

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Written comments were accepted by online form submission from 12 p.m. on Friday, March 15 through 12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. 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:
Cindy	Glenn	Other Community Member	<p>School library studies show a positive correlation between the literacy achievements of students in schools with school librarians. Students who read for pleasure are more likely to achieve greater academic success in school than students who don't. Research shows that if there is a librarian working with classroom teachers, student achievement is higher. Librarians are uniquely positioned to inspire students to read.</p> <p>As a retired teacher-librarian of 24 years, I know this job is SO much more than checking out and shelving books. Librarians are the backbone of a school's success in creating life-long learners. They know the books within their collection that can turn kids onto reading. They are not "assistants". They are "librarians". I hope the Beaverton School District will reclassify this position and provide the deserved and already earned financial support for this vital position.</p> <p>Respectfully, Cindy Glenn</p>
Oleg	Sidorov	Parent/Guardian	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Many Sato elementary school families are concerned about the BSD decision to make Sato an early start school.</p> <p>My daughter [name] and her friend [name] started an initiative to revert the school schedule back to the late start.</p> <p>I have helped them by starting a petition on change.org that currently gathered more that 200 supporters</p>

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			<p>within Sato community. [link]</p> <p>My daughter [name] and her friend [name] would like to present their case during the upcoming board meeting.</p> <p>Thank you very much,</p> <p>Oleg.</p>
Gayathri	Ramadurai	Parent/Guardian	<p>We love our school libraries and greatly appreciate the efforts of our Library staff towards the upliftment of our student community. We extend our support towards their campaign towards position review and increase in wages to help make their positions more sustainable. Thank you!</p>
Cherise	Arthur	Other Community Member	<p>I recently was listening to a school board meeting where there was a discussion about issues related to student discipline. As a former employee who worked in public safety for close to 18 years I wanted to share my concerns with school related issues and discipline. Many schools are doing well with dealing with issues but there does not seem to be equity and consistency within the district about discipline and how it is being applied towards our students. I saw in the last two years less students being suspended for drugs, alcohol and smoking at school. We had SPED students who attacked other students and staff and were allowed back in the building when staff and students did not feel safe. The District needs to abide across the board at every school they same discipline for regular education students. Security staff should have access to information when STAT reports are done on students who have been violent. Staff and student need the support of district on these issues.</p>
Jamie	L	Parent/Guardian	<p>I am in support of our librarians earning a livable wage. They work so hard and are the unsung hero's of our school. Many work underfunded, under compensated and under appreciated. I am submitting my support for our school librarians. Thank you for reading.</p>
Leela	Prakash	Student	<p>Librarians are kind and hard working and are important in schools. They do so much for kids and my mom and my school librarian do a lot of things to make kids happy and are a big part of everyones day. They make the library a beautiful and relaxing place for kids to enjoy. They teach me about new people and places I've never heard of. I feel calm in the library and can learn with my friends. I love read alouds and learning how to take care of books and how to find different kinds of books to read. With my librarians help I did OBOB and made it far at my school competition. I can tell my librarian how much I appreciate them and that makes them feel good. If you pay them more for all they do for us that would make them feel good too. Thank you [name] for all you do. From Leela, age 10, 4th grade, Fir Grove.</p>
Sara	Davis	Parent/Guardian	<p>We need to do better for our District Library Media Assistants. Their current wage is not a livable wage, nor does it match up with the amount of work they do. I have first hand seen how hard they work and how much they support our students. Reading is important and library staff to support kids in this endeavor is vital. Please consider increasing their wages and also providing support staff to them. While they may not be considered "teachers" and are not in the same union, they are teachers and support our students in very</p>

			much the same way. Please consider increasing their wages to a livable wage. They are valuable to our children and our future.
Crystal	G	Staff Member	Our LMA's (an important job with a misleading title) serve an important role in our schools. [Name], the LMA for Nancy Ryles works tirelessly to foster a love of reading in all students, build necessary relationships, and craft lessons to expand students' perspectives and expose them to diverse viewpoints. She does this in addition to maintaining our library space and handling book distribution. When asked to describe [name], students used words like problem solver, wise, helpful, understanding, calm, and kind. This is not the kind of person we want to drive out of schools because they can not afford to live on their salary. All District LMAs, deserve fair compensation for their work. This is not a role that can be replaced easily; it would be an incredible disservice to our students to even consider that. Instead, let's provide the correct title & wages to show the incredible people working in our school libraries that we recognize and VALUE their contributions. Thank you!