

PRESS RELEASE
November 24, 2010

We, the Cesar Chavez Academy and Dolores Huerta Preparatory High School Boards of Directors, hereby announce that our dispute with Dr. Lawrence Hernandez, Mrs. Annette Hernandez and Mrs. Velia Rincon has ended in an amicable resolution agreed to by all parties.

We believe the creation of CCA, DPH and the Cesar Chavez school network has had a dramatic and positive life-changing impact on the community of Pueblo and its children, and we are profoundly thankful to the schools' founders, Dr. and Mrs. Hernandez, for the central role they played in making the schools what they are today. Their strong leadership was pivotal in helping the schools to be successful. Dr. Lawrence Hernandez, Mrs. Annette Hernandez and Mrs. Velia Rincon are exceptional educators who challenged the status quo in this state and region in order to improve the lives of all children, including the poor and minority students.

We regret the impact that this controversy has had on our schools, staff, students, family and the broader community. We also regret any harm to the personal and professional reputations of the Hernandez family and Mrs. Velia Rincon that may have occurred. We wish them all the best of success going forward.

Signed on behalf of the CCA and DPH Boards, and individual Defendants Dennis L. Feuerstein, Alex Aragon, Pablo Gonzales, Alfredo Vargas, Michael Engle, Jeff Ross, Richard Mestas, and Donielle Gonzales:

By: 

Danielle Gonzales, Board President

Date: 11-19-2010