

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Written comments were accepted by online form submission from 12 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2025 through 12 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025. 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, comments listed oldest first.
- 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
Sarah	Blattner	Staff Member	<p>I would like to recognize [REDACTED] for her remarkable service to the board and to this community for 12 years. [REDACTED] dedication to our students and teachers alike has been unwavering. [REDACTED] works with her sharp mind and passionate heart, relentlessly advocating for our students' equitable access to education.</p> <p>Voltaire once said, "Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well." [REDACTED] , we are proud to call your excellence our own, and we are so grateful for your service.</p> <p>As a teacher in the Beaverton School District, I am proud to call [REDACTED] both my friend and representative to the school board. I do not doubt that [REDACTED] will continue to make important contributions to this community in the future. Congratulations, [REDACTED] , on your admirable service to the Beaverton School District!</p>
Virginia	Feldman	Other Community Member	<p>Dear Beaverton School Board,</p> <p>As a pediatrician who has many patients in Beaverton, I am proud to call [REDACTED] a colleague in health care and human rights. She is a very responsible Board member--regularly holding town halls, responding to inquiries, & sharing information with parents. I am a member of a Jewish American family, but do not support Jewish Federations attempt to squash the right to free speech. [REDACTED] knows that Israeli military has now destroyed EVERY public school & university in Gaza. What school board</p>

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			member should NOT call this out-to protest genocide. She has a right--even a duty-- to share the information that's in accord with the rulings of international courts and every major human rights group in the world. thank you, Dr. V Feldman, FAAP
Erica	Hartmann	Other Community Member	Educators have the right to free speech like any other citizen and should not be penalized for voicing opinions outside of the workplace.
Dave	K	Other Community Member	It's come to my attention that speaking out against ethnic cleansing and educating students about it is somehow tantamount to anti-Semitism and worthy of "investigation" Silencing [REDACTED] and others speaking truth about apartheid and US complicity in genocide comes at the peril of our civil liberties and dignity as humans. Palestinian lives matter. Saying as much isn't a criminal act. What's criminal is the attempt at silencing it.
Jessi	Presley-Grusin	Other Community Member	[REDACTED] right to free speech as an educator and health care provider, her right to protest genocide, and her right to share information that is in line with the determinations of international courts and every major human rights group in the world, must be respected. Would the board investigate a post about the Armenian genocide? The Cambodian? What about a Jewish person sharing about the Holocaust? These acts of violence are all the same and our right to protest them must be upheld.
Karen	Ashikeh	Other Community Member	I am a Beaverton Resident with Grandchildren who attended Beaverton School District Schools and would like to hope that the School Board supports compassionate and accurate positions for human health, mental wellness and basic justice for all children, no matter where they live. [REDACTED] as a School Board Member (as should ALL Members of that Board should) is speaking against genocide as determined by the International Court of Justice. Please join her in condemning the USA's part in and support of genocide and ongoing weapon supplies to Israel. Israel's blockade of adequate food, water, medical supplies and a refusal to allow medical and humanitarian assistance from outside Gaza, costs lives of thousands of Palestinian families and residents of neighboring countries, refugees from Palestien, and citizens of Lebanon and Jordan, as well as the West Bank. JOIN her in speaking out as you have the support of familes in Beaverton for allowing truth to be told, inconvenient or not.
Laura	P	Other Community Member	I am completely discouraged to hear the retaliation against [REDACTED] for her support of Palestine. Fear mongering and intimidating a colleague for advocating for a free Palestine on their personal social media is not only disgusting but borders on evil. Thousands and thousands of Palestinians have been murdered on our dime and it is everyone's responsibility to make their voices heard when shouting from the top of our lungs that this is unacceptable. To condemn a colleague for doing so during their personal time is despicable. I am writing to insist that the fear mongering and intimidation of [REDACTED] be immediately ceased.

Julia	Ford	Other Community Member	<p>In support of [REDACTED] : my name is Julia and I am Jewish. I live in Portland and grew up attending Portland Public Schools. I am 38 years old and terrified of where our world is moving- when criticism of a nation state and right wing government are being labeled as antisemitism- and real diversity, equity and inclusion work is being wholly undermined by a pro Israel lobby willfully ignoring and attempting to obfuscate an ongoing occupation and genocide.</p> <p>Criticism of Israel is a fundamental piece of my Jewish identify- and candidly- those who attempt to speak for all Jews or weaponize the term antisemitism to support what every major international group including human rights watch, amnesty international, save the children, Doctors Without Borders, World Health Organization, the UN and so many more have researched for years and decried as an apartheid government now enacting human rights violations and perpetuating plausible genocide, they are a threat to my Jewish safety.</p>
Ted	Dreier	Other Community Member	<p>Dear Beaverton School Board,</p> <p>Please demonstrate your respect for the 1st amendment guarantee of the right of free speech by stopping any investigation of Beaverton School Board member, [REDACTED] for her posting on social media. Only authoritarian states crack down on officials for exercising their right to free speech.</p> <p>Sincerely, Ted Dreier, PhD 7037 SW 54th Avenue Portland, OR 97219</p>
Rachel	Bailey	Other Community Member	<p>[REDACTED] has the right to free speech (including protesting genocide). Please do not punish her.</p>
Richard	R	Other Community Member	<p>Dear Beaverton School District,</p> <p>As a Jewish Portlander, I wanted to voice both my strong support for [REDACTED] & my equally strong condemnation of the investigation opened against her.</p> <p>At this point in our country's history, there's a very dangerous precedent being set against free speech, particularly the kind that goes against the political interests of those in power, & when we punish people for speaking truth to power (like [REDACTED]), we cease being a democracy.</p> <p>The Jewish Federation of Portland has made the unfortunate choice of siding with those perpetuating this assault on democratic values. This group does not speak for me. Do we want to live in a world where we can't condemn the slaughter of civilians, or mass starvation as a weapon of war? As of this morning 54,381 Gazans have been killed. Gaza has the world's highest concentration of child amputees, many undergoing surgery without anesthetics due to Israel's blockade.</p> <p>Please end this retaliatory investigation.</p>

Kiley	Delgado	Parent/Guardian	We stand with [REDACTED] and her willingness to bravely stand up for all children, not just those in our neighborhood. It is not only within her right as a school board member, a physician, and a community member to speak against genocide, apartheid, and murder, but it's a duty for all people of good moral conscience to speak against what the ICC, the ICJ, and every major humanitarian group has deemed "criminal" treatment of Palestinians at the hands of Israeli government. Every hospital, every school, every community center in Palestine has been reduced to rubble and over 300,000 innocent lives have been stolen, burned, shot, crushed. Imagine, for just a moment those are your children, your students. Imagine Hind Rajab as a blonde, English speaking child, one who walks the halls of Errol Hassell or Kinnaman Elementary. Imagine that child being riddled with over 300 bullets. Now imagine yourself staying quiet, demanding silence. Tell me the difference between these children.
Phil	Viana	Other Community Member	Hi, I'm a Portland resident, and I support [REDACTED] right to free speech as an educator and health care provider. She is allowed to protest genocide and has the right to share information that is in line with the determinations of international courts and every major human rights group in the world. She should be celebrated and elevated, not censored.
Gerson	Robboy	Other Community Member	<p>I am a Jewish resident of Portland. I wish to defend [REDACTED] against an investigation based on allegations of anti-Semitism, and to defend her right to free speech. I urge you to drop the investigation.</p> <p>Anti-Semitism has been weaponized in an effort to silence criticism of the state of Israel. As a Jew, I wish to state that the Jewish community is divided on questions of Israel/Palestine, and institutions such as the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland do not represent the Jewish community as a whole. I am personally acquainted with many Jews, and several Jewish organization, who are opposed to Israel being a religious-nationalist state; i.e. a Jewish state. This is not anti-Semitic. To me, the efforts to silence dissent are as great a threat to our civil liberties as is anti-Semitism.</p> <p>Again, I urge the board to drop the investigation of [REDACTED] and not to attempt to silence free speech.</p>
Dale	O	Other Community Member	I support [REDACTED] right to free speech on her personal social media.
Reema	K	Other Community Member	Since July 1, 2023, with [REDACTED] at the helm, Beaverton School District, Zone 7 has been thriving. [REDACTED] exemplifies the role of public servant. As part of giving back to community, she is the only elected official on the Beaverton school board to regularly hold town halls, respond to constituent inquiries, and share information with families. A career lifetime spent caring for patients extends to her caring for the rights of all children in Beaverton in and around the world. She is also a champion of unions and workers' rights in our schools.

			<p>Schools, and by extension, school boards, should be a place where people can speak freely and learn the truth. [REDACTED] speaks the truth. Over 97.4% of the people of Beaverton elected [REDACTED], our true public servant and voice for us all. I request that you recognize [REDACTED] excellent work and that demand that those trying to smear her character cease immediately.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
Rezaur	Rahman	Other Community Member	<p>It is unfortunate that [REDACTED] is targeted by the beaverton school board for standing up for the truth and voicing her concerns about the genocide that is taking place in Palestine and has been concluded by the international criminal court. Don't allow the powerful few and money flow to block the freedom of speech of the upright person. This will someday comeback to haunt you. Truth will prevail in the long run. The world is now seeing the atrocities committed by Israel.</p>
Milana	B	Other Community Member	<p>Hand off [REDACTED] ! Leave her alone and let her exercise her right of free speech.</p>
Allison	B	Parent/Guardian	<p>I am concerned about the increase in surveillance cameras included in this year's public safety budget, going from 450 existing cameras up to 1300 cameras. I did not know until recently that any BSD schools had surveillance cameras. I found out because I was on the Fir Grove Elementary campus for a little league baseball game and I saw a sign next to one that said "Smile, you're on camera". In October 2023, the ACLU issued a report titled "Digital Dystopia: The Danger in Buying What the EdTech Surveillance Industry is Selling", in which they detail how harmful surveillance technology is to students - particularly to students who are part of marginalized groups. Surveillance does not actually keep anyone more safe. All it does is give administration more tools for punishment, when we should be spending money on resources to address the underlying causes of behavior issues we claim to be concerned about. We should be focused on prevention, not punishment.</p>
Farzana	K	Other Community Member	<p>As a concerned Beaverton resident, I'm appalled by reports of an investigation into [REDACTED] for her pro-Palestinian views.</p> <p>[REDACTED] has a fundamental constitutional right to free speech, which includes speaking out against genocide in Gaza, right to share facts that are in line with the determination of international courts and every major human rights organizations in the world. Her right to share facts is critical; suppressing it is an affront to the values our district should uphold.</p> <p>We expect our schools to champion and stifle constitutional rights. This investigation threatens to silence voices speaking against immense suffering.</p>

			I urge the district to immediately cease this investigation and reaffirm its commitment to protecting free speech for all staff and community members. Silencing legitimate expression on human rights issues undermines our district's integrity and democratic spirit.
Moe	A	Parent/Guardian	Hello, I would like your attention on important notes. [REDACTED] right to free speech, right to pretest genocide, and right to share facts that are in line with the determination of international courts and every major human rights organization in the world. Thank you
Jasen	A	Other Community Member	Hi I want to write to you and your attention on [REDACTED] right to free speech, right to pretest genocide, and right to share facts that are in line with the determination of international courts and every major human rights organization in the world. Thank you
Lev	Eisenbach-Budner	Other Community Member	Hello Beaverton School Board, My name is Lev Eisenbach-Budner and I am a Jewish Portlander, and I am very concerned by this local infringement on [REDACTED] right to free speech. The Nakba of 1948 is a historical event which destroyed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in Palestine. Any commemoration of this historical event is simply an exercise of learning and teaching accurate history. And to advocate for the freedom and liberation of the Palestinians- those who are descendants of the survivors of the Nakba- is to advocate on behalf of the rights of human beings- innocent children, men, women, and the elderly. As a Jewish person who's life has been severely affected by violent right wing antisemitism and as a descendant of holocaust survivors, I find it deeply backwards and personally disrespectful when claims of antisemitism are used to prevent people from speaking truth about the injustices that have been and currently are being perpetrated against Palestinians.
Jana	A	Student	Hi, In BSD you always say: WE belong WE believe WE achieve Students affected by this genocide in Gaza and lost family members overseas should feel that they belong. Or just because they're brown and Muslim so they don't! [REDACTED] has right to free speech, right to pretest genocide, and right to share facts that are in line with the determination of international courts ICC & ICJ and every major human rights organization in the world. Thank you

Zackery	K	Other Community Member	<p>Hello, Protect [REDACTED] right to free speech, right to pretest Gaza's genocide, and the right to share facts that are in line with the determination of international courts and every major human rights organization in the world.</p> <p>Media in the US are corrupt and biased. And the American citizens are mis-informed!</p> <p>Don't be afraid of being different and in the right side of History!</p> <p>Thank you</p>
Debbie	Levy	Parent/Guardian	[REDACTED] is a liability for our students. She spews hateful rhetoric. This is not something to allow near our children. Children go to school to learn math, English, geography, social skills, etc. they should not be learning a hate filled, divisive person's political agenda. She does not belong on the school board.
Eli	Rosenthal	Parent/Guardian	[REDACTED] should focus on making Beaverton schools stronger in math and science as opposed to forcing her own world politics on others. We want board members who are apolitical when it comes to educating children. No political agendas when deciding on public education.
Noam	Rosenthal	Student	I'm against [REDACTED] for her anti semitic views, singling out, and acting with a double standard towards the jewish people is antisemitic and denying them their right to their own homeland is as well. I'm an alumni from the class of 2023 at BHS.
Chantal	Rosenthal	Parent/Guardian	I went to bhs and so did my two sons. Bhs has a long history with the jewish population of portland/beaverton. Ari shapiro of npr, shoshana bean of Broadway, and donor businessman scott shleifer. A board member like [REDACTED] creates an atmosphere hostile to jewish students. Recently there have been highly promoted events such as "teaching Palestine" for teachers. It was a one sided view of the conflict to be taught in the classroom, she supported this through her support of BEA. If this were any other group people would be up in arms and she would be terminated, but because most american jews are white- they don't get any protections. [REDACTED] also called early on for the board to boycott, divest and sanction israel, this is not the role of the school board they need to focus on math, reading, and science. Keep politics out of the schools and focus on basic education Oregon has been in the bottom of school rankings- we have work to do and it's not on Palestine!
Sarah	Kadijah	Other Community Member	Educators who uphold high moral and ethical standards are a great asset to the community & world at large. The teacher in question [REDACTED] is being retaliated against by her colleagues at PPS for upholding the standards of conduct every educator should emulate. The Palestinian people are currently being exterminated by the two most powerful colonial nations on earth, the United States and Israel. All

			<p>food and water has been deliberately withheld, & now US armed mercenaries are making over 1,100 dollars a day (not including bonuses) to hand out food boxes for starving families in a narcissistic game of sadomasochistic cruelty are not even worth forty dollars. Israel is guilty of committing genocide and America is a co belligerent to this hideous crime. All this teacher has done was exercise her right to free speech.</p> <p>No country or group is immune from criticism if they are engaging in criminal behavior. Honest, fair and factual criticism of that criminal behavior is not</p>
Laura	Levi	Other Community Member	We support the investigation into [REDACTED] antisemitism and hope for her removal from the board.
Shannon	Stovsky	Other Community Member	[REDACTED] is not only a disgrace to humanity she is unsafe to have in a school system. Her constant jew hatred, spreading of blood libel, holocaust inversion calling the MURDER in cold blood of thousands of innocent people on 10/7/23 'resistance' and many other disgusting acts of antisemitism is beyond dangerous. how can you have a school board member that is so hateful and targets one the the smallest minority in the world??? Not only is an investigation in order, maybe a mental health evaluation????
Leslie	Grelle	Other Community Member	I was born in the Beaverton school district and was horrified to hear that a board member of the school school was not simply supporting Palestinians but spreading lies about Israel. People that spread lies and hate shouldn't be on school boards.
Tiffany	Mathes	Parent/Guardian	<p>As both a parent of a student at West TV Elementary and a high school teacher in the Beaverton School District, I'm asking the Board to allocate a third teacher at the fourth-grade level at West TV for the 25-26 school year. Class sizes at this grade level are too large to provide the individualized, rigorous instruction our students deserve, and our community has to fight every year for what we know is in the best interest of all our kids.</p> <p>This need is directly aligned with the district's Strategic Plan, which emphasizes equitable access to high-quality instruction, closing opportunity gaps, and ensuring every student is challenged, supported, and successful. Adding a third teacher is a clear way to live out that commitment—to translate our values into action. I urge you to invest in smaller class sizes at West TV and help ensure all students receive the focused attention and support necessary to thrive.</p>
Niveen	A	Other Community Member	I'd like to draw your attention to the rights of [REDACTED] right to free speech, protest genocide and spread awareness and information that aligns with facts confirmed by international court of justice, international criminal court and every internationally recognized human rights organization.

Susan	Swartwout	Other Community Member	I support [REDACTED] right to free speech. Her words do not constitute unjust accusation. It's a fact that Gaza has been devastated by Israel. Children and their families are starving in Gaza, relief supplies have been held back, and we should all be against such torture. Speaking against the genocide caused by the Israeli government shouldn't threaten American Jews unless they are actively bearing arms against Gaza.
Mona	Mayfield	Parent/Guardian	[REDACTED] , should never face backlash and retaliation for posting on her personal account about her support for Palestinians facing deaths and starvation. This blatant attack on free speech and [REDACTED] first amendment right is unacceptable and degrading. Especially when she is posting facts that have been determined by the ICC and every human rights organization. We should all be protesting against genocide and ethics cleansing.
Mike	Zwick	Parent/Guardian	Hello, I live in NW Portland and I am writing as a concerned resident to express my full support for the school board's investigation into [REDACTED] . [REDACTED] has used her public social media to spread unabashed antisemitism for almost two years now. She has spread blood libel, Holocaust inversion, open celebration of Hamas and antisemitic terrorism as "resistance", and continues to align herself with the Democratic Socialists of America, who recently endorsed the antisemitic terrorist attack in Washington DC. An investigation into [REDACTED] and material repercussions upon its conclusion, are the absolute bare minimum needed in a time where Jew hatred has been exponentially rising. I hope this investigation, and more importation, actual consequences for [REDACTED] unabashed bigotry, are seen through. Sincerely, Mike
Robert	F	Other Community Member	Hello, I am writing as a concerned resident to express my full support for the school board's investigation into [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has used her public social media to spread unabashed antisemitism for almost two years now. She has spread blood libel, Holocaust inversion, open celebration of Hamas and antisemitic terrorism as "resistance", and continues to align herself with the Democratic Socialists of America, who recently endorsed the antisemitic terrorist attack in Washington DC. An investigation into [REDACTED] and material repercussions upon its conclusion, are the absolute bare minimum needed in a time where Jew hatred has been exponentially rising. I hope this investigation, and more importation, actual consequences for [REDACTED] unabashed bigotry, are seen through. Sincerely, Robert Fasman, PhD

Assaf	Mevorach	Parent/Guardian	<p>As a parent of a student at Sunset High School, I have never been involved in politics or attended board meetings. Yet today, I feel compelled to speak out. I fear for my safety and, more importantly, for my daughter's. When a board member normalizes rhetoric that undermines her identity and questions her right to exist as a Jew, the consequences are real. This language doesn't remain online—it permeates our schools. My daughter faces daily harassment on social media simply for being Jewish.</p> <p>The recent attack outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., where two Israeli embassy staffers were murdered by an assailant shouting pro-Palestinian slogans, exemplifies the tragic outcomes when expressions that incite violence go unaddressed.</p> <p>This isn't about foreign policy; it's about the safety and dignity of our students. The board must ensure that advocacy does not come at the expense of any student's sense of belonging. Inclusion must encompass everyone.</p>
Patricia	Rice	Other Community Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I dont feel safe coming to the meeting - my kids friends do not feel safe in school - there was a shooting with DC that had nothing to do with Israelies. It was an attack on a jewish museum. - BSD wants to welcome all students. You can welcome all students when you are targeting jews - free speech cant be used to target a small community group in your schools district. <p>It's not ok to have a person in a school board that's strongly believe in a Logan from the river to the sea, supports hate and violent acts against Israel.</p> <p>Our kids and families feels unsafe.</p> <p>Someone that seat on the board can't behave like that.</p>
Linda	Baker	Other Community Member	<p>We need to stand for free speech in our schools and our community. I am concerned that this is an unwarranted investigation.</p> <p>Why wouldn't we want a school board member to speak up for children in Gaza or anywhere else in the world? This doesn't not equate to anti-semitism.</p> <p>Let's use our precious funds to support our schools, not for political witch hunts.</p>
Kyle	Mezrahi	Other Community Member	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing as a concerned resident to express my full support for the school board's investigation into [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has used her public social media to spread unabashed antisemitism for almost two years now. She has spread blood libel, Holocaust inversion, open celebration of Hamas and antisemitic terrorism as "resistance", and continues to align herself with the Democratic Socialists of America, who recently endorsed the antisemitic terrorist attack in Washington DC. An investigation into [REDACTED], and material repercussions upon its conclusion, are the absolute bare minimum needed in a time where Jew hatred has been exponentially rising. I hope this investigation, and more importation, actual consequences for [REDACTED] unabashed bigotry, are seen through.</p>

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Talia	Wang	Other Community Member	Hello, I am writing as a concerned community member to express my full support for the school board's investigation into [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has used her public social media to spread unabashed antisemitism for almost two years now. She has spread blood libel, Holocaust inversion, open celebration of Hamas and antisemitic terrorism as "resistance", and continues to align herself with the Democratic Socialists of America, who recently endorsed the antisemitic terrorist attack in Washington DC. An investigation into [REDACTED] and material repercussions upon its conclusion, are the absolute bare minimum needed in a time where Jew hatred has been exponentially rising. I hope this investigation, and more importation, actual consequences for [REDACTED] unabashed bigotry, are seen through. Sincerely, Talia
N	Z	Parent/Guardian	Hi,I writing in support of [REDACTED] right to free speech, her right to protest a genocide happening to the Gazan people and right to share facts that are in line of the determination of international courts and every major human rights organization in the world. Thanks
Seth	Feldman	Parent/Guardian	Hello, I am writing as a concerned resident to express my full support for the school board's investigation into [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has used her public social media to spread unabashed antisemitism for almost two years now. She has spread blood libel, Holocaust inversion, open celebration of Hamas and antisemitic terrorism as "resistance", and continues to align herself with the Democratic Socialists of America, who recently endorsed the antisemitic terrorist attack in Washington DC. An investigation into [REDACTED] , and material repercussions upon its conclusion, are the absolute bare minimum needed in a time where Jew hatred has been exponentially rising. I hope this investigation, and more importation, actual consequences for [REDACTED] unabashed bigotry, are seen through. Sincerely, Seth Feldman
Spencer	Ehrman	Other Community Member	I write in opposition to the Board's investigation of [REDACTED] According to the Oregonian reporting you are responding to a complaint by Bob Horenstein on behalf of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland and only six others. It's notable that Horenstein does not include anti-Semitism in his complaint. Indeed his complaint speaks to [REDACTED] comments regarding Israel, a foreign state. He says that she makes Jews feel unsafe, especially those who may be Israeli born.

			<p>As a Jew, to me that sounds ridiculous and should be rejected out of hand. If she were instead criticizing Russia for its territorial ambitions in trying to conquer Ukraine, would Russians in the District “feel unsafe?”</p> <p>I know many Jews, and have met Israelis, who are deeply critical of Israel and its current course of ethnic and territorial domination.</p> <p>Finally let me remind you that in spite of hundreds of student comments stating they feel unsafe with police in their schools, you continued the YSO program.</p>
Liza	Russ	Parent/Guardian	<p>I am a parent of kids in two Beaverton schools and am very offended and hurt by the antisemitic rhetoric coming from [REDACTED] on the school board. Schools are supposed to be non political safe spaces where no child is discriminated against. It's supposed to be a place where kids can learn to think and analyze and not a place for brainwashing with current terrorist propaganda. [REDACTED] is a disgrace to what Beaverton School District stands for. We've been parents, volunteers and even substitute teachers in the District over the last 12 years. We support and admire the work are are asking you to please stand firmly against antisemitism, no child should be discriminated against and it is your responsibility keep the school board free from people that push antisemitism. [REDACTED] does not belong on the board and her actions make it very clear as she represents herself as board member as she spreads terrorist propaganda.</p>
Lidia	Lekakh	Other Community Member	<p>[REDACTED] on the school board is spreading antisemitism. She does not belong on the school board and is a disgrace to everything the Board stands for.</p>
Joseph	Russ	Parent/Guardian	<p>It is very disturbing to see what your board member, [REDACTED], is spreading all over social media while representing the school board. Antisemitism has no place on the Board!</p>
Ben	Lekakh	Other Community Member	<p>Politics has no place on the board! [REDACTED] is spreading antisemitism while representing the school board. She has no place on the board. Hate has no place on the board. Please right this wrong.</p>
Daniel	Hansen	Other Community Member	<p>As a medical doctor myself I'm embarrassed that people spreading hate like [REDACTED] share my profession. I'm even more disgusted that people like that are allowed to represent the school board while spreading such vile hamas propaganda. Hamas is a designated terrorist organization and their propaganda should not be endorsed by the District Board.</p>

Kathy	Frnch	Other Community Member	<p>[REDACTED] has merely said aloud what has been repeatedly documented by films, individual eyewitness accounts, and the findings of journalists and human rights groups. Her statements are anti-genocide. Yes, the evidence indicates that Palestinians have been and continue to be horribly mistreated. They call the violence against themselves the Nakba. The majority of Americans are anti-genocide, regardless of where it is occurring. There are individuals who misleadingly declare being anti-genocide as a threat, that trying to save lives is a threat. My country is as complicit as Israel. Let's say this truth out loud. Until truth is recognized, the genocide will continue.</p> <p>[REDACTED] has a civil and human right to speak aloud, in public, on her social media pages. Persons disagreeing with her perspective have no right to attack and mute her words.</p>
Alex	Levenzon	Parent/Guardian	<p>Dear School Board Members,</p> <p>I do not feel safe attending your meetings, and my children do not feel safe at school. This is deeply troubling.</p> <p>A recent shooting in D.C. targeted a Jewish museum. It had nothing to do with Israel—just hatred toward Jews. This is not an isolated incident; it reflects a growing climate of fear.</p> <p>BSD says it welcomes all students. But you cannot claim inclusivity while allowing Jews to be singled out. Free speech cannot be used to justify targeting a small community within your schools.</p> <p>I urge you to act now to protect Jewish students and families. Safety and respect must be non-negotiable for every student.</p> <p>Sincerely, Alex Levenzon</p>
Clarissa	B	Other Community Member	<p>[REDACTED] the antisemite is organizing a rally to bully the school board she sits on into letting her get away with discrimination. Just like the storming of the capital. She inciting violence in our community and has no place in the Board.</p>
Scott	Carpenter	Other Community Member	<p>I was extremely disappointed that you voted to investigate my wife in response to the outlandish complaints from extremists who assume anyone who supports the right of Palestinians to exist must be antisemitic. Nevermind that our sons went to Jewish pre-school in Chicago, that both of our brothers-in-law are Jewish, that we've been to many seders over the years, have celebrated many Jewish holidays with our children (Tu BiShvat, Sukkot, etc.), have many Jewish friends, and on and on. We shouldn't even have to offer evidence to defend against libelous and slanderous claims of hateful organization that has been harassing [REDACTED] since October 2023. This school board has now given the ideas of these extremists even more oxygen. Since the article was published, [REDACTED] has received an influx of threats of sexual assault, physical assault, and some of the most vile messages, wishing horrid things on her and our children. Shame on you for elevating this hate!</p>

Rod	Such	Other Community Member	My comment is directed at the School Board's outrageous, McCarthyite decision to fund a third-party investigation into the political views of [REDACTED]. This decision is aligned with the Trump Administration's authoritarian attempts to suppress our First Amendment freedoms. That it was initiated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland is no surprise inasmuch as it is well known that the federation is part of the Israel Lobby that defends the government of Israel regardless of its behavior, whether that includes genocide, apartheid, ethnic cleansing, or the routine suppression of Palestinian democratic rights. By taking this action the board has itself become aligned with authoritarianism and the crimes of genocide and illegal occupation that violate international law. This decision must be rescinded immediately.
Jason	Levin	Parent/Guardian	As an Oregon educator, a parent of two Beaverton students, and someone who attended the BEA-endorsed training on Israel and Palestine, I was alarmed by the overt bias and inflammatory content presented. The training repeatedly vilified Israel, misrepresented its right to self-defense, and offered no meaningful historical or geopolitical context. This type of one-sided narrative risks alienating Jewish students and undermines the educational integrity of our district. I urge the Board to reject divisive political content and uphold a curriculum that is balanced, fact-based, and inclusive of all perspectives.
Arie	Aharon	Parent/Guardian	I'm a Jewish parent of 3 children in the Beaverton School District and an immigrant from Israel. I teach my children the value of free speech—but when BSD board member [REDACTED] allegedly uses her social media to accuse Israel of genocide and racism, it crosses a line. Even more troubling, she displays her BSD board title publicly, using her official role to lend credibility to these extreme views. She has allegedly influenced teacher training materials to reflect a biased, hostile narrative about Israel. This is a misuse of authority and undermines the district's obligation to remain neutral and inclusive. These actions, if true, create an unsafe climate for Jewish students. My 5-year-old saw a map erasing Israel at a school event. My son, in his first year, was shown anti-Israel content in class. BSD must investigate and act to ensure all students feel safe, respected, and represented.
Sam	Oubari	Other Community Member	<p>Hello:</p> <p>I'm writing to you in support of [REDACTED] right to personal free speech. She and all of us still have the right to free speech. If we lose this right, then all of us are in deep trouble.</p> <p>If you side with the people who are "troubled" by her personal speech, then what type of a lesson are you teaching our kids?</p> <p>Truly, Sam Oubari Vancouver WA</p>

Osnat	Hen	Parent/Guardian	<p>Every student deserves a learning environment free from fear and intimidation. When hate and violent rhetoric are left unchallenged, it puts real people at risk. BSD has a responsibility to ensure that every child—regardless of their identity—feels protected and supported each day they walk into school. The recent attack outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C.—where two Israeli embassy staff members were murdered by someone shouting pro-Palestinian slogans—shows the tragic consequences of unchecked hate and violent rhetoric.</p> <p>BSD has a fundamental responsibility to create and maintain a school environment where every student feels safe, respected, and valued. This includes actively addressing threats, harassment, and harmful rhetoric, and ensuring that no student is made to feel isolated or at risk because of their identity. BSD reps must follow their code of conduct, showing respect and promoting safety so all students and families feel valued and protected.</p>
Sandy	Aharon	Parent/Guardian	<p>I am raising a formal concern about Board Member [REDACTED], who, since October 7, 2023, has repeatedly posted inflammatory, offensive, and antisemitic content on social media. Her recent post accuses Israel of “77 years of genocide,” using language that promotes dangerous antisemitic narratives and contributes to a hostile environment for Jewish students, staff, and families. This behavior goes far beyond political discourse and violates the values of respect, inclusion, and non-discrimination expected of board members. I respectfully request the district investigate this matter and take appropriate action to ensure all students and families feel safe and supported, regardless of their background or beliefs.</p>
James	Lee	Parent/Guardian	<p>As I read the news of the terror attack in Boulder today throwing Molotov Cocktails at peaceful activists matching to bring awareness to a group of stolen civilians I can clearly see that "Free Palestine" is a radical violent movement that does nothing but breed hate and encourage violence. Are Americans not entitled to free speech if they were born Jewish? Are kids not safe in Beaverton schools because they celebrate Chanukah? Having [REDACTED] on your board undermines our basic human rights and our rights as American citizens. [REDACTED] identifies herself as a politician on her X profile and a board member. She can't be both.</p>
Lisa	Gilbert	Other Community Member	<p>I'm very upset your board member [REDACTED] wears a keffiyeh representing the Board.</p> <p>The keffiyeh is not a neutral cultural symbol—it's a weaponized icon of terror. Most recently it was pulled out of the pocket of accused murderer Elias Rodriguez who executed in cold blood two Israeli Embassy workers in Washington DC just a few short days ago. It is very disturbing to see this symbol being casually worn by a professor responsible for teaching our children.</p> <p>Despite any subterfuge to the contrary, the keffiyeh is a symbol of terrorism. It was made iconic by Yasser Arafat, who was responsible for 19,000 separate terrorist attacks and thousands murdered. It was also made iconic by Leila Khaled, the first woman to participate in airplane hijackings [1-3]. It has become the clarion symbol of Hamas terrorists who declare the destruction of our democratic ally Israel,</p>

			have bombed Israelis for years, and have perpetrated the most barbaric attack against the Jewish People since the Holocaust.
Max	White	Other Community Member	<p>“The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that’s wrong with the world.”</p> <p>I am appalled at the “investigation” of [REDACTED] It is willful ignorance to suggest Palestinians are not people of equal value to other peoples. History offers stark warnings about opportunists and demagogues promoting hate and fear. It is hysteria, conflating criticism of Israel with antisemitism and equating all Palestinians as supporters of Hamas. For shame! I am reminded of damage done to individuals and our nation during the “Red Scare.”</p> <p>You must stand against cruel blowhards. It is your duty to your office and to our community. Please have courage. You will be applauded, and I will remember.</p> <p>Respectfully, Max White</p>
Chris	Coughlin	Other Community Member	<p>I am a long-time resident of the BSD, and an active member of the Portland Jewish community. I am very concerned with the investigation of [REDACTED] that the Board has authorized. Speaking the truth of the actions of the Israeli government and condemning the war in Gaza is not anti-semitic. However, such statements make some within the Jewish community uncomfortable. Rather than being willing to have a dialogue, the Jewish Federation of Portland and others weaponize antisemitism to push back against people who call for a ceasefire in Gaza or condemn the Israeli government for their actions against the Palestinians. Please understand that the Jewish Federation of Portland does not represent the entire Jewish community. There are many of us who value our democratic values of free speech and believe that [REDACTED] should not be targeted for her support of Palestinian liberation or condemned for posts on her personal social media platforms.</p>
Liza	Samson	Other Community Member	<p>[REDACTED] sentiments and kaffiyeh display as she boasts being a board member leave the Jewish community feeling unwelcome, marginalized, and unsafe.</p> <p>The keffiyeh, while once a traditional garment of Middle Eastern farmers, has evolved into a politicized and violent symbol. Since the 1936 Arab Revolt, where it was worn to disguise identities during efforts to block Jewish immigration, it has been popularized by figures like Yasser Arafat and Leila Khaled, both of whom are associated with terrorism. Today, it is frequently seen at rallies supporting Hamas and calling for intifada and genocide of the Jewish people. In this context, the message is not one of cultural pride—it is one of exclusion, intimidation, and historical erasure.</p> <p>Just as the swastika, originally a sacred symbol, became irrevocably associated with Nazi ideology and antisemitic hate, the keffiyeh in its modern political context has come to symbolize hostility toward Jews.</p> <p>It's profoundly disappointing.</p>

Larisa	Lerner	Parent/Guardian	<p>We are writing as concerned parents of a minority group whose children are increasingly feeling unsafe and misrepresented at school. While some material and events are framed as cultural or political education, they have left our children feeling erased, stereotyped, and blamed for global conflicts that have nothing to do with them.</p> <p>We've seen student expression quietly removed, inappropriate content presented to young children, and personal identity treated as political provocation. This is not inclusion—it's harm.</p> <p>We ask the district to ensure that all students, including Jewish students, are treated with fairness and dignity. That means political topics must be handled with care, age-appropriateness, and mostly with sensitivity. Student voices should be protected—not silenced.</p> <p>Our kids deserve to feel safe and respected, not questioned or dismissed because of who they are.</p>
Rikki	Nouri	Parent/Guardian	<p>I met with [REDACTED] earlier this year to express concern as a parent of three BSD students. I appreciated that she took the meeting and respect her as a fellow academic. That said, her public activism-especially on social media-promotes polarizing, one-sided views that create an emotionally unsafe climate for Jewish and Israeli families. Her messaging lacks nuance and continues despite being told of its impact. Many students feel labeled or erased based on their identity. While civic engagement is important, using a K-12 education platform to advance divisive, ideological narratives is harmful. There is little space in our schools for even balanced civic dialogue-why import the most fraught global conflicts into our classrooms? Our children need spaces rooted in safety, kindness, and inclusion. I urge the board to consider how her role and rhetoric affect our diverse community and whether it aligns with BSD's core values.</p>
Ned	Rosch	Other Community Member	<p>As a Jewish resident of the Portland metro area who is named after a great uncle who was murdered in a Nazi concentration camp, I write to say that supporting the Palestinian struggle for justice is the MOST Jewish thing I know to do. We must all speak out against this weaponization of antisemitism. Speaking out against Israel's history of Apartheid, ethnic cleansing, genocide, displacement, colonization, occupation, pogroms is NOT antisemitic. Speaking out in support of Palestinian persistence, strength and resistance to these oppressions is the moral thing to do. False claims of pro-Palestinian speech being antisemitic is harmful to all our rights in speaking out against injustice. These false claims of antisemitism do NOT make Jewish families, children or any of us any safer. In fact, they obscure the racism, antisemitism and hate-filled spaces of the Nationalist Right-wing movement that is growing at this time and fueled by the current Administration.</p>
Jim	Iwaniec	Other Community Member	<p>Since April of 2023: 150,000 people have been killed, 11 million displaced and 26 million facing acute food shortages ... in Sudan 🇸🇩 ... [REDACTED] doesn't care! Millions of children are starving in Yemen 🇲🇪 ... [REDACTED] doesn't care! Children burned alive in Israel 🇮🇱 by Gazans ... [REDACTED] doesn't care!</p> <p>[REDACTED] uses the Board to get a wider audience and authority as she spreads antisemitism under the guise of activism. This is not free speech it's hate speech and it's pushing that hate into our schools. It must stop!</p>

Maxine	Fookson	Other Community Member	I am writing to urge the Beaverton School Board to drop the plans for the investigation of Board Member, [REDACTED] . I think it is important that I identify that I am a proud American Jew. The investigation of [REDACTED] is not warranted and is a highly disturbing violation of her First Amendment rights to free speech. Her post was on her personal social media and was not done using any official time or School Board platform. In addition, this is a further attempt to stifle speech in support of Palestinian human rights. Israel has, for the past 20+ months been committing a genocide against the Palestinians. For decades before that Israeli policy has been in violation of International Law, International Humanitarian Law. That is what the social media post in question referred to. There is nothing antisemitic about standing up for Palestinian rights. It may make some people uncomfortable, but it in no way threatens anyone's safety. Stop this repression on free speech.
Jacquelyn	Hardin	Other Community Member	Hello, I am writing as a concerned resident to express my full support for the school board's investigation into [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has used her public social media to spread unabashed antisemitism for almost two years now. She has spread blood libel, Holocaust inversion, open celebration of Hamas and antisemitic terrorism as "resistance", and continues to align herself with the Democratic Socialists of America, who recently endorsed the antisemitic terrorist attack in Washington DC. An investigation into [REDACTED], and material repercussions upon its conclusion, are the absolute bare minimum needed in a time where Jew hatred has been exponentially rising. I hope this investigation, and more importation, actual consequences for [REDACTED] unabashed bigotry, are seen through. Sincerely, Jacquelyn Hardin
A	P	Parent/Guardian	On 5/16 a handful of parents, not everyone, received this copied and pasted communication from the administration at Jacob Wismer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication: We hear your concerns, especially around the need for families to hear directly from the school about events impacting the broader community. While student privacy laws can limit what can be shared, we commit to giving you updates as we have them to keep you informed. <p>On this very same day, a bad fight occurred at lunch where students were punching each other, throwing lunch trays and attempting to hit with floor signs. None of this was communicated to parents however the entire 5th grade class witnessed it and was at risk of harm. Where was the communication promised? And why are such violent situations still occurring at Jacob Wismer??</p>
Allison	B	Parent/Guardian	I am writing to express my disgust that the majority of the school board members voted in favor of hiring an investigator to look into [REDACTED] , for exercising her right to free speech. [REDACTED] and everyone else in the US have a right to protest genocide and share the facts that are in line with the determination of the International Court of Justice, the Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF or Doctors Without

			Borders) and other major human rights organizations around the world. [REDACTED] does not deserve to be punished for speaking out against genocide. Our students and staff do not deserve to have funds that could be used for furthering students' education and well-being on this investigation. Do better.
Grayce	G	Parent/Guardian	<p>As a concerned parent, I urge the Beaverton School Board to continue its practice of adding a THIRD fourth-grade class at West Tualatin View Elementary for the 2025-26 academic year, ensuring manageable class sizes and stronger academic outcomes. Research consistently shows that smaller classes lead to higher achievement, better engagement, and improved teacher retention. The district has added a third teacher for the past four years—discontinuing this for the Fourth Grade would impede progress.</p> <p>Shockingly, Oregon’s math and reading scores rank among the nation’s lowest, as reported by The Oregonian in January 2025. With this news, providing individualized instruction and equitable learning opportunities is crucial. I respectfully request the administration to prioritize this investment in our children’s education. Thank you for your commitment to student success.</p>
Jillian	Sheffield	Staff Member	<p>I am writing in strong support of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a tireless advocate for ALL students and educators, consistently demonstrating a deep understanding of both equality and equity—and more importantly, putting those principles into practice. She listens with intention, leads with integrity, and speaks up for those whose voices often go unheard. It is outrageous that in a time when school funding is already stretched thin, public money is being utterly wasted on this so-called “investigation.” Those calling for it should be ashamed of themselves. Our district needs leaders like [REDACTED] who focus on students, not distractions. Her commitment to equity, inclusion, and meaningful progress makes our schools better for everyone. Our community is lucky to have her leadership.</p>
Bryan	Lurie	Staff Member	<p>Board Members should not be using their social media accounts to spread messages that will end up dividing the community. To spread a post that uses the word "Pogrom" which is clearly intended to be hurtful towards the Jewish community, and therefore, Jewish students you are supposed to be working is inappropriate. Also, to deny the history and recognized sovereignty of Israel is historically inaccurate. What is happening in Gaza is a tragedy and awful but it to present it as a one sided event is irresponsible</p>
B	Holloway	Parent/Guardian	<p>Dedicated Board,</p> <p>I'm writing this morning as a BSD parent of three, community member and tax payer. I find it deeply concerning that in a time of such division our board has deemed it necessary to FUND the investigation of one of it's members for standing up for all. Our community is lucky to have [REDACTED] as a member of it's board. Her tireless work for ALL students of all backgrounds and their educators is EXACTLY what our district needs more of. Her dedication to our educators and their endless work is impressive, her community advocacy unmatched. Mostly, I am ashamed of the quiet attempt to move this forward. How could one warrant this funding? How does our Strategic Plan support this move? IF it does, I am wondering why then are we not looking at other members who have been vocal against our the union,</p>

			<p>putting blatantly false information about curriculum and instruction in print right before the election. Will that be investigated as well?</p>
Linda	Mckim Bell	Other Community Member	<p>As a retired teacher I support Free Speech of teachers, administrators and board members. Our children need all opinions represented in our public schools and their governance. This is a Free Speech issue. This witch hunt should not be entertained by Beaverton Public Schools.</p>
Robert	Stacey	Parent/Guardian	<p>To the Beaverton School Board,</p> <p>I'm writing as a parent of a third grader at West Tualatin View Elementary to express serious concern about the plan to have only two fourth-grade teachers next year. My son Elias will be directly affected, and the idea of him being in a class of over 30 students is troubling.</p> <p>The district has added a third teacher for this group the past four years for a reason: smaller class sizes support better learning, more engagement, and less burnout for teachers. Reversing this now risks undermining the academic progress of our kids—at a time when Oregon already ranks among the lowest in the nation for math and reading scores.</p> <p>Please don't treat this as a numbers game. Our children need individual attention and a learning environment that sets them up for success. I strongly urge you to maintain three fourth-grade classrooms next year.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Robert Stacey</p> <p>Parent of a Third Grader at West Tualatin View</p>
N	S	Other Community Member	<p>[REDACTED] needs to be fired. She supports terrorism.</p>
Melisa	Crosby	Other Community Member	<p>"I've known [REDACTED] as a passionate advocate for justice, so her opposition to Israel's US-funded violence against Palestinians is consistent. Her private social media posts are free speech and shouldn't impact her employment. As a Jewish community member, I reject the false claim that criticizing Israel is antisemitic. The Jewish Federation doesn't speak for many of us horrified by Netanyahu's war. Condemning genocide, opposing US funding for Israel's attacks, and supporting Palestinian rights are moral—not antisemitic. False accusations harm the fight against real antisemitism, which grows under right-wing nationalism. Beaverton Schools must defend free speech, reject this witch hunt, and ensure safety for Jewish and marginalized students by standing for justice—not silencing dissent."</p>
Jennifer	Hoffman	Staff Member	<p>[REDACTED] is amazing! I don't understand why there are complaints that she is too political. I feel this is untrue and there are reasons why the district is questioning her ability. This is so disappointing. I'm y all feels sneaky and mean.</p>

Ronit	Zusman	Other Community Member	If we allow the spread of vile, blood libel-style antisemitism in our schools, it's only a matter of time before we see a horrific attack here in Beaverton like the one in Boulder, Colorado. In less than two weeks, unchecked antisemitic incitement has led to brutal violence targeting Jews in America. The latest: peaceful marchers burned alive in Boulder. We owe it to all Beaverton School District students to ensure this hatred is not spread in our schools. Calls to "Globalize the Intifada" are not civil disobedience or protest—they are incitements to violence and murder of Jews and Israelis worldwide. Such rhetoric must be taken seriously by schools, law enforcement, and government at every level.
Meaghan	M	Staff Member	The board investigating [REDACTED] is a free speech issue and rooted in bias. Why is [REDACTED] being investigated for remarks made on her personal Instagram account when [REDACTED] posted an op ed piece as a BSD board member in the valley times? Picking and choosing who to investigate is an abuse of power. Choosing to investigate the board member who has been the most vocal about union support and not investigating the person who outright told the community to vote against union endorsed candidates feels gross, especially when all [REDACTED] has done is condemn the genocide happening. She is not being antisemitic and she is speaking on her personal account. In a year where budgets are so tight, it feels like a misuse of resources and abuse of power.
Jen	Janke	Staff Member	I am confused. During negotiations, we received a strong message that the District did NOT have extra funds to spare. We are now seeing District money spent on investigating a School Board member due to her personal political expression. So which is it? Attacking someone for their political expression is fascism. Make no mistake about it. This isn't dramatic or hyperbole. It's factual.
Holly	Hoffnung	Other Community Member	As a member of the Jewish community, I am deeply disturbed by this investigation of your colleague Do not allow these allegations to derail the important work Beaverton School Board does to ensure the safety and well-being of students, faculty and staff in their employ. Using alleged threats to Jewish safety to weaponize anti-Semitism, is not keeping anyone safe; it is making hypocritical hash of what it means to have respectable free speech; [REDACTED] postings are critical of Israeli policy and the United State role in funding the ongoing horror are respectful of the loss of life on both sides of the conflict and recognize the gross imbalance of harm for what it is. She should be supported and commended for giving students a role model of civic engagement and activism. I assure you the Jewish Federation does not speak for me or the majority of the Jewish community. We are appalled at the use of the accusation of anti-Semitism to silence rightful resistance.
Sarag	F	Other Community Member	I'm very upset to hear that [REDACTED] is being investigated for her political views and for supporting peace and justice. This is an important perspective and we support her right to free speech and to standing up against genocide and settler colonialism. Anti Zionism is not anti-semetic.

Claire	Douglass	Staff Member	I am writing in support of board member [REDACTED] Please do not spend money and resources investigating [REDACTED] for her personal posts on social media. [REDACTED] is a fierce advocate for our students and staff. Her posts on social media reflect her unwavering support for vulnerable populations and district resources should not be spent on an investigation.
Keri	B	Parent/Guardian	I am disappointed in the board's decision to investigate [REDACTED]. She has been an upstanding member of the Beaverton community and the BSD Board. Where is the outrage in other board members speaking out against our teacher's union?! I am so disappointed.
Lydia	Kiesling	Other Community Member	I am a PPS parents and I am appalled that our neighboring school district would spend its resources to investigate board member [REDACTED] for voicing solidarity with the Palestinian people. Occupation and apartheid are terms used by the International Court of Justice, the highest worldwide legal authority, to describe the legal situation in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The materials [REDACTED] shared were in step with the findings of international courts as well as every major global human rights group. Criticism of a government that is currently engaged in a genocidal campaign is not hate speech and it is specious to pretend otherwise. Please rescind your investigation.
Sherry	Davidson	Other Community Member	I am writing in support of [REDACTED]! She has integrity and courage to speak up for our siblings in Palestine! Having been to Palestine six times, and knowing the reality of the occupation, I highly commend her for her courage! Please support all of us in our first amendment right to free speech!
Diane	Eckstein	Other Community Member	I am speaking out in support of the rights of school board member [REDACTED] to post her personal opinion on her private social media account. That she has mentioned Palestine seems to be what is exciting pressure against her. This seems to be a nationwide problem. However, the first amendment still holds. I have a friend who is a city council member (not Portland) and she has told me that she is free to express her opinion as long as she does so as a private individual. Same goes for [REDACTED]. Sincerely, Dianne Eckstein
Stephen	Docy	Other Community Member	The third party investigation being launched by the school board is a clear violation and attack of [REDACTED] first amendment rights. I strongly urge the school board to drop this investigation. As investigating someone over an Instagram post is at best a waste of resources and at worst political persecution for a school board member's political opinions. For a democracy to function we must allow electeds to speak on issues without the fear of censorship. So that they can represent the beliefs and values of their constituency, which [REDACTED] does effectively by being one of the only school board members to host town halls. I again urge you to drop this clearly politically motivated investigation into [REDACTED] and show that you believe in protecting free speech.

Max	Carlson	Other Community Member	<p>It is incredible that you are wasting public resources investigating an elected official over their social media posts *completely unrelated to their job*. If someone posted a square saying "I stand with Israel", would you investigate them for that? I think such a sentiment is disgusting given that Israel has displaced 1.9 million, wounded 125,000, and killed 60,000 over the past 18 months, but how would that possibly be relevant to the BSD--even if someone could construe it as "offensive"?</p> <p>The conflation of "Israel" and "Jews" is dangerous, and itself is anti-semitic. The former is a state which must be criticized when it commits crimes, and the latter is a diverse group with deeply conflicting views on said government. I promise you that censoring someone for criticizing a foreign government and saying that it's on behalf of "the Jews" will do more to engender anti-semitism than a clear eyed distinction between the state of Israel and "Jews" (who are not a monolith).</p>
Khalid	Abughazaleh	Other Community Member	<p>Funding is limited to our schools and while I applaud the diligence and thought that schools and administrators put into many matters, I am concerned that allocating much needed funds into an external investigation regarding [REDACTED] may be a mis-judgement. Matters like these should be resolved in a sensible manner as a community and Beaverton Schools should set such an example along with other districts. Investigations have many motivations and actors and can deter the exercise of free speech that even board members are entitled to!</p> <p>Attempting to control and shape every narrative to please every political and social sensibility is a losing battle. A sensible respectful discussion even without agreement is a foundation of good education and social harmony. A reasonable expectations that expression on current events or political entities is not equivalent to disrespect is essential. OUR schools and its administrator should uphold that.</p>
Aliyah	Taylor	Staff Member	<p>Board Members,</p> <p>I write as a staff member of almost 20 years, a mom of 3 BSD students & a woman of color. I am deeply disappointed in the actions of this board to bring forth an investigation against another board member. It comes on the heels of reading the recent message in print from another board member who while entitled to personal opinion like ALL board members, used their voice to falsely accuse us as staff of using curriculum that would deeply harm some of our students. FALSE. Appalling, embarrassing & hurtful. I do not expect our board to always make decisions I am happy about or even agree with, I DO expect our board to uphold the duties of the job & set the example for our community that ALL of our students deserve better. We see you divided, cracked & standing against one another. How disappointing, embarrassing, in a time when we need leaders standing with ALL of our students. The principles of our strategic plan & policies are clearly lost. Show us better, please.</p>
Khalid	Mustafa	Parent/Guardian	<p>My child is Palestinian. I know everyone is trying to erase us. I know every institution is trying to cover for Israel's genocide against us. My son has lost countless family members so far. One board member on her private account has my the plight of my family known, and now her career is being threatened as is mine.</p>

			What we say in our private life should not affect our careers. Killing kids on purpose should not be normalized, but sadly this school board is ok with both taking away freedom of speech and normalizing the death of kids. S
Lora	Dee	Parent/Guardian	I feel disappointed and frustrated with the board decision to spend district funds to hire outside agencies to investigate one of our board members. This board member is entitled to free speech, in their personal capacity or on personal online platforms. Further, the content that she has been outspoken on is regarding the intentionally, reoccurring, RELENTLESS destruction of schools, hospitals, places of worship, and the senseless continued violence and killing of innocent children. This IS a genocide. It is NEVER wrong to speak against innocent children being slaughtered, especially from those of us who are entrusted to support children. Shame on this board for othering [REDACTED] for standing up for TRUTH. Shame on this board for using our limited funds on this witch hunt.
Molly	S	Parent/Guardian	Since I am unable to attend tonight I am writing to thank the school board members who voted to open an investigation into [REDACTED] social media usage. To me, her public posts clearly violate the school board's standard of conduct policy and create an environment that is unwelcoming to some students and families, despite the district's motto of "Belong, Believe, Achieve." Given the frequent reports of antisemitism experienced by students in the district, all adults, especially elected officials, should be modeling responsible online behavior and helping students to understand the importance of ALL students feeling like they belong. This starts by being able to distinguish hate speech from free speech.
Monther	Abusultan	Parent/Guardian	<p>Freedom of speech is a cornerstone of democratic societies, empowering individuals to express their thoughts without fear of suppression. However, when external investigations are leveraged as a means of intimidation, they can create a chilling effect, discouraging individuals from sharing their perspectives openly. This is the case with voting to use critical BSD funds to investigate [REDACTED] views and comments on her social media.</p> <p>Investigations, particularly when politically motivated, can serve as tools of suppression rather than instruments of justice. The mere threat of inquiry can pressure individuals into self-censorship, fearing repercussions for their views rather than engaging in constructive dialogue.</p> <p>Upholding freedom of speech requires vigilance against mechanisms that weaponize scrutiny, ensuring that open dialogue remains protected.</p>
Elizabeth	Graham	Other Community Member	<p>Dear School Board,</p> <p>I am a community member and a pastor. It is my understanding that McKinney-Vento is being asked to move out of their current strategically developed location to a corporate space within the district office. Should this move be required, I believe it will be detrimental to the McKinney-Vento program and the students in Beaverton School District. McKinney-Vento's current location allows them to be accessible,</p>

			<p>in close proximity to other BSD support services, responsive, well-equipped, and maintain appropriate client confidentiality, all of which are crucial for a significant and vulnerable population in our community.</p> <p>Please consider allowing the McKinney-Vento program to remain in their current location at 1260 NW Waterhouse Ave, Beaverton, OR, for the foreseeable future. The function they serve in their capacity at that location is instrumental to our community.</p>
Connie	H	Other Community Member	<p>I am appalled at the attacks and investigation into [REDACTED] social media post. [REDACTED] is allowed free speech as are we all. There is also the right to protest the genocide and share information regarding the genocide that is recognized by international courts as well as EVERY major human rights organization in the world. Our country uses our tax dollars to fund this genocide - every taxpayer most certainly has a right to speak out against the genocide of the Palestinian people which has been happening for almost 80 years!</p> <p>Democracy dies with our silence to speak out against human atrocities happening all over the globe. We should all be working on keeping the educational system in America viable as it is under attack to stifle the knowledge needed to keep the people of the planet moving forward and with the recognition of the plight of humans around the globe.</p> <p>Free speech is for all. All children deserve the right to grow and learn regardless of their location.</p>
Rachel	H	Staff Member	<p>Hi, I want to bring up a decision that was shared with all Para's Thursday morning. We were notified that Para's who are working as AAA's (Additional Adult Assistance) will be getting their hours cut, from 7 to 6.5 hours per day. The reason given was that "this aligns with the actual time students are in the building." Half an hour may not seem like a big deal but I believe this is not the right choice for a couple reasons: 1) At my school, Para's rotate working with students who require AAA's to avoid burnout & to avoid said students from becoming too dependent on one adult. This creates a healthier environment & encourages a more collaborative team approach. If we continue working this way next year, it doesn't make sense that the AAA Para gets paid for less time. 2) AAA Para's will miss out on valuable team meetings that happen before & after school. Those extra 30 minutes that are being taken away are an important time to discuss student behavior and classroom changes. Thank you.</p>