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Letter in opposition by Evangelina Elizondo

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Comments in opposition

I am writing this letter to oppose the opening of a new branch of the Estrellitas school run by Mrs. Cristina Encinas.
Mrs. Encinas was the director of the LAMB school where my children attended.

I have witnessed the negligence of Mrs. Encinas in the face of the aberrant case of sexual abuse by the teacher Manuel Garcia Fernandez in 2017 at said school against a large group of children.

As the mother of one of the victims and considering myself a victim too, I can corroborate that Mrs. Encinas, a friend of the accused, who was later detained and arrested, concealed complaints received by a neighbor of the school and other teachers, against the accused.

I was told directly by Mrs. Encinas that she allowed the accused teacher to take several of his students to the basement of the school in several occasions to “look for materials”.

Even having received alerts from many people, and a terrible incident occurred in 2015 involving Fernandez and also special investigators from the DC police, Mrs Encinas didn’t protect the kids from the school were she was the principal.

I find it worrying that Mrs. Encinas is in charge of the management of a school.

Don’t hesitate to contact me in case you have questions or concerns about my comments.

Thanks.
Regards,

Evangelina Elizondo