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Hayes, Kathy

From: Fennell, Estelle
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 6:32 AM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Cc: Damico, Tracy
Subject: Fwd: 1-22-19 Consent Calendar #4: Proclamation National School Choice Week

Hi Kathy,

Can you please forward this to the rest of the Board?

Thanks,
Estelle

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From: Mario Fernandez <g.mariofernandez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 10:23 PM
To: Fennell, Estelle
Subject: Fwd: 1-22-19 Consent Calendar #4: Proclamation National School Choice Week

Dear Supervisor Fennell,

National School Choice Week (NSCW) is an affront to our Humboldt public schools, and any proclamation in its favor greatly undermines the necessity of and confidence in public education.

“Choice” is a founding principle of freedom, and no one here—I believe—would deny that to any student or parent in search of education.

The “choice” offered by NSCW—which by the way is an organization, and not only an event—include school alternatives designed to privatize and siphon public monies from our local school districts for various programs that offer little transparency or accountability.

At a time when our state attorney general and the California School Board Association have stated that charter schools ought to be subject to the same public scrutiny as “regular” public schools, then you—as a governing body—ought to proclaim support for our public schools and the application of transparency and accountability over other publicly funded educational institutions.

As it stands, Humboldt currently embraces a rather laissez faire open enrollment policy among the county’s publicly funded schools providing students and parents plenty of choice and opportunity. You have a choice today, now, whether you’ll move forward in supporting the deterioration and privatization of public schools or support accountability and transparency when it comes the education and betterment of our local children.

Sincerely,

G Mario Fernandez
Union Organizer
School Board Trustee
City of Eureka Resident

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