

**Statement for Nov 10, 2020 School Board Meeting read by Heather McPhail Sridharan, President of the Kentfield School Board**

On behalf of the Kentfield School Board, I want to publicly state that we are **definitively** not in support, nor do we condone the placement of signs at our schools yesterday morning. Our administrators appropriately removed the signs and we appreciate their swift action. We will not stand for our teachers feeling harassed or their views dismissed.

We feel incredibly grateful for the commitment of our dedicated teachers and staff, particularly over the last several months as they have had to pivot and learn new ways of teaching and engaging with our students and families. This week, our district is transitioning to in-person Hybrid Instruction for those students who desire and for those teachers/staff who are medically able to do so. We view this as a cause for celebration in our community.

We know that emotions are running high right now and that there is much frustration within our community. However, we ask for everyone to join us tonight and in the weeks ahead, to treat each other with empathy, kindness, grace, and respect, and most importantly, to assume good will with each other. Our community is resilient, engaged, and strong. Together, we can overcome any challenges set before us and come out even more unified in the end.