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Focus on success

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As a parent, grandparent, former teacher and business person, I write to add my perspective on the Fresno Teachers Association leadership's latest divisive tactic. All of us, including the fine teachers of the district, want the best for our children, and we're not there yet.

The current FTA leadership's attack campaign on Fresno Unified Superintendent Michael Hanson's compensation can only move us farther away from our mutual goal. Competitive salaries and good working conditions are the cornerstone of retention. High turnover is costly and counterproductive.

Just as we strive to provide competitive compensation packages to our teachers, we must do the same for our superintendent. It is a testament to Superintendent Hanson's commitment to our children that he doggedly continues in the face of the insistent (and unfounded) demonizing by FTA leadership.

Fresno Unified's teachers know, as reasonable people, that we need a top superintendent to lead us to success for our children. I urge our teachers to follow the example of Russ Allsman [letter May 23] and Bill McEwen [column May 24] in calling the FTA leadership to task. Our teachers have the power to demand that the FTA leadership focus on the success of our children

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