

Citizens Comments to the Board

- Public comments can be submitted in writing before the meeting, or given in-person during the meeting. For written public comment, please complete this form and email your comments to the board secretary, Sarah Avery, at avery4@gresham.k12.or.us by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. For in-person public comment, complete and submit this form to the board secretary prior to 7:00 p.m. in order to speak at this meeting. The chair will call people in the order forms are submitted.
- The Board Chair may require that a proposal, inquiry or request be submitted in writing, and reserves the right to refer the matter to the administration for action or study.
- Speakers and/or written comments may offer criticism of school operations and programs; however, the board will not review personal complaints concerning school personnel or against any person connected with the school system. If there is a legitimate complaint involving individuals, the chair will direct them to the appropriate means for board consideration and disposition.
- Your input is valuable to the Board; however, the chair may limit the time for your comments (3 minutes per guest/15 minutes total). If you wish to provide a written statement, space has been provided on the back of this form.
- Please make sure to include your name for the record, whether you are a resident of the district, and the name of the group or organization you are representing, if applicable.
- Only one spokesperson should be designated to represent a group with a common purpose.
- Questions asked by the public will be referred to the superintendent and/or the appropriate staff member for response at a later time.
- The board's regular business meetings are digitally recorded. They are no longer televised on cable access, but can be live streamed for virtual attendance through Zoom, on the district website, or on the district's YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/@gresham-barlowschooldistri5482>

This is an opportunity for the board to listen and learn from the community. Board members are not able to respond to public comments during the meeting, but appreciate hearing your input. The board sincerely appreciates your interest in the Gresham-Barlow School District and thanks you for attending this meeting.

Name: *

Amie Reiterman

Phone: *

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Email: *

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District Resident? *

Yes

No

How would you like to provide your comments to the board? - *please select one option below* *

Submit written comment only

Speak in person at meeting

Speak virtually at meeting

Group / Organization: *

Concerned Educational Assistant
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Topic: *

Budget cuts
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Please list your comments in the space provided.

As members of the Board I think it's important that you know where every dollar is being spent and really take the time to consider if each expense is truly important in educating our students. I am wondering if you are taking notice of all the comments about the impact of reducing music in the elementary schools will have? Are you aware that some people from the district have come up with a way to have half-time music teachers in the elementary schools, and after presenting it to the Superintendent, came away feeling unheard. The idea was quickly dismissed, instead of thoroughly looked at and considered? This is not the type of leadership that has students best interests in mind. I work in one of the elementary schools and the biggest waste of money I see is providing iPads and computers for each individual Kindergartener and First grader. Technology may be important for older students, but at this age they don't need technology. Additionally, the I-ready program they use for reading and math doesn't always reflect what the students know. Couldn't money spent on supplying and replacing technology be better spent elsewhere? Primary students don't need this technology at school. They really need more art and music. Please listen to the community on this issue. Thank you.

Please select an option below if you would like to have someone contact you regarding the topic described above. *

- I would like to have someone contact me regarding my questions / concerns.
- I would just like to submit my written comments and do not need someone to contact me.

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