



**LIUNA Remarks to Board of Trustees
Special Meeting - April 18, 2012**

I'm speaking tonight on behalf of LIUNA, representing the classified employees of Carlsbad Unified. I just wanted to take a moment, yet again, to plead with the Board to consider ALL your options. There are still some ideas available to you to cut spending, other than closing schools, laying off employees, and disrupting student's learning.

We ask you, again, to delay filling the Superintendent's position. You have 3 very capable Assistant Superintendents, with plenty of skills and institutional knowledge that could ably lead us during this transition period.

We ask you, again, to consider delaying the opening of Sage Creek High school. The urgency that prompted you to pass the bond and build the school has waned, along with the economy. Solving this budget problem demands creative ideas, not just the knee-jerk reactions of "just take a pay-cut".