

Dear Lewis-Palmer School Board Majority and Administrators

We, the undersigned Parents and Members of the Lewis-Palmer District 38 Community, write to respectfully object to the organized protest that was staged against conservative Board Director Sarah Sampayo by other board members, district administrators, and members of the teachers' union on February 16, 2017.

These parties violated numerous board and district policies governing meeting protocol. A letter signed by administrators containing accusations of disruptive behavior at meetings and online bullying was read by a D38 Principal while others stood, followed by prolonged applause by protest members. The exaggerations and distortions in the letter were evident to anyone who regularly observes board meetings.

Of note was the mention of "teachers" being attacked, which clearly alluded to a single incident in which one parent complained about one teacher – not "teachers" – on social media. Immediately following the reading of the letter by a Principal, a former D38 Board Member gave a highly emotional speech in which he listed off the names of individuals in our community who have publicly and privately challenged administrators and board members about finances, transparency, accountability, students' rights, and curricula. Later, a current sitting Board Member read off his own list condemning many of the same individuals mentioned earlier and received enthusiastic applause.

The collection of carefully worded statements made by these protesters was obviously intended to engulf innocent people, who have not bullied or disrupted meetings, into a group of publicly-named "offenders." Worse yet, the Former Board Member falsely claimed that Director Sampayo had attacked a teacher and requested Sampayo's resignation. No. Director Sampayo does not participate in social media, and has never attacked any teachers nor exhibited bullying or disruptive behavior in any way during meetings, or otherwise.

Director Sampayo has, however, been an independent voice who has faithfully considered parent and community input from diverse voices on public issues before the board. She has respectfully challenged the status quo by presenting reasonable concerns about fair treatment of students, teachers, parents, and taxpayers. She has worked with our State Board of Education and our State Representative, Paul Lundeen, to secure policies and legislation that protect our children from the Data-Mining Industry.

We conclude that these outrageously false accusations against Director Sampayo are intended to silence and disable a duly-elected board member. Because this action was a direct attack on the particular board member who takes a genuine interest in parent and community input, we consider it to be a direct attack on us. *We urge you, as board members and administrators, to issue a public apology to Director Sampayo at next month's board meeting for your coordinated effort to falsely accuse her and oust her from the school board.*

SIGNED

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| 1. Jeff Kaiser | 44. Aaron Zulkosky | 85. Dan Schafer | 128. Chris Sigfrids | 171. Mabel Chan |
| 2. Connie Kaiser | 45. Ericka Zulkosky | 86. Sharon Schafer | 129. Kelly Sigfrids | 172. Wilfred Chau |
| 3. Paul Lundeen | 46. Dr. Timothy Halenkamp CAPT
USN Ret. | 87. Lori Farmer | 130. Deena Hartje | 173. James Pierce |
| 4. Amy Stephens | 47. Commander Lorri Halenkamp
APN, USNR Ret. | 88. Charles Farmer | 131. Pete Mills | 174. Jeanne Pierce |
| 5. Steve Durham | 48. Trace Patterson COL USAF | 89. Ted Konduris | 132. Tracy Mills | 175. Sherry MacDonald |
| 6. Tom Allen | 49. Wendy Patterson | 90. Ana Konduris | 133. Darin Brooks | 176. David Matteson |
| 7. Barb Allen | 50. Gordon Reichal, Major, USAF Ret. | 91. Doug Barton | 134. Elissa Brooks | 177. Joanne Matteson |
| 8. Jamie Fenley | 51. Melinda Reichal | 92. Tammara Barton | 135. Dian Oatman | 178. Debbie Hall |
| 9. Dr. Larry Shores | 52. Dr. Michael Halenkamp | 93. James Hazuka | 136. Greg Madruga | 179. Chris Taylor |
| 10. June Shores | 53. Mrs. Michael Halenkamp | 94. Annette Hazuka | 137. Amy Madruga | 180. Holly Taylor |
| 11. Charlie Searle | 54. Chandy Buckingham | 95. Lisa Billings | 138. Ben Pautzke | 181. Kim Barker |
| 12. Jennifer Shirk | 55. Evangeline Rouleau-Glen | 96. Frank John | 139. Melody Pautzke | 182. Erica Cox |
| 13. Lisa Bertsch | 56. Robert Glen | 97. Tammy John | 140. Deb Brokaw | 183. Steven Sowles |
| 14. Brandi Wahlgren | 57. Kadi Strickenberger | 98. Quentin Leighty | 141. Bill Roberson | 184. Debbie Sowles |
| 15. Will Wahlgren | 58. Sean Strickenberger | 99. Angela Leighty | 142. Maxwell Roberson | 185. Denio Alvarado |
| 16. Mark Kirchhoefer | 59. Michelle Burson-Heeks | 100. Sandy Coyne | 143. Tag Rogers | 186. Donatella Ginn Alvarado |
| 17. Wendi Kirchhoefer | 60. Amanda Whitend | 101. Lani Moore | 144. Melissa Rogers | 187. Jessica Alvarado |
| 18. Lauralee Hitzler | 61. Mike Whitend | 102. Michael O'Hare | 145. Jay Hartwell | 188. Samantha Alvarado |
| 19. Ryen Hitzler | 62. Greg Prestgard | 103. Tatiana O'Hare | 146. Kimberly Hartwell | 189. Jill Hatley |
| 20. Chad Fieber | 63. Cynthia Rivera Prestgard | 104. Ivan Anthony | 147. Johan Moum | 190. Walter Hatley |
| 21. Candace Fieber | 64. Lance Goraczowski | 105. Pam Anthony | 148. Stefanie Moum | 191. Jodi Matejczyk |
| 22. Mark McWilliams | 65. Marshal Swartzendruber | 106. David Good | 149. Andy Rowland | 192. Lon Matejczyk |
| 23. Kristen McWilliams | 66. Brynn Swartzendruber | 107. Camilla Good | 150. Jennifer Rowland | 193. Daryn Strop |
| 24. Tim Corum | 67. Kristen Bennington | 108. Derek Araje | 151. Gregory Davis | 194. Melanie Strop |
| 25. Shanna Corum | 68. Mike Burnett | 109. Annette Araje | 152. Elena Davis | 195. Randall Mason |
| 26. Aimee Lee | 69. Traci Burnett | 110. Ty Rogers | 153. Gayle Petty | 196. Jenna Heigl |
| 27. Brad Bush | 70. Sandra Foote | 111. Lisa Rogers | 154. Sean Petty | 197. Kirk Olds |
| 28. Kimberlee Bush | 71. Amy McKenzie | 112. Lindsay Clinton | 155. Tom Fong | 198. Brenda Olds |
| 29. Clint Dunham | 72. Cari Bolander | 113. Bruce Clark | 156. Cynthia Fong | 199. Jason Castro |
| 30. Catherine Dunham | 73. Douglas Andrej | 114. Denese Clark | 157. Renee Crisler | 200. Jen Castro |
| 31. Paul Camarco | 74. Kevin Sorenson | 115. Ty Strugalski | 158. Steve Crisler | 201. Melissa Smith |
| 32. Sonya Camarco | 75. Rachel Sorenson | 116. Jim Strugalski | 159. Barrett McCann | 202. Chris Weber |
| 33. Diana Dunston | 76. Al Maurer | 117. Ron Scott | 160. Suzann McCann | 203. Lynn Weber |
| 34. Mary Anne Fields | 77. Sandy Maurer | 118. Mary Scott | 161. Diane MacPherson | 204. James Forman |
| 35. Robert Fields | 78. Matt Morley | 119. Shannon Fox | 162. James Dove | 205. J. Lynnette Forman |
| 36. Mary Senour | 79. Aimee Morley | 120. Shauna Barker | 163. Catherine Dove | 206. Eunice Matson |
| 37. John Zark | 80. Dave Bull | 121. Beth Woodard | 164. Chad Calvert | 207. Joe Berthelotte |
| 38. Melinda Zark | 81. Camilla Bull | 122. Joseph Woodard | 165. Karlie Sanson | 208. William Gragert |
| 39. Kelly M. Hagel | 82. Rachel Fast | 123. Jason Fox | 166. Bryan Sanson | 209. Natalie Gragert |
| 40. Joseph A. Hagel | 83. Jonathan Fast | 124. Andrew Shearer | 167. Gary Marner | |
| 41. Bill Darnell | 84. Sandy Ward | 125. Abby Shearer | 168. Sharon Marner | |
| 42. Cheryl Darnell | | 126. Sarah Hardman | 169. Hilary Brendemuhl | |
| 43. Tom Smith | | 127. Shannon Breuer | 170. Bill Brendemuhl | |