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Dear Fontana Unified Community:

During our September 14th board meeting, the Board of Education formally adopted as Board Policy a longstanding practice that prohibits any access at any time by any convicted sex offender on our school grounds, further ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and community, and strengthening the safe, secure and caring school environment cultivated across Fontana Unified.

The action was taken in response to the concerns of our students, parents and community had over a new state law that attempted to address penal code requirements around convicted sex offenders who want to volunteer in schools.

The Board's action simplified the policy: Don't let them in.

We are first and foremost dedicated to maintaining a safe and secure school environment for our students, teachers and staff, imposing one of the most stringent policies in the state with regard to protecting students from any convicted criminals, sex offenders or otherwise.

From ensuring that all employees and volunteers on our campuses are fingerprinted with a Federal background check, to conducting annual training for staff and volunteers about conduct around our students – Fontana's policies are tough and practiced in a manner that puts student safety first.

We have a firm practice of zero-tolerance with regard to sex offenders on our campuses, and this revised board policy will only serve to reaffirm those efforts.

We want to thank you – our community – for voicing your concerns, asking questions and being diligent in examining how this policy impacts our students and schools. This kind of open discussion is what helps us develop policies in the best interest of our students.

The action taken was a demonstration of the deep commitment by the District and Board of Education to protecting our students, listening to the concerns of our parents and community, and setting a high bar for what is and is not acceptable within our schools.

We would like to invite you to attend the FUSD Board of Education Board regular meetings usually held on the first and third Wednesday (5:00pm – Closed Session / 6:30 pm – Open Session) held at the John D. Piazza Education Center, 9680 Citrus Avenue. The remainder of the 2016/17 school year meetings are as follows:

October 5, 2016	February 1, 2017	April 19, 2017
October 19, 2016	February 15, 2017	May 17, 2017
November 16, 2016	March 1, 2017	June 7, 2017
December 14, 2016	March 15, 2017	June 21, 2017
January 11, 2017	April 5, 2017	

Sincerely,

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