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To: [Clyde Lewis](#)
Subject: Letter from Congressman DeSaulnier
Date: Thursday, June 1, 2023 2:16:40 PM
Attachments: [LETTER - AUSD Board of Education DVHS Visit SIGNED - 23.06.01.pdf](#)

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To: [DeSaulnier, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: Letter from Congressman DeSaulnier
Date: Friday, June 2, 2023 10:00:10 AM

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Subject: Fw: Letter from Congressman DeSaulnier
Date: Friday, June 2, 2023 10:03:22 AM
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To: [Antonio Hernandez](#)
Subject: RE: Letter from Congressman DeSaulnier
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 3:53:07 PM
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Subject: Re: Letter from Congressman DeSaulnier
Date: Monday, June 5, 2023 4:46:16 PM
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Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:04:46 AM
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Phone number: 202-593-3000
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To: [Jaguanana Lathan](#)
Subject: RE: Letter from Congressman DeSaulnier
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023 12:47:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Dr. Lathan,

Wonderful! The Congressman will plan to give you a call on your cell number on Monday at 2:30 pm PT.

Thank you, and safe travels!

Best,
Brooklyn

From: Jaguanana Lathan <JagLathan@antiochschools.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 3:43 PM
To: Alcott, Brooklyn <Brooklyn.Alcott@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Letter from Congressman DeSaulnier

Good day Brooklyn,

Yes, 2:30pm works for me on Monday, June 12th. I may have limited access to this email address. If you need to contact me prior to Monday, please use my personal business email address or call/text me:

- Jag@newgenerationequity.com
- 510-334-3189 (cell)

Thank you,

Dr. Jag Lathan
Antioch Unified School District
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Hi Dr. Lathan,

Coincidentally, the Congressman will be on a plane at that time on Monday

Would 2:30 pm PT on Monday work instead?

From: Jaguanana Lathan <JagLathan@antiochschools.net>

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To: Alcott, Brooklyn <Brooklyn.Alcott@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Re: Letter from Congressman DeSaulnier

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From: Jaguanana Lathan <JagLathan@antiochschools.net>

Sent: Friday, June 2, 2023 1:00 PM

To: DeSaulnier, Mark <Mark.DeSaulnier@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Re: Letter from Congressman DeSaulnier

Dear Congressman, DeSaulnier,

I truly apologize for the lack of regard for your position and most importantly I am disappointed that the opportunity to meet with you was taken from our students. It is important to me - as a Black woman and educator of 23 years - that students in Antioch Unified have authentic and robust opportunities to connect with elected officials to share their experiences and ask questions that are important to them. Growing up in Oakland I did not always know or understand how to connect with policy leaders, nor did any reach out to my community. It is heartbreaking to know Antioch Unified excluded our students from this important opportunity.

I reached out to your staffer, Shanelle Scales, as soon as learned about your denial to access our students for the Education Listening Tour to let her know this is something we are addressing.

Trustee Hernandez has requested this item be on a June 2023 Board Agenda to discuss and take action on making sure this doesn't happen again.

Thank you,

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From: DeSaulnier, Mark <Mark.DeSaulnier@mail.house.gov>

Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 2:18 PM

To: Jaguanana Lathan <JagLathan@antiochschools.net>

Subject: Letter from Congressman DeSaulnier

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From: [Antonio Hernandez](#)
To: [Alcott, Brooklyn](#)
Subject: Re: Letter from Congressman DeSaulnier
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:59:11 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hi Mr. Hernandez,

My apologies for the delay, below are the emails for our team:

Betsyarnoldmarr@mail.house.gov
Rachel.colucci@mail.house.gov
Mairead.glowacki@mail.house.gov
Shanelle.scales@mail.house.gov,

If there is anything else I can do to assist, please let me know. Thanks!

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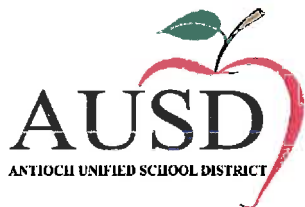
Thank you,
Mark

From: [Stephanie Anello](#)
To: [Clyde Lewis](#)
Subject: Letter
Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 9:09:00 AM
Attachments: [DeSaulnier Letter.pdf](#)

Good morning,

I hope you are enjoying your vacation. Please find attached a letter I plan to send to Congressman DeSaulnier's office this afternoon.

Thank you,
Stephanie



Stephanie Anello
Superintendent

Preparing Students for Success in College, Career, and Life.

June 6, 2023

Dear Congressman DeSaulnier,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing in response to your recent letter to the Board of Education of the Antioch Unified School District (AUSD), regarding your request to visit Deer Valley High School as part of your "Education Listening Tour." I believe there are some misunderstandings that need clarification, and I hope this letter will provide a better understanding of the District's position.

In your letter, you mentioned that the request to visit Deer Valley High School was planned, coordinated, and advertised exclusively through House resources. However, our understanding differs from yours. On March 27, 2023, Ms. Emily Owen, Director of Operations for your office, contacted my office and informed us that you had been invited by Mr. Geoff Ennis, a teacher at Black Diamond Middle School, to speak to his history class (please see attached). Ms. Owen requested that the school arrange for a visit to classrooms, including Mr. Ennis' class, and proposed an agenda that involved setting up a roundtable discussion with constituents such as students, parents, school board members, Workforce Development Board Representatives, and members of the Chamber of Commerce. This request would have required significant commitment of district resources, including staff time for planning, coordination, and inviting guests. Additionally, the collection of permission slips from students whose parents have the right to decline participation would have been necessary. While the request may seem reasonable on the surface, fulfilling it for one elected official would create an obligation to do the same for all future requests from elected officials. Consequently, I respectfully declined participation at this time but offered to meet with you personally.

Around April 24th, Mr. Aaron Sanchez, District Representative to your office, contacted Deer Valley High School with the same request, and the principal declined participation. I also shared my response to Ms. Owen with Mr. Sanchez and reiterated my offer to meet with you. On Wednesday, April 26th, Ms. Shannelle Scales-Preston responded to my email response to Mr. Sanchez thanking me for my email and stating, "I would love to schedule a time to discuss with you upon your availability." On May 1st – three business days after Ms. Scales-Preston's email, you and she arrived at Deer Valley High School, claiming you were invited by a teacher. The office contacted the teacher, who denied inviting you. The principal then spoke with you and clarified that the teacher had not extended an invitation.

Following this, you and Ms. Scales-Preston came to the District office and requested a meeting with me. Unfortunately, I was unavailable at that time, but my administrative assistant promptly called you to schedule a meeting. However, Ms. Scales-Preston declined and mentioned that she would call back to arrange a meeting. Later that day, I also emailed Ms. Scales-Preston and expressed my willingness to meet. Unfortunately, I have not received a response accepting the offer. Thus, it was surprising to receive your letter addressed to the Antioch Unified School District Board of Education, cc'ing the County and State Superintendent, accusing the District of denying you access to Deer Valley High School

and questioning my ethics. I would like to reiterate that my offer to meet with you still stands, and I remain hopeful that we can better understand each other's perspectives on this matter.

Furthermore, I would like to highlight that the Antioch Unified School District has maintained a collegial relationship with elected officials when their visits have a direct educational benefit to our students. For instance, your visit in 2015 regarding Career Technical Education and AUSD's pathways was well-received. However, I would like to clarify that my calendar shows I did not accept the invitation to attend that meeting. Additionally, I was not the AUSD Superintendent at that time.

Lastly, you mentioned in your closing paragraph that you question the timing of this denial without providing any context for your concerns. If the timing issue refers to the fact that your request coincided with state testing, then I also question the timing and would ask that for future requests, you consider the obligations required of the campus and District. Additionally, you state that the District has done a "disservice to the students, faculty and others in the Deer Valley High School community who were not allowed to have their voices heard." If, in fact, your desire is to give voice to your constituents, this can be accomplished a number of ways that do not involve commandeering the District's limited time and resources during state testing.

In closing, please know that I remain open to meeting with you to discuss this matter further and hope to move forward in a manner that is productive and respectful of one another's positions.

Very sincerely yours,

Stephanie Anello, Superintendent

From: [Stephanie Anello](#)
To: [DeSaulnier, Mark](#)
Cc: [Clyde Lewis](#); [Jaquanana Lathan](#); [Gary Hack \(garyhack2010@yahoo.com\)](#); [Antonio Hernandez](#); [Mary Rocha](#)
Subject: Response to Your Letter
Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 1:17:43 PM
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Stephanie Anello
Superintendent

Preparing Students for Success in College, Career, and Life.

June 14, 2023

Dear Congressman DeSaulnier,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing in response to your recent letter to the Board of Education of the Antioch Unified School District (AUSD), regarding your request to visit Deer Valley High School as part of your "Education Listening Tour." I believe there are some misunderstandings that need clarification, and I hope this letter will provide a better understanding of the District's position.

In your letter, you mentioned that the request to visit Deer Valley High School was planned, coordinated, and advertised exclusively through House resources. However, our understanding differs from yours. On March 27, 2023, Ms. Emily Owen, Director of Operations for your office, contacted my office and informed us that you had been invited by Mr. Geoff Ennis, a teacher at Black Diamond Middle School, to speak to his history class (please see attached). Ms. Owen requested that the school arrange for a visit to classrooms, including Mr. Ennis' class, and proposed an agenda that involved the District setting up a roundtable discussion with constituents such as students, parents, school board members, Workforce Development Board Representatives, and members of the Chamber of Commerce. This request would have required significant commitment of district resources, including staff time for planning, coordination, and inviting guests. Additionally, the collection of permission slips from students whose parents have the right to decline participation would have been necessary. While the request may seem reasonable on the surface, fulfilling it for one elected official would create an obligation to do the same for all future requests from elected officials. Consequently, I respectfully declined participation at this time but offered to meet with you personally.

Around April 24th, Mr. Aaron Sanchez, District Representative for your office, contacted Deer Valley High School with the same request, and the principal declined participation. I also shared my response to Ms. Owen with Mr. Sanchez and reiterated my offer to meet with you. On Wednesday, April 26th, Ms. Shannelle Scales-Preston responded to my email response to Mr. Sanchez thanking me for my email and stating, "I would love to schedule a time to discuss with you upon your availability." On May 1st – three business days after Ms. Scales-Preston's email, you and she arrived at Deer Valley High School, claiming you were invited by a teacher. The office contacted the teacher, who denied inviting you. The principal then spoke with you and clarified that the teacher had not extended an invitation.

Following this, you and Ms. Scales-Preston came to the District office and requested a meeting with me. Unfortunately, I was unavailable at that time, but my administrative assistant promptly called you to schedule a meeting. However, Ms. Scales-Preston declined and mentioned that she would call back to arrange a meeting. Later that day, I also emailed Ms. Scales-Preston and expressed my willingness to meet. Unfortunately, I have not received a response accepting the offer. Thus, it was surprising to receive your letter addressed to the Antioch Unified School District Board of Education, cc'ing the County and State Superintendent, accusing the District of denying you access to Deer Valley High School

and questioning my ethics. I would like to reiterate that my offer to meet with you still stands, and I remain hopeful that we can better understand each other's perspectives on this matter.

Furthermore, I would like to highlight that the Antioch Unified School District has maintained a collegial relationship with elected officials when their visits have a direct educational benefit to our students. For instance, your visit in 2015 regarding Career Technical Education and AUSD's pathways was well-received. However, although your letter states that I attended, I would like to clarify that my calendar shows I did not accept the invitation to attend that meeting. Additionally, I was not the AUSD Superintendent at that time.

Lastly, you mentioned in your closing paragraph that you question the timing of this denial without providing any context for your concerns. If the timing issue refers to the fact that your request coincided with state testing, then I also question the timing and would ask that for future requests, you consider the obligations required of the campus and District. Additionally, you state that the District has done a "disservice to the students, faculty and others in the Deer Valley High School community who were not allowed to have their voices heard." If, in fact, your desire is to give voice to your constituents, this can be accomplished a number of ways that do not involve commandeering the District's limited time and resources during state testing.

In closing, please know that I remain open to meeting with you to discuss this matter further and hope to move forward in a manner that is productive and respectful of one another's positions.

Very sincerely yours,



Stephanie Anello, Superintendent

Stephanie Anello

From: Stephanie Anello
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 3:11 PM
To: Emily.Owen@mail.house.gov
Cc: Kellie Cavallaro
Subject: RE: Educational Listening Tour Request

Good afternoon Ms. Owen,

Thank you for reaching out. Unfortunately, the District will need to decline our participation at this time. Having spoken with our legal counsel, they have advised that this appears to be political in nature with a greater benefit to the Congressman's future campaigns and less corresponding educational benefit to the District. As you can imagine, allowing one politician to meet with our constituents and not all current and aspiring politicians would put the District in an untenable position by potentially violating Education Code 7058. That being said, I am happy to meet with the Congressman if there is a direct educational benefit to the District.

Thank you for understanding.

Take care,
Stephanie

From: Kellie Cavallaro <KellieCavallaro@antiochschools.net>
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 4:46 PM
To: Stephanie Anello <StephanieAnello@antiochschools.net>
Subject: FW: Educational Listening Tour Request

Please see the email below and advise.



Kellie Cavallaro
Senior Executive Assistant/Antioch Unified School District
925-779-7500 ext.43789
925-779-7509 fax
KellieCavallaro@antiochschools.net

From: Owen, Emily <Emily.Owen@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2023 4:25 PM
To: Kellie Cavallaro <KellieCavallaro@antiochschools.net>
Subject: Educational Listening Tour Request

Good Afternoon Ms. Cavallaro,

I hope this email finds you well. Congressman DeSaulnier would like to include Antioch Unified School District in his ongoing Educational Listening Tour and asked me to reach out to see if Superintendent Anello is available on Thursday, April 13th from 10:30am – 12:00pm PT to participate.

In an effort to hear directly from students, teachers, and parents about the educational challenges and opportunities in our community, Congressman DeSaulnier launched an Education Listening Tour across his district, visiting elementary, middle, and high schools as well as community college campuses. At each of these visits, the Congressman has an

opportunity to discuss his efforts to support students and educators as a senior member on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce and to learn more about how Congress can support our schools.

The Congressman was invited by Black Diamond Middle School teacher Geoff Ennis to visit with his 8th grade history class and is hoping Black Diamond can host him for a visit and that Mr. Ennis' class can be included as a stop. Below I have included a general format and agenda used during previous ELT visits.

Format/Agenda:

The first portion of the event includes the Congressman being led on a tour of a school site to highlight academics, technology, innovative programming, etc.

The second portion includes a meeting/roundtable discussion, with education stakeholders invited by the Superintendent that may include (but does not have to include everyone) the following:

- Principals
- Parents
- School board members
- Teachers
- Student representatives (School President, Government, Leadership)
- PTA representative
- CTA representative
- Union representatives
- Workforce Development Board Representative
- Chamber members

Example Agenda

- 10:30am: Congressman Arrives
- 10:30am - 11:15am: Congressman Tour/Stop in classroom to speak with students.
- 11:15am - 12:00pm: Congressman Meeting with Education Stakeholders
- 12:00pm: Congressman Leaves

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions and if this date/time is possible or not.

Thanks!

Emily Owen

Director of Operations

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To: [Stephanie Anello](#)
Subject: Re: Response to Your Letter
Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 1:30:31 PM

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Subject: Re: Response to Your Letter
Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 6:44:35 PM

Good day Superintendent Anello,

I am requesting that you no longer communicate with Congressman DeSaulnier regarding this manner. Typically, School Board Members would be the body of people to make decisions related to this matter - including making the decision to welcome another elected official into our schools. After speaking with many superintendents across the state about similar situations it is an agreed-upon norm that this is above a superintendent's position. I do not want you to further exasperate this situation, jeopardize the relationship with our elected officials, and more importantly take away the opportunity for Black and Latino students to have rich civic engagement opportunities. I have already spoke to the Congressman and let him know this will be a topic of discussion for the Board of Education to rectify this debacle. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Dr. Jag Lathan
Antioch Unified School District
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Subject: Response to Your Letter

Good afternoon,

Please find attached, a response to your letter dated June 1, 2023.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Anello
Superintendent