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Attachment 8

State Board of Education:

Attached you will find a petition that was signed by 224 Fillmore Unified School District employees who are not in favor of Piru School becoming a Charter School. We have listed four main reasons why we oppose the change at this time. Parents of Piru students are against the conversion to a charter, there is an unsound budget in the proposal, the school board is made up of the majority of teachers chosen by them and Parents do not have a choice of another school in the small community of Piru to send their children to.

Please look at the more detailed reasons why over half of our school district employees sign this petition. This petition was signed by classified employees, certificated employees, management and confidential employees along with administrators. Fillmore-Piru is a closely knitted community that wants the best for our children and students and we do not feel that this is the best or will be the best.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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