

Public comment

Nicole Norris

Wed 1/12/2022 4:46 PM

To: public comment <public.comment@springfield.k12.or.us>;

Hello SPS Board members,

I wanted to send a quick email to thank you for all your hard work that you have been doing in helping SPS schools, staff members, students, and community members. I really appreciate everything that you are doing/have been doing!

Thank you,

Nicole Norris
First Grade Teacher
SEA Building Representative
Guy Lee Elementary
(541) 744-6391 ext. 22255
Google Meet: Norris1st

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Praise for progress

Ryan Herlands

Wed 1/12/2022 5:12 PM

To: public comment <public.comment@springfield.k12.or.us>;

Good evening members of the School Board and SPS District Administrators,

Thank you for your work during these challenging times. I would like to share my appreciation for the growth and progress made since contentious interactions this fall. The listening sessions at each school with Dave Collins, stay interviews with Dustin Reese, impending school visits from our superintendent, and more regular, kind, and appreciative emails are positive steps towards repairing the damaged relationship with staff. I'm hopeful that this improved dialogue will lead to better results for all of us, and mostly our students. Thank you for re-engaging with us.

Sincerely,
Ryan Herlands

Ryan Herlands
Science teacher, SEA building rep, Environmental Club advisor
Thurston High School
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Jason P <ke7cwg@gmail.com>

Wed 1/19/2022 7:59 PM

To: public comment <public.comment@springfield.k12.or.us>;

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Tell me this is not going on in Springfield

Jason prophet



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WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Heather Holte <hholte4@icloud.com>

Mon 1/24/2022 8:05 AM

To: public comment <public.comment@springfield.k12.or.us>;

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Dear Board Members and SPS Admin,

This is taken directly from your bylaws:

F. Communication

1. Communicate openly and honestly.
2. Respect differences and listen well and for positive intent.

Respecting differences means to genuinely listen to someone else regardless if your beliefs, political side, or philosophy aren't in agreement with them. Communicate openly and freely means responding within 24 hours of an email when a parent/guardian reaches out (at least that is your expectation for us as teachers and coaches). This certainly isn't happening currently. Emails are ignored or responded to half heartedly.

Listening for positive intent means seeing the other side of the story even though you may not agree with it and meeting in the middle or compromising cause IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

Our differences make us stronger as a community. Our differences make us stronger in our schools. Unfortunately, all I see is our differences dividing us and making some callous, bitter and hard hearted. Our differences have been polarized so much that students aren't getting the education, school experience, or safety they deserve in a public education system. I teach and coach and can absolutely admit with the current decisions that were made on October 18th that we are failing our students, I have heard enough from parents and students to know this is true.

Great leadership listens to all and respects all, while leaving their personal agendas behind as DOING WHAT IS BEST FOR THE STUDENTS, should ALWAYS COME FIRST.

If you care about the students and the current crisis going on inside our schools, you will do the right thing which we all know is usually a hard thing and recognize the mistake made when accommodating over 100 staff on unpaid leave isn't WHAT IS BEST FOR THE STUDENTS. It was just more convenient for the adults in charge.

Cordially,
Heather Holte
SPED Teacher and High School
Coach accommodated with unpaid leave for the rest of the school year

Sent from my iPhone

Written Public Comment

Mike Schellenberg <mancsch@yahoo.com>

Wed 2/2/2022 2:37 PM

To: public comment <public.comment@springfield.k12.or.us>;

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To the members of the Springfield School District School Board,

Last fall when staff members were being placed on unpaid leave if they were not vaccinated, I asked why this decision was made and by whom. The response was that "based upon the recommendations and information from our public health authorities, the potential for increased, or on going intermittent disruption is greater in the long term". In other words, if we keep these staff it will cause too much disruption if they get or spread Covid. Well, let me just say that this plan has failed spectacularly. In the first 3 months of school my high school age daughter 'lost' 3 teachers to this ingenious plan. In one of her classes she had FOUR different teachers in those 3 months. I have lost track of how many different substitute teachers she has had in the month of January, many of whom knew nothing about the subject they were subbing for. So much for reducing the amount of disruption in the schools!

It is time for us to be adults and face the facts. We cannot stop Covid. Masks do not stop it. Vaccines do not stop it. Lockdowns don't stop it. Shutting down schools for over a year didn't stop it. At best we can slow down the inevitable. At worst we are doing more harm than good. Let's move on and do what is best for the STUDENTS and not what the unions, politicians and other 'stakeholders' want. Please bring back these staff members. They are not a greater risk than anyone else. I wish you could also remove the mask mandate, but that may be beyond your control.

Sincerely,
Andrea Schellenberg

Communication with Board from Public

Aloha Heart <heartaloha@gmail.com>

Mon 2/14/2022 8:31 AM

To: Todd Hamilton <todd.hamilton@springfield.k12.or.us>; Emilio Hernandez <emilio.hernandez@springfield.k12.or.us>; Jonathan Light <Jonathan.Light@springfield.k12.or.us>; Kelly Mason <kelly.mason@springfield.k12.or.us>; naomi.raven@springfield.k12 <naomi.raven@springfield.k12>; public comment <public.comment@springfield.k12.or.us>; Todd Mann <todd.mann@springfield.k12.or.us>;

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Thank you for providing interpreters for our community members who benefit from these services. As a community member, I feel the latest suggested regulations regarding having the Superintendent present when Community members need to express opinions and concerns, is unnecessary and limits our ability to easily express our concerns. This is a breach of public access to the Board Members we have elected. This is not a tolerable arrangement.

Carol Heart
Springfield Resident

Written Public Comment for Feb. 14, 2022

Jonathan Gault <jonathan.gault@oregoned.org>

Mon 2/14/2022 10:41 AM

To: public comment <public.comment@springfield.k12.or.us>;

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Good morning SPS School Board,

I am writing to highlight and celebrate the work being done across our school system. Those in classrooms, health rooms, cafeterias, playgrounds, warehouses, buses, and offices are giving so much to their work, often going beyond expectations, sacrificing their own time and other resources to make the most positive impact they can.

I want to share my pleasure with the networks of outreach and information-gathering we continue to see between leaders in the school district and those in our schools and programs, and the inherent benefits and results of this interaction - a greater sense of shared purpose and an increasing perception of partnership.

I am hopeful that continued collaboration with the extraordinary people dedicated to our Springfield community will persist in providing our students the best possible experience.

Sincerely,

Jonathan M. Gault
Springfield, OR

Written Public Comment

Jennifer Potter <jpotter583@gmail.com>

Mon 2/14/2022 7:10 AM

To: public comment <public.comment@springfield.k12.or.us>;

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Dear School Board Members,

Thank you so much for listening to the needs of our community and providing a Spanish interpreter at board meetings.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Potter
Springfield resident, Ward 3