

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written comments were accepted by online form submission from 12 p.m. on Friday, December 8, 2023, through 12 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. The following comments followed all the posted guidelines listed on the form and below.

- Comments are limited to 1,000 characters. One comment per person.
- The board will not hear charges or complaints against any district employee. District staff and board members cannot be named specifically in testimony.

First Name	Last Name	Association with BSD	Comments:
Allison	B	Parent/Guardian	I was incredibly upset to learn this week that BHS administrators painted over the Palestinian flag that was painted on the wall of [Name]'s classroom, by her students. These students have been watching the genocide of Palestinians take place over social media for more than 60 days now. Their display of solidarity with those who are directly impacted by the horrifying bombardment should not be controversial. What is controversial, is the removal of the flag. What are we teaching these kids by painting over the Palestinian flag in their classroom? That flag represents the homeland and culture of some BSD students; people who have done nothing wrong and do not deserve to see the flag's removal. Principal [Name]'s statements around the decision to remove the flag do not at all consider how this action makes Palestinian students and community members feel. We cannot teach our kids to turn away from feelings of discomfort, but to lean in and learn from them. Bring back the flag.
Jen	Hunt	Parent/Guardian	Distinguished Board Members, My son has an IEP. He is in a classroom where there are certainly many more IEPs. His fourth grade class has 32 students and a great teacher who is, daily, trying her various best to meet the various needs of each student. But his needs are not being met and it's not her fault. It is physically impossible to meet the needs of elementary schoolers these days when there are so many students in the class. He is falling through the cracks. Please help. Reduce class sizes at the elementary. The implications of not doing so? Years ahead of struggle for teachers and students. Continuation of the kind of scores the district is seeing. Teachers leaving. This is a major issue. Please address this in the coming contract. Thank you. Jen Hunt

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