

Dear Editor,

Upon returning from a brief vacation, we were shocked to read the front page article re parental concerns. Of particular concern is the information that there is a possibility of Dr Parker's contract not being renewed.

Although we personally have had no children attend the LCPS, we have been tutoring first at the adult education level and for the past 20 plus years at LMS 7th, 4th and 5th grades. We have experienced the effect that the leadership of different Superintends have on the school system. By far the best has been under Dr Parker's tenure. If you doubt us, read the article's written by the current LCSB Chairperson while writing for this paper. She chronicled the problems existing and the lack of trust at many levels including between the school system and the LC Board of Supervisors. Dr Parker's openness and inclusiveness with all levels of the community has created a high level of trust in his deep commitment to integrity and commitment to the betterment of the community's children.

To not renew his contract would significantly damage the future actions needed to advance the school system. No one person is irreplaceable, but some people have the nack to lead others to achieve more than they otherwise might do. Dr Parker is such a person.

RENEW HIS CONTRACT!

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