



**LYNWOOD
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11501 Atlantic Avenue, Lynwood, CA 90262

September 12, 2017

The Honorable Alex Johnson
President and Board of Directors
Los Angeles County Office of Education
9300 Imperial Highway
Downey, California 90242

Re: Oral Statement in Opposition to the Soleil Academy Charter School Petition

Good afternoon, Everyone:

My name is Myrna Vergara and I am an elementary school teacher for the Lynwood Unified School District. I have been teaching for over 12 years. On behalf of all the elementary school teachers in Lynwood, we are appalled at the recommendation for LACOE to approve the charter school Soleil to come into our community based on the findings. Why would LACOE approve something that is projected to fail?

The charter school presents an unsound educational program, and they don't have the personnel to run curriculum, instruction, assessments, finance, and business management. No one on their Board even has a California Teaching Credential.

The petition also neglects to serve all students, such as students that are in foster care, homeless, English Learners, and students with special needs. The petition also fails to include any goals specific to each subgroup and the person monitoring IEP's and the EL program have no expertise. The charter school does not indicate the instructional approach they will utilize for implementing TK standards and curriculum that meet the needs of students. They lack a description of how the necessary differentiation will occur.

Lynwood Unified strives for excellence, equity, success, and we serve the needs of all of our students. We will not stand here and watch our students be their guinea pigs.

Thank you.

Myrna Vergara
Director of Elementary Schools
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