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Gresham-Barlow School District  
**Citizens Comments to the Board**

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District Resident: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Group / Organization: Unjustly terminated Sam Barlow Science Teacher

Topic: Truth and Justice

- Please submit this form with your written public comment to the board secretary, Sarah Avery, at [avery4@gresham.k12.or.us](mailto:avery4@gresham.k12.or.us) by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
- The Board Chair, may require that a proposal, inquiry or request be submitted in writing, and reserves the right to refer the matter to the administration for action or study.
- Written comments may offer criticism of school operations and programs; however, the board will not review personal complaints concerning school personnel or against any person connected with the school system. If there is a legitimate complaint involving individuals, the chair will direct them to the appropriate means for board consideration and disposition.
- Please make sure to include your name for the record, whether you are a resident of the district, and the name of the group or organization you are representing, if applicable.
- Questions asked by the public will be referred to the superintendent for response at a later time.
- The board's regular business meetings are digitally recorded. They are also televised by MetroEast Community Media ([www.metroeast.org](http://www.metroeast.org)) and Willamette Falls Media Center ([www.wfmcstudios.org](http://www.wfmcstudios.org)).

The board sincerely appreciates your interest in the Gresham-Barlow School District and thanks you for attending this meeting. ■

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Dear Very Honest GBSD representatives,

Last week GBSD Interim Superintendent testified under oath that the GBSD announcement was a false statement.

" DEDICATION/OPEN HOUSE EVENTS FOR BARLOW AND GRESHAM HIGH SCHOOLS  
10/19/2021 View the Detailed Agendas for Both Events About the renovation project at Sam Barlow High School The school bond funded significant improvements that enhance teaching and activity spaces and safety and security, while increasing the number of classrooms." GBSD did not increase the number of classrooms.

2016 Multnomah County Voters Guide Bond Projects Increasing Safety, Technology, Expanding Educational and Vocational Opportunities Question: Shall Gresham-Barlow School District increase security and technology, relieve over-crowding, update/replace schools, by issuing \$291,170,000 in Bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution. Summary: If approved, bonds are expected to fund projects to relieve over-crowding, increase safety and access to technology, and repair aging buildings. The District has been awarded \$8 million in state matching funds if measure is approved; reducing the amount financed by taxpayers. Independent audits and citizen oversight would be required. For all schools, bonds and grants expected to fund: • Improved Learning Spaces o Expanded classrooms to relieve over-crowding

On 9/27/2025, my wife and English Teacher at Sam Barlow filed a whistleblower complaint that has gone uninvestigated, see attached file. Sam Barlow Bond work saw the demolition of 32 classrooms followed by the construction of 28 resulting in a loss of 4 classrooms. The effect of the SBHS Bond work increased overcrowding opposite of what was stated in the Multnomah County Voters Guide.

During the Interim Superintendents testimony it was unclear what actions the GBSD has or will take to address these problems.

Please consider repurposing the three modular classroom buildings located at Springwater Trail High School and move them to Sam Barlow to address the overcrowding. (Action item, #3 on today's agenda)

Please check the box below and include a phone number if you would like to have someone contact you regarding the topic described above.

☐ I would like to have someone contact me regarding my questions/ concerns at:  
\_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work  
Phone Number

The best time to reach me: \_\_\_\_\_