

From: [Marion Malcolm](#)
To: [public comment](#)
Subject: Written public comment for 2/13/23 board meeting
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 9:39:15 PM

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Dear Members of the School Board and Superintendent Hamilton,

I am writing to express my hope that the Springfield School Board will adhere more closely to Oregon's public meetings law than you have in the past few months. I try to attend all the meetings virtually. It's been a frustrating experience, with technical glitches at the beginning of a couple of meetings, posting of the livestream for one meeting out of chronological order and, recently, a portion of a work session that was not audible to the listening audience, when board members were working in small groups.

I know that your board goals include engagement with district stakeholders and community members. When we care enough about Springfield students and educators to make the effort to attend board meetings, please make us feel welcome by embracing our public meetings "sunshine" law. Thank you!

Respectfully,
Marion Malcolm
Member of the SAfER Action Team

From: [Jennifer Potter](#)
To: [public comment](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment
Date: Sunday, February 12, 2023 8:12:23 PM

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Topic: Religious release time

I have heard that information about religious release opportunities is being sent out to SPS families by district staff in the "Peach Jar," a district publication. I know that religious release is fully legal in Oregon, but is it within the law to use public funds (via staff time for writing and distributing the "Peach Jar") to advertise a particular religious release opportunity? Does that imply that SPS is endorsing a particular religion?

I'm not a lawyer, but as a Springfield citizen and tax-payer, I wonder if you have consulted your legal team about this?

Sincerely,
Jennifer Potter
Springfield resident, Ward 3
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From: [Danielle Smith](#)
To: [public comment](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment
Date: Monday, February 13, 2023 8:17:05 AM

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Springfield School Board,

First, thank you for your service to our students, families, staff, and community. I am an employee of the District, will have two students attending schools in the District this fall, went to school in this District from Kindergarten through my Senior high school year, and am the daughter of a retired District employee. These are all reasons why I write to you today.

Late in 2022, my mother, a Kindergarten teacher retired from Mt. Vernon, was diagnosed with liver cancer. By the grace of God, her proactive doctors caught it before she experienced symptoms. Also by the grace of God, her attentive and talented doctors were able to perform surgery and remove the mass, as well as 60% of her liver. Unfortunately, she will need to be monitored for the rest of her life, as it is very likely the cancer will return.

My mother, as I know you are well aware, is not the only retired or current employee, or even student, who has been diagnosed with cancer or other auto-immune diseases after working at the newest Mt. Vernon building. To have so much disease in a single building seems very suspicious.

I am humbly asking you to do your due diligence to ensure the students, staff, administrators, and community do not acquire diseases as a result of being in Mt. Vernon Elementary. Will you please investigate to make sure the building is a safe and healthy place for our loved ones to work, play, and gather at?

Thank you again for your service, your consideration, and how I expect you will follow through.

Sincerely,
Danielle Smith
Mother of a 5th grader, and Kinder (in the fall)
Third grade SPS teacher
Thurston Graduate

From: [Michael Zhang](#)
To: [public comment](#)
Subject: Bring AI Education To Springfield School District 19 With a Stanford-Led Team!
Date: Thursday, February 9, 2023 3:45:54 PM

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Hi Naomi,

I hope this email finds you well! **I am writing to encourage you to consider establishing an AI Summer School at Springfield School District 19!** For all the details of the AI Summer School, please view [this beautiful presentation](#).

AI is rapidly becoming a fundamental part of our daily lives, and it is essential for our students to learn about the technology and its potential. **By providing an AI Summer School, you will be giving your students the opportunity to gain valuable skills and knowledge in a field that is rapidly growing and in high demand.**

I would like to introduce you to our organization, AI Camp. AI Camp is established by a team from Stanford, and we are #1 in AI education for middle and high school students. Our students make real AI products people can use, and the best of them get internships at top companies (such as Notable Health, which has raised 120M dollars). For them, learning at AI Camp has fundamentally changed their lives for the better.

I would like to schedule a meeting with you to discuss further how AI Camp can help you establish an AI Summer School at Springfield School District 19. We also can train your own teams to teach AI at your schools. Please let me know a date and time that works for you, or you can directly book me using [this calendar link](#).

Finally, the idea for AI Summer School originated from discussions I have had with 30+ school district leaderships around the country in the past two months. **We have very limited instructor capacity - so please book a meeting with me as soon as you can for your districts to offer AI courses to your students.**

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Best Regards,

Michael

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