## **Board President Statement Regarding Recent Social Media Posts**

Dear Parent/Member of the Eastpointe Community Schools,

As the spokesperson for, and the only Board member authorized to speak on behalf of, the Eastpointe Community Schools Board of Education, I wish to address recent false and misleading social media posts regarding three lawsuits filed against our school district by former employees over the past year. A few individuals active on social media have alleged that the filing of these lawsuits show a problem with the District's Administration.

However, the members of the Board of Education are aware of the circumstances giving rise to these lawsuits, and find that the Administration acted appropriately in each situation, and in the best interests of our students.

Moreover, the Board's attorneys have reviewed the claims being raised in the lawsuits, and have stated that they do not believe that the Administration did anything wrong to merit such claims.

Similarly, the attorneys assigned by the District's insurance carrier to represent the District have also stated that their review of such lawsuits point to them being unfounded, and believe that the District is in a strong position to defend against the same.

These lawsuits have been filed against the District by the same attorneys at the same law firm, which is hardly a coincidence. It is consistent with information shared with Board members that the social media attacks against the Administration are a coordinated effort by a handful of individuals who have a personal vendetta against some members of the Administration.

It is time to call out these social media attacks on the Administration as unwarranted on their merits, and to point out that such negativity also adversely impacts the District and all of its staff by putting them in a false light. Such attacks are also a needless distraction from their important work of educating our students. It is my fervent hope that all who care for the students in our District will work in a positive manner to support the efforts of our staff to help our students, rather than make public posts to undermine our staff's dedication and service.

The Board remains steadfast in its commitment to our mission and vision focused on student learning, student achievement, and student well-being. We are keenly aware of, and appreciate, the support and trust that the community has placed in us to maintain that commitment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us as Board members or the Administration. We value open dialogue and are here to address any inquiries you may have.

Sincerely yours,

Jon Sunberg

Jon Gruenberg President, Eastpointe Community Schools Board of Education