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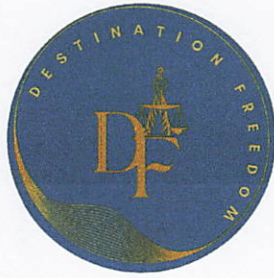
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Re: Request for Independent Attention — Serious Racial Equity and Accountability Concerns Within SFUSD

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing to ask for your attention to a deeply troubling matter involving the San Francisco Unified School District.

Enclosed is *The Unquiet Resignation: How One Principal's Fight Against SFUSD Uncovered a Pattern of Institutional Racism*, an investigative article by journalist Malik Washington. Rather than repeat the evidence documented in the article, we respectfully ask that you read it and consider the larger questions it raises.

This is not simply an employment dispute involving one principal. The investigation raises serious concerns about racial equity in public education, the treatment of Black and Brown students, the treatment of educators who challenge inequity, allegations of retaliation, and the adequacy of oversight exercised by the San Francisco Board of Education.

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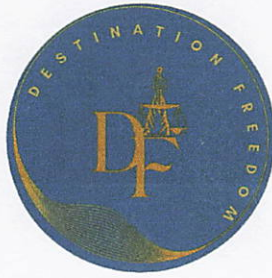
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One question is particularly difficult but necessary: **Are racial and socioeconomic assumptions influencing how SFUSD defines a successful school and which children it believes will produce that success?**

The circumstances described in the enclosed investigation warrant asking why increasing Asian enrollment reportedly became a strategy for strengthening certain schools rather than placing comparable institutional emphasis on attracting, retaining, investing in, and demonstrating the potential of Black and Brown children.

That question is not directed at Asian students or families. It is directed at the institution and the adults responsible for its decisions.

The investigation also raises a fundamental accountability problem. Ordinarily, the public looks to a school board to oversee district management. **But where should the public turn when the conduct and response of the governing Board itself are among the matters requiring scrutiny?**

That is why we are writing to you.

We are not asking you to accept every allegation as established fact. We are asking you to consider whether the matters documented in this investigation warrant inquiry, independent review, public advocacy, referral to an appropriate authority, or other action within your office's or organization's capacity.

Educators must be able to advocate for children and challenge inequity without fearing professional retaliation. Black and Brown children deserve a school system that sees their intelligence and potential as assets worthy of investment—not problems to be managed.

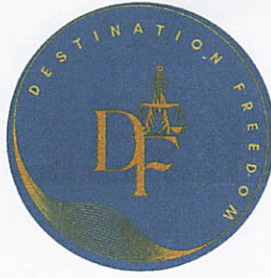
When the institutions responsible for accountability may themselves be part of the problem, outside attention becomes essential.

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We respectfully ask that you read the enclosed investigation and consider what role you can play in ensuring that these concerns receive the independent scrutiny and response they deserve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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