



Harbor City Neighborhood Council

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Dr. Richard Vladovic & the entire LAUSD Board of Education
Los Angeles Unified School District
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Dear Los Angeles Unified School District School Board,

We are gratified that the librarian at Narbonne High School in Harbor City is now permanent status. Previously we had wanted to make a substantial contribution to expand the library's collection, but were reluctant to do so because of the Los Angeles School Board's ambivalence toward libraries and librarians. The recent news has led us to move toward that donation and help the high school students in our neighborhood.

We are very disappointed that the commitment to libraries has not reached down to the middle school level. Every secondary education institution needs a teacher-librarian and a fully functioning library to properly fulfill its role. We are in an information age and the lack of libraries is unfairly handicapping the students in LAUSD. With no library, the students do not have the resources provided to them to reach their academic potential. It is imperative that this change and all middle-schools in LAUSD should have a teacher-librarian and a library available to all of the students.

We implore you to commit to the education of the middle-school students of LAUSD by using the money from Prop 30 to provide all middle schools with fully functioning libraries. Each of these libraries also needs a fully qualified teacher-librarian to make them the information learning institutions that the students need. We ask that this be done as expeditiously as possible.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Olive Reed".

Olive Reed, President

On behalf of the Harbor City Neighborhood Council Board

cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti, Councilman Joe Buscaino



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