



# **CAPA OF WALNUT HIGH SCHOOL**

## **SOLEMN DECLARATION**

**TUESDAY, 05 SEPTEMBER 2023**

We are a nonprofit organization established in 1997. Over the past 25 years, we've had a successful collaboration with Walnut High School and its staff. In just the last three years, our donations to the school reached a total of \$45,000. We also directly contributed \$3,300 to student clubs and provided scholarships totaling \$11,000 to 26 graduating students.

In early July of this year, we were shocked to discover a new Chinese American parent association at Walnut High School with a name identical to ours in Chinese 核桃高中華裔家長會, and very similar in English. Our name is CAPA WHS, their's is WHS CAPA. This organization was registered in May 2023. This situation has caused significant confusion within the community and school, causing difficulties for our members and hindering our operations. Our volunteers have had to invest a lot of time and effort to address this infringement.

The new organization's fundraising method, allowing students from families donating \$1,000 or more to receive a "Front of the Line Lunch Pass," has generated widespread media discussion. Due to the similarity in names, many parents and community members have wrongly associated this with our organization, damaging our reputation.

We strongly oppose the use of money to buy privileges within the public education system. We believe this fundraising approach could stir animosity between ethnic communities and harm the image of the Chinese community.

To clarify our stance, we've dedicated more time and effort. However, our voice remains relatively weak. After thorough discussions among our board members, we have decided to initiate legal proceedings to protect the reputation of the Walnut High School Chinese Parent Organization, halt the infringement on our rights, and prevent damage to our reputation.

For any inquiries regarding this case, parents and members of the community are encouraged to contact our legal advisors below . We will no longer directly respond to any questions related to this case.

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