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Trustee Zito Must Resign!

Evergreen Teachers Express Vote of No Confidence in His Leadership

SAN JOSE – Frustrated Evergreen School District teachers will gather for a rally prior to the school board meeting Thursday, Mar. 12, to protest Trustee Zito’s bullying behavior towards both employees and community members

The Evergreen Teachers Association (ETA) has taken a vote of “No Confidence” in Trustee Jim Zito and demands he resign from the Evergreen Elementary School District Board of Education. The following are some, but not all of the reasons for this decision:

Trustee Zito has repeatedly stated on social media and elsewhere that teachers are “greedy and excessively compensated”, and he illegally took a confidential document from state sponsored contract mediation and distributed it on Nextdoor.

The recent revelations regarding Trustee Zito’s inappropriate behavior in the past have served as confirmation of our own experiences dealing with him as he has repeatedly confronted and attempted to intimidate female teachers during and after board meetings and in other settings such as school sites.

Therefore, we know Trustee Zito should not be in a position of power over children and over a profession that is predominantly made up of women. ETA will continue to serve our students and provide them with the outstanding education for which the Evergreen Elementary School District is known. It is important, however, for you to understand we are doing this with the added burden of the issues detailed above. We want to make it very clear that the time we are forced to spend on this issue will not diminish our commitment to our students, but it is important that you know that your teaching and certificated staff have no confidence in Jim Zito.

--**WHAT:** Rally by educators and community members before the school board meeting in San Jose’s Evergreen School District.

--**WHEN and WHERE:** The rally begins at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 12. ETA Vice President Suzanne Lima will be available for interviews at the district office, 3188 Quimby Rd, San Jose, 95148.