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Save Our Morgan Hill Schools! Petition Drive

We still need all teachers, counselors, nurses & librarians to step up! Our district schools are under attack; this is not the time to sit back and hope that all will work out. To the extent that you are committed to public education, and to our own public schools, this is your battle.

Navigator's next stop (having been denied their request to open a new charter here by our own Board of Trustees) is to go to the Santa Clara County Board of Education, where they have several known supporters, and seek authorization there to take over (in stages) one of our neighborhood schools. Rocketship is certain to follow if their application is similarly denied by our board.

It is critical that we, as a community, notify the Santa Clara County Board of Education of our opposition to these moves by Navigator and Rocketship to raid our district. To that end...

There is now an on-line petition to support MHUSD students and neighborhoods schools that is being sent to the Santa Clara County School Board members and superintendent. Thanks to Mario Banuelos and all of the other parents, community members, and MHUSD educators who assisted in the creation of the on-line petition!

[http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/support-morgan-hill-schools-1?
source=c.em.cp&r_by=9364715](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/support-morgan-hill-schools-1?source=c.em.cp&r_by=9364715)

It is important that this petition link be circulated to MHUSD parents, community members, and educators for signature. There are no restrictions on who can sign the on-line petition to support our students and neighborhood schools.

Our parent community needs to be informed of this attack on our neighborhood schools, and given the opportunity to get involved. Please be thinking about how you might help reach out to them.

Please talk to your Building Rep to find out what plans are in place at your site. One option will be to start your work day 45 minutes before the start of school on the designated day (with your principal's approval), so that right after school you can join involved parents and retired teachers in the pick-up zone to hand out petitions to parents. When they see that their own children's teachers are concerned enough to be out there, they will take note.

Another option is to take a petition home and circulate it among your own neighbors and family members, if you live in the district. (Navigator and Rocketship have been setting up side-by-side tables to collect signatures at Walmart and Safeway, and have been canvassing at sports fields in the community.)

Thank you for all that you do every day to educate our community's children. And thank you for helping to defend their ongoing right to quality schools.