

July 14th, 2008

California School for the Deaf
Superintendent, Dr. Henry Klopping
39350 Gallaudet Drive
Fremont, CA 94538

Dear Mr. Klopping,

On behalf of concerned citizens, we are writing in regards to David Eberwein, an employee of California School for the Deaf.

His recent alarming depreatory comments during Deaf Bilingual Coalition meeting was brought to our attention. See attached copy and read his comments regarding deaf children who wore cochlear implants and people who choose to use it. We, concerned citizens wondered if California School for the Deaf tolerates such radical languages and views.

David is one of Deaf Bilingual Coalition leader. DBC is an advocate of sign language for deaf babies. He made such comments in a meeting among DBC core group members on June 10th, 2008 after he was selected to school's newest Principal position.

Based on his comments we felt alarmed and concerned for deaf children who attend California School for the Deaf, especially those who use cochlear implants. We are concerned about hearing parents who made decisions or are about to make decisions on cochlear implants for their deaf children. David's comments have no place in any school or institution, a place of teaching and learning.

For the sake of hearing parents, deaf children and cochlear implant communities, please take appropriate steps necessary to ensure their rights and above all, their safety.

Respectfully Yours,

Cc: California Department of Education, State Special Schools and Services;
California Department of Education – 1430 N. Street – Sacramento, CA 95814