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November 21, 2013

Board of Trustees
Palmdale Unified School District
39139 North 10th St East
Palmdale, CA 93550

Re: Resignation of Roger Gallizzi

Dear Trustees:

I believe that the action the Board prepares to take today is an illegal and a misuse of public funds. The Palmdale School District has tremendous financial burdens which are well known to this board, their employees and parents. I worked very hard to restore \$9 million to this district so that teachers, classified employees and our students would not have to suffer.

California State code section 53260 reads,

"All contracts of employment between an employee and a local agency employer shall include a provision which provides that regardless of the term of the contract, if the contract is terminated, the maximum cash settlement that an employee may receive shall be an amount equal to the monthly salary of the employee multiplied by the number of months left on the unexpired term of the contract. However, if the unexpired term of the contract is greater than 18 months, the maximum cash settlement shall be an amount equal to the monthly salary of the employee multiplied by 18."

This is in direct conflict to the proposed action by the current board of trustees.

Mr. Gallizzi's contract expires December 31, 2014, or approximately 13 months from today. Per the State Code, Gallizzi is only entitled to 13 months of severance.

The Board needs to examine section 5 sub-section 18 of Gallizzi's current employment contract to see if there has been any serious misconduct or malfeasance to determine if any payment is due at all.