

Dear Silva Valley Parents,

I understand that this is not the first email you have received about the board's decision to include eliminating the elementary P.E. and music programs. I wanted to personally send an email out to you all that was sent from your students' P.E. teacher.

Last Friday myself the rest of the elementary P.E. teachers and Tim were told about the board's decision to put our programs in the budget package. What this means is that this Wednesday, March 3rd at 7 o'clock the board will be making their final vote to eliminate these two programs or not.

If the board votes yes to the proposed budget package, this means there will be no P.E. specialist teaching elementary P.E. Because of the Education Code classroom teachers will have to find a way to implement some form of P.E. to their students. P.E. will still be provided by your students classroom teachers but the program that your students have today will no longer be in effect. Myself and the other P.E. teacher have gone to college and received our credentials specifically to teach elementary P.E. Our programs are more than organized games.

For the last two years I have been working on developing an elementary P.E. program that improved the students' sportsmanship, movement skills, fitness levels, and their knowledge of how to live healthy life styles. With the program I have started to develop here at Silva Valley the students to play games. Before games skill building and knowledge are also created. I believe that a good strong P.E. program does more than just give students the opportunity to be active. In a strong program students learn skills that will help them throughout life. I am very passionate about my job and love being a part of the Silva Valley family.

I always tell the students to do their best and I would not be doing my best if I did not reach out to all of you and ask for your help. I ask that you ask your students how they would feel if they did not have P.E. at all next year or the year after that and so on. Taking into what their answer is and how you feel about the program I have started to build at Silva Valley I ask that you attend the meeting this Wednesday to show your support.

I personally do not think the board understands the ripple effect that will be caused by cutting the elementary P.E. and music programs.

Thank you for your time,

Jenni Friedrichs