



**Agenda V.A.6.
November 18 2021**

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent
Date: November 11, 2021
Re: Receive a Report about the Listening Session

Recommendation: Receive a report about the Listening Session on November 10, 2021.

November 10, 2021 Listening Session

Several people spoke at the listening session.

1. A district employee spoke about allowing Eid to be a holiday option in district contracts. Also, to allow it to be a non-school day for students due to large student absences in school. Make it equitable and she is willing to have more conversations.
2. A student from BHS requested that we make Eid a holiday to take off school. Students should have a break to observe their religious and cultural activities.
3. A district employee and parent expressed that students deserve to have off for Eid. She read quotes from students and parents.
4. A teacher requested that the board have an observance of Eid in our district for 2022. She read absenteeism statistics for schools.
5. A student expressed that it is not fair that last year we had to choose between a cultural holiday and school learning time. Muslim school faculty have to use their personal days. Eid should be a built-in break in the school calendar.
6. A student shared that students celebrating the Eid holiday should get off for school. Not having it off is like choosing Christmas or school.