



## ***REPORT FROM DELAC CHAIRWOMAN KARLA FRANCO***

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By Chairwoman Karla Franco

Dear DELAC Members and members of the public, it is my pleasure to speak and communicate with each one of you through my reports and share my expectations. As we already know everything that has happened in the last two meetings, where we were given an incomplete presentation and we were not given the time to provide input to complete our objectives in support of our English Learners, and in doing so, make our voices reach the Multilingual Multicultural Department so they can work on a strategic plan with our input and recommendations. Since it is of utmost importance to the board and me that the voice of the parents be heard since that is what we were elected to do; the board, with the support of the chairperson, came to an agreement that the Multilingual Multicultural Education Department (MMED) should continue with the presentation of January 29, 2024, since that presentation did not take place. It was also suggested that a summary of the February 8th meeting be made since it is of utmost importance that parents provide input to ensure that the Multilingual Multicultural Department can work on a strategic plan to get the necessary support to our school sites. It is very important to me that the parent's voice is heard and that our input is truly taken into consideration. So, parents, let's make sure we submit our input with great expectations for all the required areas as we are representing diverse groups of English language learners here. It is very important to make our contributions, so let's not waste that moment when it comes our way. I also want to stress and ask Mr. Antonio Plascencia to give us an update on the building that was assigned by Superintendent Cortinez for parent meetings. It has been a long time and we have not been informed of when we are going to return to our building that belongs to and is for the parents. I'll begin with the first slide to inform you that any work or project should not enhance anyone individually but rather, it should enhance the whole team. Demonstrating that all the work was elaborated by the whole group and not by one. Thus, demonstrating the best results because we worked as a team. I loved the second slide because it lets you know that each of us has the chance or the opportunity to make a difference.

So, parents, we all have a lot to contribute and the power to make a difference working as a team, as I have been saying. We can achieve it by sharing our ideas since that is how changes happen so long as we make sure that the contributions we are asking for are what is being executed, since for years we have not been respected and we have always been ignored. The district has not respected the DELAC committee, imposing their own agendas and overriding the ideas and decisions of the committee and always overriding the membership and the committee in general. It is time to work together, and if necessary, bring all members of all committees before the board and superintendent to let them know that we must be respected and not ignored. We will do it if necessary because our time is very valuable, and it is time to make them see that the fundamental component in the education of our children is the parents. We should not allow them to disrespect us in this way and clarify that they have tried to take away many rights that we have as parents. They have always made decisions without consulting us, many times on things that pertain to us, and we should not allow them to disrespect us in this way. We must make sure that our contributions and recommendations are executed and implemented so that we can achieve our objectives to provide 100% support for our English learners, since that is what we are here for. I'll wrap up with the last slide that says **Teamwork makes the dream work.**

I thank you for being here today giving your valuable time to make heard the voice of all the parents who cannot be here advocating for their children. Parents, let's not let them down as we know the great responsibility that has fallen on our shoulders.

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