

## Summary of Public Comments

11/10/2021

Below is a summary of comments that were received through our Public Comment form specific to the November 9 board meeting as of 4:00 p.m. on 11/08/21. A total of 9 comments were received regarding the following topics:

- **Native American Proclamation**
- **OSBA Nominations**
- **School Violence**
- **Proclamation of Parental Rights**
- **Virtual Board Meetings**
- **Racism**

### Native American Proclamation

- All writers were in support of this. One writer, while in support, is concerned about the statement “the need to unlearn Columbus Day myths and teach truths.” Writer believes it is important to teach about Columbus and not eliminate it as all history remains important, regardless of how awful it is.

### OSBA Nominations

- Writer is concerned the members that are being nominated use the term “equity,” but believes this is a misleading term.
- Writer believes Director Hinojos Pressey and Vice-Chair Carson Cottingham would be great representatives for our district.

### School Violence

- Writers are concerned about the uptick in school violence. One writer is concerned about the board chair being dismissive of the number of occurrences. There is a need for facts and objective data. Writers want to know what is being done to turn this around.

### Proclamation of Parental Rights

- All writers support this. Parents need to be respected and heard and this would be a statement of healing across the district and community. The school board needs to recognize that parents should be able to ask questions.

### Virtual School Board Meetings

- All writers support virtual meetings. A hostile/violent atmosphere is not productive and is dangerous.

### Racism

- Writer wants to know how racism is being addressed in the classroom. How are students and staff that engage in racism being discipline? Need to send the message that racism will not be tolerated.