

Spin, strategy don't mix for Hanson

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Mike Hanson threw himself a Monday afternoon tea party.

Call it the State of Education, but the tables were set for Michael Hanson's major address to catch a break after months of being pummeled by bad press.

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This is the man who refused to give a yes-or-no answer about the existence of a Federal subpoena while standing on the sidelines of an Edison football game. And also had to talk about his affinity for Mark Cuban and *Shark Tank*. And had to beg a shrinking group of supporters to write a glowing Op-Ed in his defense.

[Only to have the premise of that Op-Ed destroyed by a single statistic the next day.](#)

But Monday, Hanson got to set those caught-off-guard moments aside and prepared himself for another masterful display of New York-supplied spin.

Coincidentally, Hanson's rate of truth-telling is roughly on par with the college readiness of the students for whom he claims to work.

Here's Hanson in his address, provided by *The Bee's* Andrea Castillo:

"...We as a Fresno Unified School District are fully cooperating with the federal grand jury subpoena process. And very importantly I expect, I expect, when all the findings are complete, no further action will be taken."

The important part of this is the last part: I expect, when all findings are complete, no further action will be taken.

It's curious that, if Hanson truly believes the district is facing no legal threat, he is compelling the school board to hire three criminal defense attorneys for himself, CFO Ruth Quinto and COO Karin Temple.

Nothing to fear? Or everything?

Sources told CVObserver last week that Hanson is again attempting to hire on three private criminal defense attorneys to represent him and the other members of the "Big Three," just two weeks after he lost a backdoor vote when trustee Chris De La Cerda defiantly no-showed.

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