

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 3:15 PM EDT

To: Victoria Greer <vgreer@cpsd.us>

CC: [REDACTED]

Subject: re: Israel -hamas War

Dear Superintendent Greer

My name is [REDACTED], and I am one of the ESL teachers at Vassal Lane Upper School (VLUS). I am writing to express my deep disappointment regarding your latest email concerning the recent violence between Israel and Gaza. As an educator, I have been trained to teach students critical thinking, objectivity, justice, and compassion. But, now the principles and values that I believe an educator should adhere to are undermined by your statements. In that email, you stated that you were, "made aware of a non-specific social media threat of violence against Jewish communities." And since, yesterday several concerned community members approached me regarding the incident that targeted and bullied Harvard University students. I will not go into details about the incident as I believe it has been brought to your attention. This is the only specific incident that we are aware of as employees in Cambridge. But, unfortunately, it was not acknowledged, although it affected students in Cambridge some of whom graduated from Cambridge Public Schools.

This email is not asking to ignore the suffering of Israelis and it in no way condones violence perpetrated on civilians. However, your email has explicitly presented a one-sided perspective showing solidarity and concern only for Israel with no acknowledgment of the ongoing occupation of Palestine. This is an unbalanced and biased stance that can negatively impact the numerous students within the district who identify as Muslim, Palestinian, Arab, or Jewish.

I believe we deserve a balanced view that ensures a welcoming and safe environment for all diverse students.

Sincerely,

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