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FROM: Denise Montagu (denisemontagu@gmail.com)
TO: Denise Montagu (LP NOTE: School District Employees were blind copied)
DATE: Saturday, January 11, 2014 AT 11:38 AM
SUBJECT: School Board Update: PARTICIPATION NEEDED

Dear Friends,

If you read this morning's Reporter Herald, you might have the impression that the entire board of education is now joining hands and singing Kumbaya. Let me assure you, nothing could be further from the truth. The reformers are going to a great deal of effort to give the community the impression that they are becoming reasonable and transparent so that you all back down. The large crowd at the December 18 meeting made them extremely uncomfortable, and they want to avoid a repeat performance, particularly since THEY HAVE SOMETHING UP THEIR SLEEVES FOR THIS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15.

I have attached the agenda for that meeting, and I want to direct your attention to item 6.1, Governance. I was unsure of what action was being proposed, and have learned that this is an effort to begin moving in the direction of turning our schools into charter schools.

There will be an expert in attendance to advise us on how this can be done, and I find the name of that individual to be of particular interest, and you should, too. Our consultant on the governance item will be BRAD MILLER, THE ATTORNEY THEY WANT TO HIRE FOR THE BOARD. Yes, Mr. Kerrigan did assure us that this issue would return, but in a more transparent fashion. This, friends, is exactly the opposite of transparent, and Kerrigan thinks our community is too stupid to realize it.

If this isn't bad enough, someone (likely Kerrigan; he slipped a reference to himself the other night when informing us of this) reported the December 18 meeting to the fire marshal, and we will be prevented from filling the board room. It's been suggested that we move the meeting to a larger venue to allow all interested community members to participate, but the reformers won't allow it. Ms. Rice has stated that she will not support large numbers of attendees, citing a loss of decorum at the December 18 meeting; This does not mean don't come; it means exactly the opposite. This will be a public relations nightmare for the champions of transparency if they are found to be deliberately keeping members of the public from participating. Come one, come all, and come early.

As of right now, the plan is to give tickets to people as they arrive. Once the maximum number of tickets have been distributed for the boardroom, then tickets will be issued for the overflow rooms. Once those rooms are filled to capacity, people will be turned away; **ideally**, so many people will show up that it comes to that. Please plan to attend the school board meeting this Wednesday, January 15, 6:00 p.m. in the TSD boardroom.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Denise