

## **Rebecca Cartee-Haring statement about latest Facebook Post by Paul Martino on October 4, 2023**

Rick and I have never met Paul or Aarati Martino. Despite that they have made several untrue, misleading, and manufactured claims directly attacking us both.

Opponents in school board races should not be enemies. They should not be partaking in the kind of cruel and crude public attacks based on concocted piecemeal information. Candidates should be talking about educational issues.

I extended the invitation to meet with Mr. Martino and I went into that meeting in good faith. I had no expectation except to share the facts. I spent most of the six hours presenting fact-based information and documentation including emails, transcripts, audio recordings of testimonies, texts, investigations, and affidavits provided by witnesses that prove many if not all his public posts are inaccurate, misleading and lies.

Despite Mr. Martino's threats, warnings, and claims that he has dozens of people and documents to counter all of what took me that many hours to share, he produced exactly ZERO documents outside of a portion of one email I already shared. He had ZERO evidence to support his claims aside from the continued mention of a woman already attacking my family publicly who has done so for over four years.

Today, he went on Facebook and began what appears to be the first of many posts about our meeting, of course from his perspective and of course without any of the context or documentation I shared. These posts are and will be his skewed self-serving perception.

My meeting with him was never intended to be used as fodder for social media, especially because of some of the very private information I shared, which I told him last night. I will not respond or engage with Mr. Martino ever again-not because what he posts or says is true, but because it is not worth my time. I am satisfied that I was able to tell the truth and I am happy to do so with anyone who really seeks information for truth and not for his next social media post. As I told Mr. Martino last night, this kind of behavior in a school board race in a community that both Rick and I love and care about is unacceptable.

I am sure over the next five weeks we will continue to be attacked by small-minded individuals with a callous disregard for what our community needs and wants. Rick is a good, fair, honest, intelligent and kind man who believes in public education, in teachers & support staff positions, in all students and in the people of this community. He and the Neighbors United slate of candidates is exactly what this school district wants and needs.

I look forward to watching our community come together and vote to give the Martinos a final undeniable fact: Rick Haring is their choice for Central Bucks School Board.