

Statement of Reasons for Recall

Miss Lissette Padilla has been negligent and ineffective in her duties as Board of Education member by failing to prioritize the education of our children. She purposefully made false and misleading statements to discredit a school district employee. By failing to review and question the superintendent's agenda, Miss Padilla has made misinformed decisions. She has consistently shown a lack of respect for the concerns of community members. She does not reside in the area that she represents. In addition she has supported silencing students, parents, teachers, and community members during public comment at board meetings. No action has been taken to address concerns expressed at Listening Tours conducted at all school sites. She has approved financial benefits for another board member which is clearly a conflict of interest. Miss Padilla has failed to put students' academics first by blindly approving additional positions which in no way improve the lives and education of our students.

Answer to the Statement of Reasons for Recall

As a Trustee on the RSUSD Board of Education, I have the extreme pleasure of bringing exemplary programs to the students as well as creating a positive environmental experience with the addition and/or improvement of facilities. Listed below are some of the major areas of progress that have been accomplished with the work and approval of myself and the RSUSD Board:

- \$58,000,000 in new funding acquired for student programs
- Approved new programs demonstrate that RSUSD is recouping learning loss [from COVID] at a faster rate than the state and other unified schools in our area
- Recipient: *Lighthouse Award* which recognizes the district for equality and equity for students
- Recipient: *California Public Education Exemplary Dual-Enrollment Award*
- Recipient: *Distinguished Partnership Academy Award*
- Consistently balanced budget and contract settlements
- Consistent student growth due to implementation of new programs
- Expanded student physical and mental health services
- Construction of new shade structures: Tamarack, RSMS
- Established the Parent Engagement Center for community use
- Expansion of the CTE building for Career & Technical Education
- Approved T-K wings at AES and Tamarack
- Approved backstops at the baseball and softball fields
- Expanded student safety programs, including the Avenal Police and Sheriff Departments, and Safety Liaison positions at each school