

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: *

Mitzi Eason

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: *

Powell Valley Elementary
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Topic: *

Concerns for Powell Valley Elementary
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Please list your comments in the space provided.

Dear School Board Members,

I am writing to request board awareness of a documented pattern of concerns involving student safety, staff communication, scheduling, equity, and follow-through on support needs at Powell Valley Elementary. These are ongoing issues that have affected both student safety and staff working conditions.

A number of employees have documented a pattern of more than 300 incidents involving student safety, staff communication, scheduling, equity, and consistency in support. Certified staff, classified staff, parents, Parent Teacher club and bus drivers have all reported concerns and social media blasts the school. If Facebook is correct - you have been notified of some of these. While I am not including every detail in this message, the overall record reflects repeated concerns that deserve review and attention.

According to the District Values, "our high calling is to the safety and educational development of ALL our students. With that principal and enduring consideration, we carefully manage every resource of people, time, facilities, and finance. No circumstance absolves us from the privilege and responsibility of educating our students." I want to emphasize that I am approaching this in good faith and with respect for the district's responsibility to support students and staff.

I would be happy to provide additional detail regarding the documented incidents, if the board would like to review them further.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your commitment to creating a safe, professional, and supportive school environment.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Eason

Special Education Assistant

Powell Valley Elementary

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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