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To all board members and Trustees,

I am representing myself only. I usually write my speeches of which I give many. I am more comfortable putting pen to paper.

As a long time member of the media (CFRA, newspaper stories on Quebec Referendum etc), I know how the media influences positive or negative.

I was told months ago that I would be speaking on June 23, time to be decided. Suddenly two days before the week-end (Thursday) I was informed I would not be on the agenda. How unfair. Why? Am I too "hot to handle"? Perhaps trustees do not want to hear what I have to say or even listen to my questions.

As a parent of a former Resident of SRB I absolutely have a stake in what's going on in our schools.

I am now going to raise a number of key issues and questions. I had a meeting with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] months ago and raised some of these questions and issues. She agreed with me on some of my concerns.

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Here are some of my concerns in point form:

- I. Jewish students are not comfortable attending school. Since the Israel-Hamas war they are made to feel unwelcome and must face slurs because they are Jewish. Comments like "Hitler should have killed you all", swastika found by a student in class and many other "incidents" have not made for a comfortable space for Jewish students to attend school. Some students go as far as concealing a "Star of David" or other Jewish symbol on their person. What a shame in 2025!

Some concerns and comments.

- II. Data collection on incidents against Jewish students is terrible. Thus the tracking

system is not working. In 2023 only a few incidents were reported. Only two? Impossible. Human Rights and Equity are not doing the job.

- III. Perhaps school principals are not reporting incidents as they occur. On June 18 2024 on page A-9 Pe'er Krut pens an article titled "No Safety for Jewish Students". Here is what he said: "With Jews representing a hugely disproportionate number of hate crime victims across Canada, publicly funded schools have a DUTY and Responsibility to focus attention on promoting tolerance and inclusivity. They should not be using their resources to promote misleading accounts of Israel-Hamas War." (National Post)

## Comments and suggestions

- I. There should be a system to correctly train experts who comprehend anti-semitism. There is an international definition (IHRA) of what antisemitism is.
- II. There should be a study of the present curriculum in history and civics (politics) where experts examine the history of the Middle East in an historical and objective manner without misinformation. The truth is that teachers should stay on track in their various disciplines such as Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry etc etc and should not pontificate on matters outside their discipline. Another quotation "Platforming one sided and misleading propaganda and disguising it as education only serves to silence dissent and opposition thereby exacerbating anti semitism."

## Recent disturbing events

- I. [REDACTED]
- II. [REDACTED]
- III. A number of years ago an Israeli flag was set on fire in a school cafeteria. Any consequences?
- IV. Underreported incidents such as "Heil Hitler" during a soccer match. The staff member "didn't see it". There are many students who are co opting the whole Israel-Hamas War to the detriment of the Jewish students.

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This conflict the school board should accept is that this is not about Israel-Hamas but about asking a group of students (Jewish) to suppress their identity out of fear of retaliation. The

Board must come to terms with the following:

All students should feel comfortable expressing their identity. Many Jewish students do not!!

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