery

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On Sun, Oct 16, 2016 at 8:46 PM, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net> wrote:

Not sure what to do with this...

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From: Superintendent Evans superintendent@berkeley.net
Subject: Re: Berkeley 7th grade teacher promotes militant action against Americans!
By Any Means Necessary!
Date: June 30, 2016 at 12:01 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Hello all,

Thank you for your thoughtful responses. If you get media requests, you can say this:

Thank you for contacting us on this matter. The PTA is a volunteer community-building and fundraising organization and does not have a role in employee hiring, supervision or discipline. This is handled by the District, as the employer. If you have not done so already, please address your concerns to superintendent@berkeley.net.

As to the other emails, you are correct that many of them seem to be from an orchestrated campaign, and so the same emails are being sent to multiple recipients. We are keeping track of them in the Superintendent's office. There's no need for you to engage with them.

If you do receive any messages that are threatening, of course please notify us immediately.

Thank you,

(from the Communications Team)

From: Donald Evans donaldevans@berkeley.net
Subject: Re: Felarca at Board meeting tonight
Date: November 02, 2016 at 3:29 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net



Thanks Janet for the heads up. I will contact Pat to find out more about the after school program folks that were removed.

On Wed, Nov 2, 2016 at 3:22 PM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:
Yvette told me this morning that parents would be coming to the Board meeting and might be bringing students with them. I told her I would give you a heads up.

I was told by a parent that she posted on her Facebook page and the BAMN website yesterday that people needed to attend the Board meeting to stop the retaliation against a SpEd teacher who supported her (This happened after our meeting with her). This is related to the previous information I gave you about the teachers being abruptly removed from working in the afterschool program.

Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
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Donald Evans, Ed.D
Superintendent

"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel" -Maya Angelou

From: Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net
Subject: Re: Felarca flyers posted near King this morning
Date: July 20, 2017 at 1:27 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: Charles Burress charlesburress@berkeley.net
Cc: Donald Evans donaldevans@berkeley.net, Evelyn Bradley evelynbradley@berkeley.net, Ty Alper tyalper@berkeley.net, Natasha Beery natashabeery@berkeley.net, Pasquale Scuderi pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net



My secretary just alerted me that her voicemail is filling up with rude messages. Probably the main line too. Can someone have All office main lines shut off from accepting messages until she returns on 8/14? Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 20, 2017, at 10:44 AM, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net> wrote:

Dan Brekke, a reporter for KQED, sent out the two tweets below this morning. He says one flyer shows Ms. Felarca's apparent home address and email as well as contact info for Janet.

<Dan Brekke Tweet 1.png>

<Dan Brekke Tweet 2.png>

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
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From: Natasha Beery natashabeery@berkeley.net
Subject: Re: Felarca - Threat update
Date: June 30, 2016 at 6:24 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net
Cc: Donald Evans donaldevans@berkeley.net, Beatriz Levy-Cutler beatrizleyvacutler@berkeley.net, [REDACTED],
[REDACTED], Pasquale Scuderi
pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net, [REDACTED]



The ones who respond to the Superintendent/Board email sent yesterday would all be parents, as the message was sent by School Messenger. Others yes, would need to be verified. I tried to sort the document so that those who were definitely or likely parents/staff were at the top.

-Natasha
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On Thu, Jun 30, 2016 at 6:22 PM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

So far those who claim to be BUSD parents often are not unless they give their names and I then I have found some in PS.

On Thursday, June 30, 2016, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net> wrote:

Donald, Beatriz et al,

Update:

The District, Board and Janet continue to receive calls, emails, requests for interviews, petitions, etc regarding Felarca. We're fielding as best we can, and I'm tracking most of them in a [summary doc](#). Janet Levenson will soon be away, but I have access to a shared gmail folder into which her Felarca mails are going and I'll add them to the summary doc when I have time.

Lawsuit?

Today [REDACTED] (sub at Supt's Asst desk) took a call from someone who said she was a King parent and she and other parents had engaged an attorney and would sue the District if her child was in danger due to the threats against Felarca. (The caller did not leave a name though so we don't know if she really is a King parent, but it could be true.)

Responses

Callers are getting a "thank you for calling, I've noted your concern" and emailers are getting boilerplate "thank you for your message - here is the letter we sent to our community." The letter states we cannot comment on employee discipline, and reiterates our commitment to non-violence. (Which does not satisfy those who question whether a teacher who espouses violence as a tactic and is shown on camera doing so can continue to teach Humanities in our schools.)

Hate Groups

In addition to concerned parents, some of the communications we are receiving are clearly from hate groups who have discovered a renewed love for the First Amendment. The one below is from a neo-Nazi group (it's polite, but it's a white supremacist organization). It does not contain a threat other than that of ensuring we receive bad publicity.

Follow-up

Until I am told otherwise, I will send the boilerplate response to everyone writing to Superintendent (and to Janet?), except for anything threatening which I will forward to [REDACTED] or anything with allegations about employee misconduct with children, which I will forward to [REDACTED]

As of July 16 I will be unavailable and we will need other coverage for PIO-related matters.

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Check-In

Do we need any further legal advice?

Perhaps at least some of us can meet on Wednesday morning when Superintendent is back in town to touch base on communications approach to our parents (who worry about the rest of summer and what happens the fall) as well as related issues (lawsuit? further threats? summer school?)

Thanks,

Natasha Beery

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On Thu, Jun 30, 2016 at 3:23 PM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

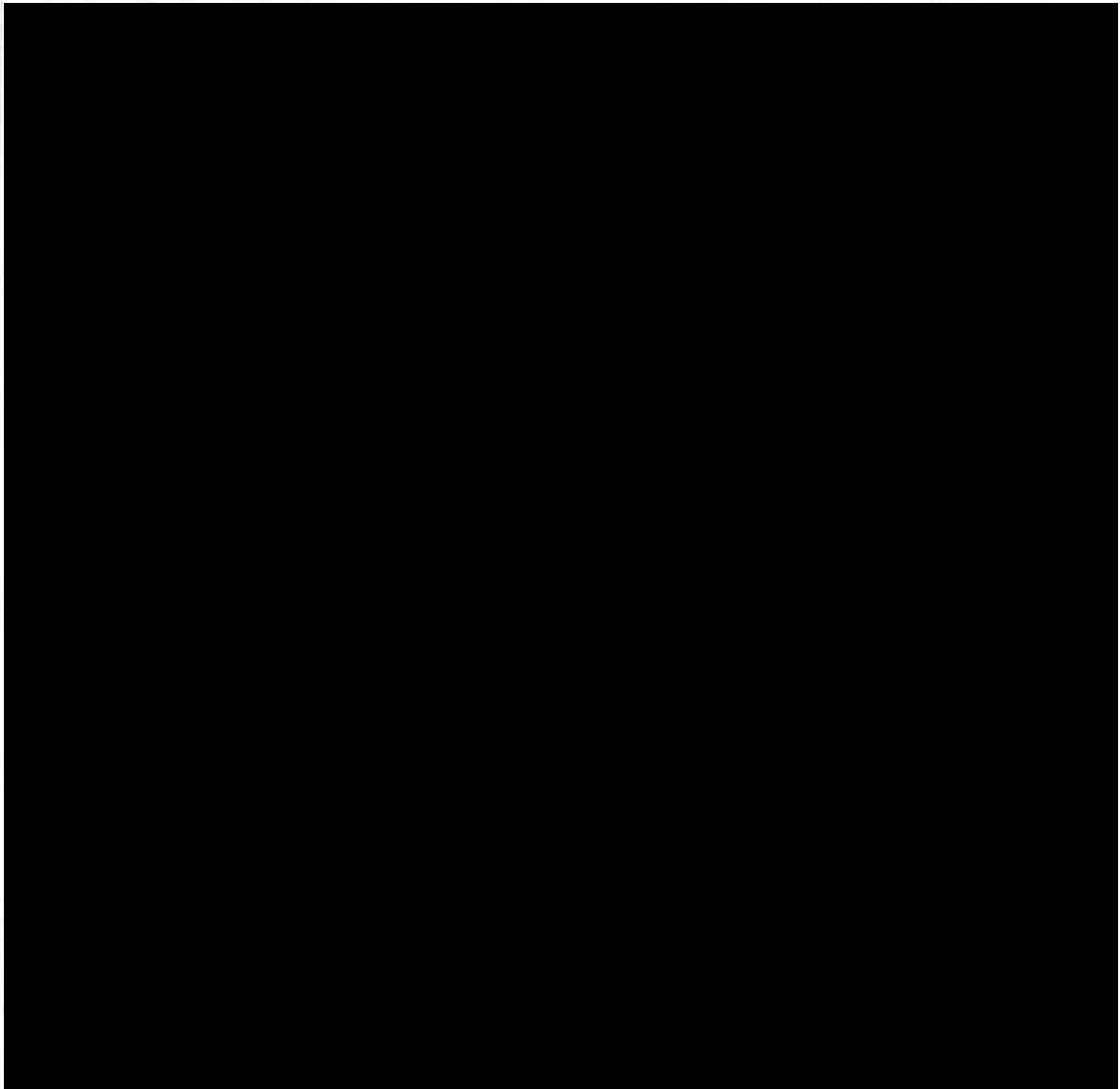
This refers to a phone based meeting. I didn't have that conversation with anyone, FYI.

Janet

Janet Levenson

Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School

[\(510\) 644-4544](tel:(510)644-4544)



From: Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net
Subject: Re: Felarca - Threat update
Date: June 30, 2016 at 8:04 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: Natasha Beery natashabeery@berkeley.net
Cc: Donald Evans donaldevans@berkeley.net, Beatriz Levva-Cutler beatrizlevvacutler@berkeley.net, [REDACTED], Pasquale Scuderi pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net, [REDACTED]



So far those who claim to be BUSD parents often are not unless they give their names and I then I have found some in PS.

On Thursday, June 30, 2016, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net> wrote:
Donald, Beatriz et al,

Update:

The District, Board and Janet continue to receive calls, emails, requests for interviews, petitions, etc regarding Felarca. We're fielding as best we can, and I'm tracking most of them in a [summary doc](#). Janet Levenson will soon be away, but I have access to a shared gmail folder into which her Felarca mails are going and I'll add them to the summary doc when I have time.

Lawsuit?

Today REDACTED (sub at Supt's Asst desk) took a call from someone who said she was a King parent and she and other parents had engaged an attorney and would sue the District if her child was in danger due to the threats against Felarca. (The caller did not leave a name though so we don't know if she really is a King parent, but it could be true.)

Responses

Callers are getting a "thank you for calling, I've noted your concern" and emailers are getting boilerplate "thank you for your message - here is the letter we sent to our community." The letter states we cannot comment on employee discipline, and reiterates our commitment to non-violence. (Which does not satisfy those who question whether a teacher who espouses violence as a tactic and is shown on camera doing so can continue to teach Humanities in our schools.)

Hate Groups

In addition to concerned parents, some of the communications we are receiving are clearly from hate groups who have discovered a renewed love for the First Amendment. The one below is from a neo-Nazi group (it's polite, but it's a white supremacist organization). It does not contain a threat other than that of ensuring we receive bad publicity.

Follow-up

Until I am told otherwise, I will send the boilerplate response to everyone writing to Superintendent (and to Janet?), except for anything threatening which I will forward to REDACTED, or anything with allegations about employee misconduct with children, which I will forward to REDACTED

As of July 16 I will be unavailable and we will need other coverage for PIO-related matters.

Check-In

Do we need any further legal advice?

Perhaps at least some of us can meet on Wednesday morning when Superintendent is back in town to touch base on communications approach to our parents (who worry about the rest of summer and what happens the fall) as well as related issues (lawsuit? further threats? summer school?)

Thanks,

Natasha Beery

Director

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From: Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net
Subject: Re: call
Date: August 25, 2017 at 2:25 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: [REDACTED] Pasquale Scuderi pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net,
Donald Evans donaldevans@berkeley.net, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] t, Charles Burress charlesburress@berkeley.net, Natasha Beery
natashabeery@berkeley.net, Ty Alper tyalper@berkeley.net



I spoke with Chief Greenwood. He will alert his media team to watch for any sign on the internet of an organized effort to show up at King. His patrol officers will decide on next steps which might include parking a car near King, driving by during the day, etc.

We've reported the harassing caller and an officer will come take a report. We've turned off all phones because the caller is harassing us incessantly.

Sent from my iPhone

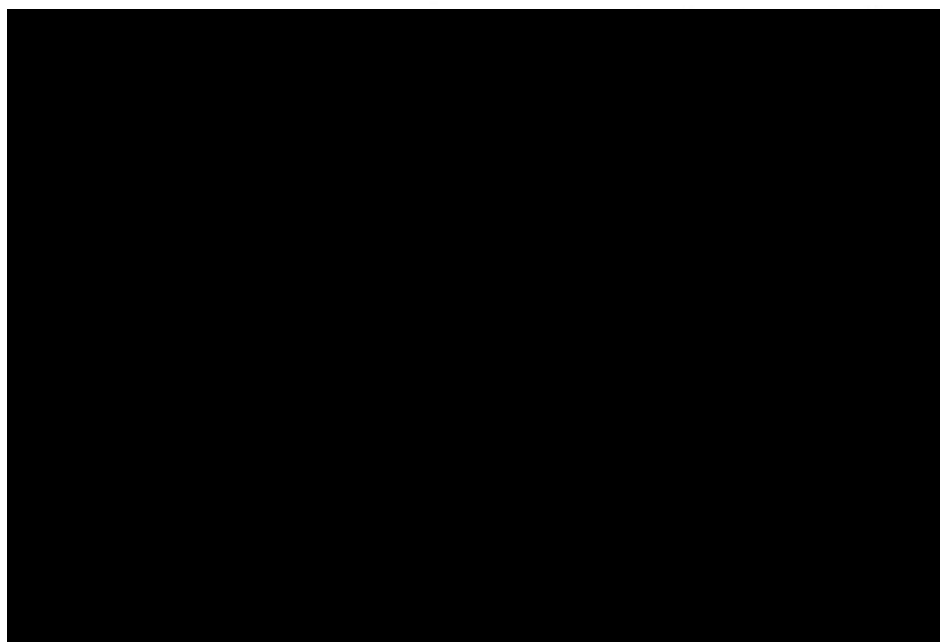
On Aug 25, 2017, at 1:42 PM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

Sorry I hit send prematurely on last email.

See the email below from our school secretary. This gentleman has apparently been calling repeatedly today. Office staff aren't answering phones any longer. I need to tell Felarca and our staff since the office staff will share their fears. Please let me know what kind of support we can expect from BPD and BUSD on Monday so I can assure my teachers we aren't alone here. We have our registration Welcome Fair on Monday and I'll have my hands full with this.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: call
Date: August 28, 2017 at 7:04 AM America/Los_Angeles
To: Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net



From your email I thought you were asking for support on site. If this changes let me know and I will come over.

PM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

It's not necessary. Thanks.

Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
(510) 644-4544

From: [REDACTED]
Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net
Subject:
Re: call
Date:
August 28, 2017 at 7:31 AM America/Los_Angeles
To: [REDACTED]

I was asking for help on Friday. But I spoke with the chief of police and not that many people showed up yesterday so I'm not worried. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 28, 2017, at 7:04 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

From your email I thought you were asking for support on site. If this changes let me know and I will come over.

PM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

It's not necessary. Thanks.

Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
(510) 644-4544

From: [REDACTED]

Subject:
Re: call
Date:

August 28, 2017 at 8:39 AM America/Los_Angeles
To: Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net

Ok. Keep me on speed dial if you need me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 28, 2017, at 7:31 AM, Janet Levenson
<janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

I was asking for help on Friday. But I spoke with the chief of police and not that many people showed up yesterday so I'm not worried. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 28, 2017, at 7:04 AM, REDACTED
[REDACTED] wrote:

From your email I thought you were asking for support on site. If this changes let me know and I will come over.

PM, Janet Levenson
<janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

It's not necessary. Thanks.

Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King,
Jr. Middle School
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From: Superintendent Evans superintendent@berkeley.net
Subject: [Cert Staff] Fwd: Important Community Message from Superintendent Evans
Date: June 29, 2016 at 10:46 AM America/Los_Angeles
To: Classified Staff Group classifiedstaff@berkeley.net, Certificated Staff Group
certificatedstaff@berkeley.net



Dear Community,

On Sunday, June 26, there was a political protest in Sacramento that became violent, and we subsequently learned that one of the people involved in the situation is a teacher at King Middle School. Since then, we have received multiple communications expressing concern about this incident, including an anonymous email that threatened that if the teacher in question were not fired within the week, the letter writer would come to King with the intent to harm our students. Even though school is not in session, it is important for the community to know about the situation, and know our response to the appalling threat made to the safety of children.

The FBI has reviewed the email, and by their criteria considered it to be a low level threat. However, the Berkeley Police and the District are taking the threat seriously; we have increased police patrols and security, and we have relocated two summer school camps that rent our facilities during the summer. We are grateful to Principal Janet Levenson for dealing immediately and thoughtfully with the situation, and to District staff for finding alternative space for summer camps.

If you discuss this occurrence with children, we encourage you to be honest with them, but not to say more than they can handle or need to know. They need to know that they are safe, and that we adults are going to take care of them.

We have also been fielding messages asking whether the teacher in question will be fired for her political activities. As a public school district, we must comply with the U.S. and California Constitutions, and follow relevant state law and the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement related to employment. Although there are protections for our employees, we also want to be clear that they must comply with Board policies with respect to classroom discussions of controversial topics. We cannot comment further on the specifics of the personnel matter, as employee disciplinary matters are confidential.

It is important to state that we do not support the use of violence in confronting speech. We want our students to learn critical thinking skills and be able to engage in thoughtful and informed debate. While we may find beliefs espoused by racist and anti-immigrant organizations to be abhorrent, there are productive ways to respond to hate speech that do not involve violence.

In this disturbing time of national and international expressions of intolerance, we return to the words of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., for whom King Middle School is named:

Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Thank you,

Donald Evans, Ed.D., Superintendent
Beatriz Levya-Cutler, School Board President

From: Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net
Subject: Fwd: Yvette Falarca
Date: May 20, 2017 at 4:59 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: Pasquale Scuderi pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Donald Evans donaldevans@berkeley.net



FYI. I think this should be reported to BPD. I also should let Yvette know. Do you agree?
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: May 20, 2017 at 1:20:55 AM PDT
To: janetlevenson@berkeley.net
Subject: Yvette Falarca

How do you justify allowing Yvette to teach children? I will beat her if I ever see her for implying that I am a nazi. I am tempted to come to her place of employment and confront her.

I've taken Ty off this thread. We should be communicating via Donald who can then choose whether to alert the Board Chair.

I'd already mentioned the allegedly threatening email in the summary I sent last night. I don't think we should state that the email threatened violence - that is one staff person's perception.

We do need to ensure that Janet is following up appropriately with her staff and families. Pasquale can do that with her.

-Natasha

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Natasha Beery

Director

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 10:54 AM

To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Cc: Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Jay Nitschke <jaynitschke@berkeley.net>

Natasha,

Thanks for letting me know.

Charles

Charles Burress

Public Information Officer

Berkeley Unified School District

510-644-6320

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Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 4:35 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Jay Nitschke <jaynitschke@berkeley.net>

Can someone forward the actual email that is referred to below?

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Ty Alper
President, Board of Education
Berkeley Unified School District
2020 Bonar St.
Berkeley, CA 94702
BUSD General Phone Number: 510-644-4500
Direct line: 510-698-1905
Email: tyalper@berkeley.net

Please use tyalper@berkeley.net for BUSD-related matters.
For political email, please use ty@tyalper.org.
For email related to Berkeley Law, please use talper@law.berkeley.edu.

Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 5:13 PM

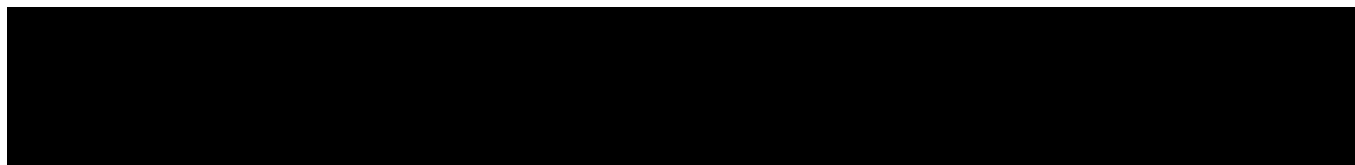
To: Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>
Cc: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Jay Nitschke <jaynitschke@berkeley.net>

Hi Ty,

There was not a direct threat. However, in discussion with Janet and Pasquale just now, the decision was made to add safety staff to the school for next two days to reassure the King staff/families.

We are logging the hundreds of calls and emails that are coming in to King and to the District and flagging any that are of particular concern - if there is a credible threat, or if there is a concern being expressed by a King family, BUSD person, or Berkeley resident, we will forward those to the Superintendent so he can respond and convey to the Board if need be.

Here is what the letter said:





-Natasha

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Natasha Beery

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 5:25 PM

To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Where are we logging the calls and emails? (I could spend the rest of the week logging the ones I've gotten today.)

Charles Burress

Public Information Officer

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Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 5:33 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

The spreadsheet I shared with you previously. I just re-shared it.

There are tabs for the current incident(s) as well as one from June.

-Natasha

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Natasha Beery

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Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 5:42 PM

To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Oh, sorry I didn't see the tabs. Now I do...

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
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Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 14, 2017 at 6:14 PM

To: Natasha Beery <natashabeery@berkeley.net>

Cc: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>, Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Pasquale Scuderi <pasqualescuderi@berkeley.net>, Jay Nitschke <jaynitschke@berkeley.net>

Ok sounds good, thanks. The boardofed email is getting a lot of emails too, but none that I've been concerned about and if they are not from Berkeley folks, I'm just deleting them.

I do think we should probably have an updated statement, presumably from Donald and me since the last one was Donald and Beatriz. I was thinking of starting a google doc for this purpose unless someone else already has.

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Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>

Tue, Feb 20, 2018 at 2:43 PM

To: Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net>

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Donald Evans, Ed.D
Superintendent

*"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel" -
Maya Angelou*

From: David Gold davidgold@berkeley.net
Subject: Re: abusive phone calls
Date: March 21, 2017 at 3:04 PM America/Los_Angeles
To: Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net



Most were OK. There were a few where expletives were used about us and Ms. Felarca in addition to the graphic one you listened to.

Some were rattling and a little disturbing, especially because I was not clear on their intent. There are some disturbed people out there where we don't get to know their intentions or capabilities. I would say that my family were/are more concerned and worried than I am.

david

From:

Subject:

Re: abusive phone calls

Date:

March 21, 2017 at 4:44 PM America/Los_Angeles

To:

Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net

I received one that was anti-semitic. The caller assumed I was Jewish based on my name and proceeded to talk about 'you people'. There were a couple that used profanity, but I can't remember what specifically. Most were relatively benign. I didn't listen to a lot of them all the way through. None felt creepy or personal.

_REDACTED

From:

Janet Levenson janetlevenson@berkeley.net

Subject:

Fwd: abusive phone calls

Date:

March 21, 2017 at 7:14 PM America/Los_Angeles

To:

I asked my VP's the following:

1. What was the nature of the voice messages that you received related to Felarca? I know David received one that was creepy about sexual performance. Did each of you receive voice messages that were more creepy or personal in nature?

2. How did that make you feel?

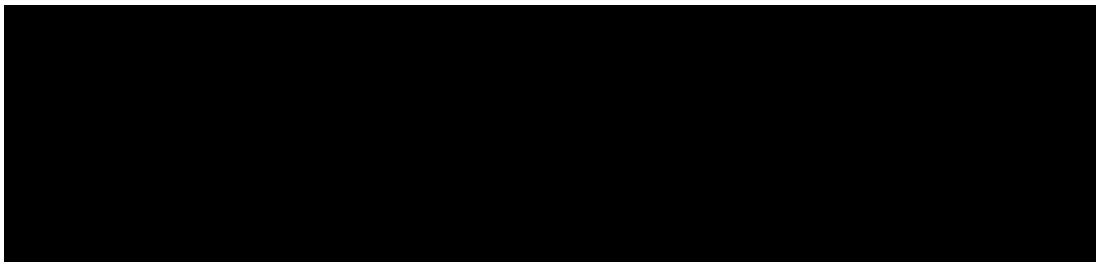
Here is how David responded:

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Here is how [REDACTED] responded:

I received one that was anti-semitic. The caller assumed I was Jewish based on my name and



From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>

Date : 27-09-2016 02:32:45 PM

To : David Gold <davidgold@berkeley.net>, Javier Mendieta <javiermendieta@berkeley.net>,

Subject : message to Felarca's classes that I am sending now

Dear Parents,

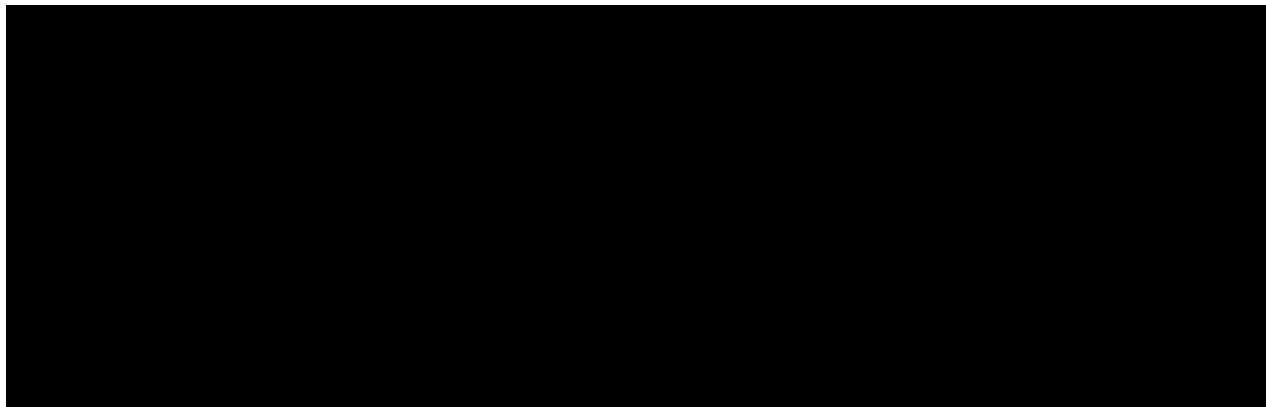
Last Wednesday Ms. Felarca was placed on paid administrative leave by the District. I cannot share information on the details of this decision to place her on leave. I apologize for not writing sooner but I was hoping to have more information to pass on to you. I do not know when Ms. Felarca will return. I apologize that your students have had several different people teaching the class. I believe we have found a more consistent solution that will be in place by the end of the week.

I understand your concerns and, as always, very little information can be shared regarding personnel matters. We are working around the clock to get lesson plans in place and a consistent teacher. Thanks for your patience during this time.

From : [REDACTED]
Date : 19-06-2017 08:12:46 AM
To : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Subject : phone call

I got a phone call from [REDACTED]

He said he was a retired vet that wanted to speak to you re: "one of your teachers, Yvette or Yvonne Felarca, shaping young minds against freedom of speech" because he was concerned and wondered if there was anything he and concerned citizens could do to help.



From : [REDACTED]
Date : 25-08-2017 01:16:36 PM
To : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Subject : call

Got a call from this name and number saying that they were going to have 5,000 people show up at our school on Monday to protest having Ms. Felarca at the school

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From : David Gold <davidgold@berkeley.net>
Date : 26-06-2016 09:33:31 PM
To : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Subject : Re: Yvette Felarca: Fascist Terrorist

Was not planning to respond. Who are these people any way? You feeling better?

On Jun 26, 2016, at 21:31, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

Hey all,
Please ignore all of these emails. I'm dealing with them.



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Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
(510) 644-4544

From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 25-08-2016 01:24:01 PM
To : David Gold <davidgold@berkeley.net>
Subject : Re: YF

She doesn't teach 8th graders except ELs and none complained
On Tuesday, August 23, 2016, David Gold <davidgold@berkeley.net> wrote:
Janet

Which students parents requested that they not be in Felarca's class? Thanks.

david

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David Gold
Vice Principal
Martin Luther King Middle School

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Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
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From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 22-09-2016 09:56:04 PM
To : Javier Mendieta <javiermendieta@berkeley.net>
Subject : Re: Plan for Felarca's classes/advisory

I'm working on it. Not much help from HR. They didn't even put it in AESOP. I did this afternoon. Any good solutions?

On Thursday, September 22, 2016, Javier Mendieta <javiermendieta@berkeley.net> wrote:

Janet,

Has there been any discussion regarding a "long term" substitute for Felarca?

I know this is a sensitive topic and the teachers are definitely watching.

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Javier Mendieta
Vice Principal
King Middle School
510-644-6413

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Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
(510) 644-4544

From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 27-09-2016 12:14:09 PM
To : David Gold <davidgold@berkeley.net>
Subject : Re: More information on Ms. Felarca

I will cc you on the letter. Working on it now...was waiting for help from HR but didn't get a response.

Janet

Janet Levenson
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On Tue, Sep 27, 2016 at 10:39 AM, David Gold <davidgold@berkeley.net> wrote:
Janet

How should this be responded to?

david

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Sep 27, 2016 at 10:37 AM
Subject: More information on Ms. Felarca
To: "davidgold@berkeley.net" <davidgold@berkeley.net>
Cc: [REDACTED]

Here's what I'm thinking about sending to the 7th grade VP (with a cc' to Janet). Thoughts?

Hi,

Our son, [REDACTED] is in Ms. Felarca's class and we'd like to be given some more information about the situation in her room. We have heard that she's been out on leave since last Wednesday and that students have been taken out of class and questioned by the school district. We learned the about the leave from Berkeleyside and the later from our son.

With all due respect, It's time for the school to tell us what's going on directly.

Looking forward to your response.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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David Gold
Vice Principal
Martin Luther King Middle School

[REDACTED]

On Mar 13, 2017, at 7:36 PM, Ty Alper <tyalper@berkeley.net> wrote:

She emailed again saying she would hold off on that part of the story till tomorrow but it would be helpful to know what the King community already knows about the voicemail that she plans to write about.

Thx all.

On Mar 13, 2017, at 6:38 PM, Charles Burress <charlesburress@berkeley.net> wrote:

Donald, Ty, Pasquale, Janet,

About 5:50 p.m., after I left the office this evening and before I got home just now, I received a phone call from [REDACTED] at Berkeleyside asking if we had a comment about the apparent threat left on the voicemail of a King counselor. I informed her that a couple of weeks ago, I had been asked by her colleague [REDACTED] the same question and that I had requested that they not disclose the voicemail. [REDACTED] told me that he understood our reasons and would discuss it with his colleagues. He also agreed to let us know in advance if they did decide to disclose it so that we could have a chance to respond. [REDACTED] said she wasn't aware of this and seemed intent on going forward with publishing the story tonight. She said the phone message would be near the bottom of the story and not the main topic, and I told her that even so, our concerns are the same no matter where in the story the disclosure is placed. I also told her that contacting us this late in the day does not really afford us a fair opportunity to respond, but that too didn't seem to dissuade her. She asked what she could do to get a comment. I said that I could try to ask for one when I got home and that in the meantime, she was free to try to email the Board President or the Superintendent. I see that she did.

Could you please let me know if you would like me to provide a comment to her about the phone message and if so, what you'd like me to relay?

Thanks,
Charles

Charles Burress
Public Information Officer
Berkeley Unified School District
510-644-6320

From : Yvette Felarca <yvettfelarca@berkeley.net>
Date : 21-05-2017 09:43:08 PM
To : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Subject : Re: Yvette Falarca

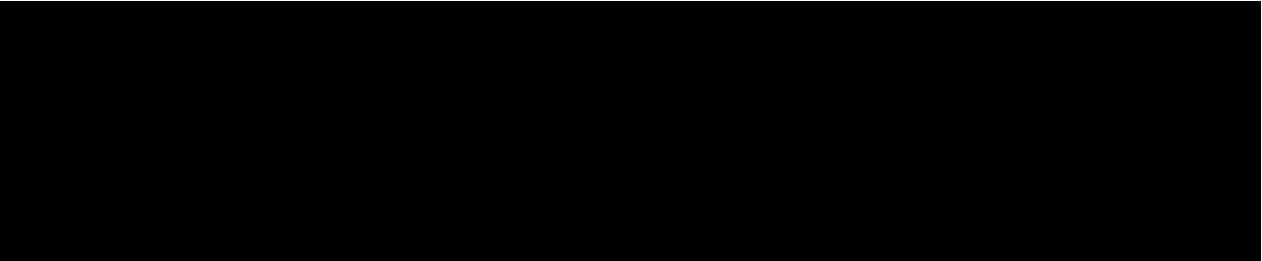
No, I don't recognize this email. Thanks for forwarding it to BPD.

On Sun, May 21, 2017 at 9:22 AM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

Below is an email I received over the weekend. I have forwarded it to BPD. Do you know this person?

Janet

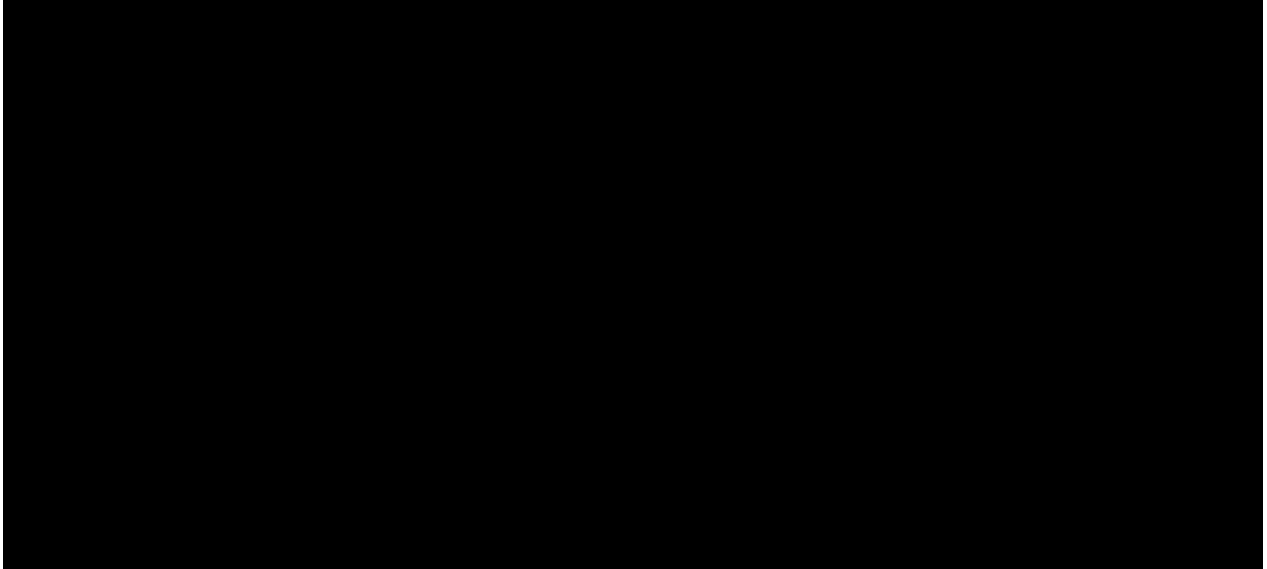
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From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 27-08-2017 10:51:19 PM
To : Javier Mendieta <javiermendieta@berkeley.net>
Subject : Fwd: Yvette Felarca at UC Berkely

Check out [REDACTED] and Ms. Felarca in this one...
Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
(510) 644-4544



From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 06-03-2017 10:59:42 AM
To : [REDACTED]
Subject : Re: [KING] Emails and Facebook requests related to Ms Felarca

No updates but they had no concerns when we spoke. [REDACTED] was going to update staff about this.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 6, 2017, at 9:36 AM, [REDACTED] > wrote:

Hi Janet,

I also have been receiving messages on facebook in addition to what I was already receiving at work. I was just wondering -- have there been any updates from the BPD on the threats that have been made? Do they believe any are even remotely credible?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

On Mon, Mar 6, 2017 at 9:05 AM, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net> wrote:

Everyone-

Many of you have let me know that you've received emails and Facebook messages/ friend requests from people complaining about Yvette's involvement in the Trump rally on March 4. I am aware and don't need them shared with me unless you feel they are threatening in any way. Let me know if you need additional support.

Sent from my iPhone

From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 27-09-2016 02:32:45 PM
To : David Gold <davidgold@berkeley.net>, Javier Mendieta <javiermendieta@berkeley.net>,
Subject : message to Felarca's classes that I am sending now

Dear Parents,

Last Wednesday Ms. Felarca was placed on paid administrative leave by the District. I cannot share information on the details of this decision to place her on leave. I apologize for not writing sooner but I was hoping to have more information to pass on to you. I do not know when Ms. Felarca will return. I apologize that your students have had several different people teaching the class. I believe we have found a more consistent solution that will be in place by the end of the week.

I understand your concerns and, as always, very little information can be shared regarding personnel matters. We are working around the clock to get lesson plans in place and a consistent teacher. Thanks for your patience during this time.

From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 28-06-2016 03:05:29 PM
To : Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>,
Subject : King phones

The calls about Felarca are endless as I suspect you know since you are likely getting your share. I have fielded some of them and it takes its toll so I have directed office staff NOT to answer the phones unless they wish to do so. I am also not answering my line. Please use my cell phone if you need to reach me.

Can the voice mail on 644-6280 and 644-4544 be shut down for the summer so that the secretaries don't come back to a zillion messages?

Thanks.
Janet

Janet Levenson
Principal, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
(510) 644-4544

From : Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>
Date : 23-08-2016 02:48:23 PM
To : David Gold <davidgold@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]
Subject : Fwd: IMPORTANT: Safety Staffing at King

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Pasquale Scuderi <pasquale.scuderi@berkeley.net>
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016
Subject: IMPORTANT: Safety Staffing at King

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Donald Evans <donaldevans@berkeley.net>, Janet Levenson <janetlevenson@berkeley.net>, [REDACTED]

While we don't think there is a compelling or immediate safety concern re: Felarca Janet continues to field concerns from parents.

We will put two additional safety officers at King for Week 1; this staffing is abundantly cautious but worth the investment given the summer threat and the uncertainty some parents and staff members are feeling. [REDACTED] is working on this now.

Also, [REDACTED] can you follow up with BPD and request extra patrols for week 1 and make sure the beat officers in King's area know about why we are making the request?

It seems that the extra eyes and ears of two safety officers plus extra attention from BPD should help convey that we are being cautious and attentive.

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Communications re King School and Yvette Felarca

Following is a summary of email and web communications received by the Superintendent's Office pertaining to the threat made to King School and/or Yvette Felarca's actions in Sacramento on June 26. There have been numerous phone calls made to the Superintendent's Office as well, but there is not a complete log of those calls. In addition, many calls and emails have been sent to Janet Levenson, the King PTA, and the School Board. I have not had time to summarize the nearly 200 messages sent to the Principal yet. The Superintendent, Board President and VP have access to a spreadsheet summarizing each message and the response given.

There are two key videos that are often cited: one showing her attacking someone who is just standing there with a flag, and another video of her talking about the need for militant action. I believe these are both on [Berkeleyside](#). (There are also many comments there.) Much more on Facebook, Twitter, etc.

1. Responses to the letter to families (sent Wednesday):

- a. 38 Responses. Of these, 13 said something like "thank you for a well-written and inspiring message." 7 wanted more details, including 4 expressing conditional support for the teacher as long as she hadn't engaged in violence, and 6 expressed strong support or concern for teacher. However, none of the equivocal or supportive messages mentioned details or the video of the event, so it appears their assumptions were that she was collateral damage. There were 9 responses (from parents) that stated that the teacher should be fired for her violent acts, including 4 who had seen the video. One mentioned that Ms. Felarca conducts political activities (students make Anti-Trump stickers) in class. In addition, 2 expressed concerns about student safety.

2. Emails to Superintendent@Berkeley.net and to the BUSD website

- a. There are 46 emails and messages. Only 8 of them are possibly BUSD parents or Berkeley residents. The ones who identify themselves as having children in our schools question whether she should be employed given her violent actions, including a strongly worded and thoughtful message from an MX family who said they participated in Black Lives Matter, their kids are American-born Muslim, they believe in protest, but find Ms. Felarca's actions reprehensible and do not want their child or other children exposed to a teacher who preaches violence.
- b. Of the remaining (non-Berkeley) messages, only one is supportive of Felarca "she is a hero" - and this is from someone out of state. The rest mostly share one or more of the videos and state she should be fired. Several may come from what may be an orchestrated campaign (including from <https://poseidonawoke.wordpress.com/>) which is also the source of a story of Felarca involved in cult-like control of an adolescent in her care - this has been forwarded to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].)
- c. While some of the messages may have been orchestrated or spurred on by hate groups, others explicitly disavow support for the beliefs of such groups, refer to reports in the LA Times about BAMN's role in the violent confrontations in which people were badly hurt, for example stating "I have no sympathy for hate groups

or fascists but 1st Amendment protects unpopular speech. Felarca and BAMN instigated the violence.”

3. [Petition via change.org](#) to Fire Yvetta Felarca

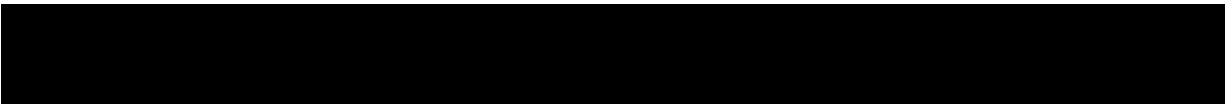
- a. This petition was started by [REDACTED] of Berkeley, who says he went to King school himself, and he states “Someone who does not believe in free speech should not teach kids about their constitutional rights” There were 177 signators as of Friday afternoon. (Only a few are Berkeley residents - this has gone international)
4. One of the phone callers stated she and other MX parents were considering suing the district due to Ms. Felarca’s actions and subsequent threat to students. She did not want to leave a name.

Most people are sent a boilerplate response thanking them for their message and sharing the contents of the letter that was sent to BUSD families (via School Messenger) and staff on June 29. Any messages containing threatening language are forwarded to [REDACTED] and anything pertaining to specifics of Ms. Felarca’s actions as a teacher are forwarded to [REDACTED].

- From Natasha Beery

Key Points for Threat to King School and Questions about Felarca

- Sunday night, June 26, the Principal of King Middle School received an email threatening the lives of children at the school if a specific teacher, were not fired.
- The threat was linked to the teacher's participation in a political protest in Sacramento.
- Our primary concern is student safety. We are appalled that someone would threaten children.
- The Principal notified the Berkeley police immediately, and the FBI also reviewed the email. Although the FBI's criteria considered it to be a low level threat, the Berkeley Police and BUSD determined to take the threat seriously, and have increased their patrols.
- Additionally, we relocated two summer camps that were taking place at that location. There are currently no students attending programs at King Middle School.
- Since then the district has received many emails and phone calls about the situation, some were in response to media articles, some were from our district families in response to an email we sent to all families yesterday. There are also some messages which are clearly coming from outside the area.
 - The messages express a range of attitudes - from support for the teacher, to calls for her dismissal, and most of them center on the importance of caring for our children and concern about ensuring we uphold the values of non-violence and ensure protections of free speech both for the teacher and for others.
 - If asked about the petition to fire Felarca, you can state that you are aware of it.
- We absolutely cannot comment on disciplinary actions for the teacher, as that is a personnel matter that has confidentiality protections.



- The letter we sent yesterday reaffirmed our commitment to non-violence. (A copy of the letter is on our homepage.)