

October 30, 2021

Dear Waukee School Board Members and Superintendent Buck,

We are writing to respectfully ask all current board members to refrain from spreading false rumors - like the screenshot below - about our priorities or intentions as school board candidates. The thought of firing Dr. Buck has never crossed our minds or even been discussed. Dr. Buck is a highly respected, experienced administrator who has navigated WCSD through the most difficult time in our history. Whoever started or continues to perpetuate this rumor is accomplishing nothing but further dividing our community.

We understand that some of you may not agree with our platform or our individual viewpoints on certain issues, which is completely understandable in a contested election. But there is far too much at stake in this election to deliberately mislead parents and voters in our community. It is time for all of us to stand together and start building the kind of trust that fosters open communications and builds deeper relationships because - regardless of the outcome on November 2nd - we have to continue working together.

We all have a sincere willingness and desire to cool the temperature and help improve relationships between the board and parents in the Waukee district. We can start by being respectful of all sides and modeling the type of behavior that will bring peace and harmony back into our district. If you want that too, we hope you'll retract any statements you've made publicly or via a third party that we are in some way colluding to fire Dr. Buck. That simply is not true.

Sincerely,

Vin Thaker

Andrea Lawrence

Jeff Rubino

Morgan Hughes



1) There are four seats up in this election. That's a majority of the board. That's incredibly important.

2) The board members not up for election were just elected two years ago. If an entirely new slate of people is elected this time, the board will be inexperienced. This is important.

3) So much of the board's work is tied to school finance so having people who are knowledgeable in this is critical. There are candidates who have poured in hours of their lives to learning and understanding school finance, as well as the role of the board. This is important.

4) I'm hoping what I'm hearing is not true but I've heard there are attempts to elect people who will fire Dr. Buck as Superintendent. You may not agree with every decision he makes but I think Dr. Buck is one of the best things that has happened to our district. If people think they will find a new superintendent with more experience, more knowledge, stronger leadership skills and more compassion, they are so wrong. This is important.

5) Look at the candidates' own words. There are most certainly those who want to stir things up and those who want to solve problems. I'll side with the problem solvers