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LABOR COUNCIL FOR LATIN AMERICAN ADVANCEMENT

Dear LCLAA Member,

March 2nd, 2010

LCLAA National Executive Board Condemns the Actions Taken by the Superintendent of Central Falls
The Students, Teachers and Community of Central Falls, RI Deserve Better

Orlando, FL- The National Executive Board of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) is outraged by the actions taken by the Central Falls Superintendent, Frances Gallo and stand in solidarity with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT). "Teachers' should not be the scapegoat in pursuit of education reform. As a father I know we all want what's best for our children but real education reform everywhere in the country involves working with everyone in the community including parents and teachers" stated Milton Rosado, National President of LCLAA.

The teachers and staff at Central Falls High School are making real progress in improving academics and raising test scores. They are invested in their students and their community. And while they recognize there is still much work to be done, they want nothing more than to stay hard at work and continue the momentum. Yet, District Superintendent Frances Gallo wants to fire the entire teaching faculty. The superintendent has chosen to just blame the teachers, rather than give them what they need - stability and support - to keep the progress going, and kids succeeding. "In a high school where 65% of the students are Latino we know what's at stake and want nothing more than what's best for our students and fair for the teachers," stated Maria Portalatin, National Secretary Treasurer.

LCLAA stands with the Central Falls High School community, students and teachers in calling on Superintendent Gallo to do what is right - work with the teachers to build on the improvements that students are showing at Central Falls High School. LCLAA is calling on the Superintendent Gallo to reconsider the mass firings and attempt to work out a genuine reform plan to achieve the best outcome for students and teachers.

The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, LCLAA is the home of the Latino Labor Movement. LCLAA is a national Latino organization representing the interest of over 1.7 million Latino trade unionists throughout the country and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. LCLAA was founded in 1973 and in America's premier national organization for Latino workers and their families. LCLAA advocates for the rights of all workers seeking justice in the workplace and their communities. LCLAA is a constituency group representing Latino workers in both the AFL-CIO and Change to Win Federation. Visit us at www.lclaa.org

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TAKE ACTION!

The American Federation of Teachers has launched [CENTRAL FALLS KIDS DESERVE BETTER](#). CLICK HERE TO [SIGN THE PETITION](#) and show that you stand with the Central Falls High School community, students and teachers in calling on Superintendent Gallo to do what is right - [work with the teachers to build on the improvements that students are showing at Central Falls High School](#).

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