

CONSIDERING A CAREER IN EDUCATION?

I MUST, IN GOOD CONSCIENCE, PASS ALONG SOME TROUBLING FACTS REGARDING CAJON VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, JIM MILLER, IN PARTICULAR.

I am simply another person looking to embark on a new career, just like you. When I read in the catalogue that the only public K-12 school district attending today's Career expo, was the Cajon Valley Union school district, I knew that I had to write this flyer. As you know, the school district that you choose to work in will have an enormous impact on your classroom, your income, your career, your future, and the pride that comes with being associated with a good school district. Due to the recent antics of one of the members of the Cajon Valley Union School Board, I feel obligated to give you a little background on the actions of this particular 'loose cannon,' named Jim Miller. We are also including a listing of other, nearby school districts, that you may consider while you make important decision.

There has been much disturbing news in the past several weeks, concerning the Cajon Valley School Board member, Jim Miller. If you are interested in more details, there is a very detailed article on the East County Magazine web-site. All information can be easily verified, through credible news organizations, on-line.

Directly following the high school shooting massacre, in Parkland, FL, there was a nation-wide call to action, from middle and high school students all across the country. The students were planning a walk out! Most districts in San Diego County supported the students who wished to participate in the event. In many cases, faculty and staff worked with students to form rallies on school grounds where the students were allowed to express their fears and frustrations.

Unless, you were a student attending a school in the Cajon Valley school district. With no uniform policy set forth by the board, principals were left to make the decision of what to do during the 'walk out,' on a school by school basis. At Hillsdale Middle School in El Cajon, the students were not permitted to participate in the walk out, at all. Some students attempted to have an on-campus walkout from classes, but were stopped and later punished with detention, for even attempting to participate in the show of support.

When the four students who attempted to show support for the Parkland students were punished for their efforts, a counseling intern, Ms. Morghen decided to sit with the students during their lunch detention. She wanted to make herself available to them, while they were processing their grief.

Two days later, Morghen was fired, and since she was not a full time counselor yet, she had no recourse through the teacher's union. A mother of two, and an obviously compassionate counselor was fired, and not allowed to say good bye to her students. These events all took place in March of this year.

At the next school board meeting, in April, at least 50 concerned citizens came to the meeting of Cajon Valley Union, in support of the intern who had been fired, as well as people concerned with gun violence prevention. In the wake of yet another mass high school shooting massacre, parents turn to their school board, and rather than wear a shirt and tie, as would most professionals, school board member Jim Miller was wearing a 2nd amendment rights T-shirt and an NRA hat! He even fired off a derisive letter to a concerned district resident, signing it on behalf of a gun owners PAC!

Do the actions of this man align with your values? Do you trust him to make decisions that will affect the conditions of your classroom?

Below is a list of other school districts, in the area. To the best of my knowledge, parents will not be greeted by a board member that reminds them of Ted Nugent, with a short haircut.

Grossmont Union HS District (also represented at the Career Expo, today)
1100 Murray Drive
La Mesa, CA 91944-1043
(619) 644-8000

Santee Elementary School District
9625 Cuyamaca Street
Santee, CA 92071-2674
619-258-2300

Lemon Grove School District
8025 Lincoln Street
Lemon Grove, CA
619-945-2515

Lakeside Union School District
12335 Woodside Avenue
Lakeside, CA 92040
619-390-2600

La Mesa Spring Villy School District
4750 Date Avenue
La Mesa, CA 91942-9214
(619) 668-5700