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Vermilion Parish Board Members,

The Vermilion Principals' Association is comprised of all public school principals in our parish. Every month, we conduct meetings as an association. At our August 25th meeting, we voted as a group to compose this letter to you as the members of the Board.

We are extremely concerned with the negativity and low morale that has publicly surfaced regarding our school system. We are a high-performing District in the state, we have excellent support at Central Office, and we are excelling academically. As instructional leaders, we know that we continuously have to work towards higher standards. However, these accomplishments and hard work have been overshadowed by the negative news and social media coverage from recent events at our board meetings.

As administrators at our school, we are responsible for establishing a culture of achievement by maintaining an environment that is conducive to learning. We feel that the climate at our board meetings is causing unrest at all levels and in all stakeholders. We are proposing that the board revert from its current condition to its overall purpose based on the Louisiana School Board Association's document on characteristics of an effective board. We believe that the eight characteristics will help reduce the increased anxiety in our district. After all, We are Vermilion.

As an Association, we respect leadership at all levels. We are asking the board to put their differences aside and begin to work together, and focus on the advancement of our students' education.

Thank you for taking this into consideration,

Marc Turner
President, Vermilion Principals' Association