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Subject: Fw: October 7th Walkout

FYI

Sounds like a non school club put up a poster at the clubs fair last year. Nobody brought this to my attention until now so just looping you in as an fyi so you can keep an eye out at future events.

Thanks-

Erin

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From: Connolly, Erin <ConnollyE@issaquah.wednet.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 5:22 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@live.com>
Subject: RE: October 7th Walkout

Hi [REDACTED]

I was unaware of the ISL presence at the club fair but will be sure to make sure our new Activity Coordinator is aware as well for future events.

I also appreciate you reaching out about the walkout. ISL is not an Issaquah High School club, but I've received a number of emails in the last 24 hours about it and will be sending out information to families tomorrow.

Thank you again for reaching out.

Erin

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@live.com>
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 9:36 PM
To: Connolly, Erin <ConnollyE@issaquah.wednet.edu>
Subject: Fw: October 7th Walkout

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Hi Erin,

Tonight I learned that the Issaquah Students' League (ISL) is planning a walkout on October 7th. I've attached two ISL Instagram posts advertising this walkout.

As the school district is aware, ISL takes marching orders from the national Students for Justice in Palestine organization. This organization is linked to terrorist groups and funding. Last year, this group disseminated anti-Israel propaganda through the Care Club at IHS. Somehow, they were allowed to participate in last year's student club fair at IHS, and one of their listed missions was, "Radicalize youth." Please see the attached photo of their red poster, with this text on the right side.

ISL's planned October 7th walkout is problematic for multiple reasons, and I'm reaching out to ask for your help in stopping it, or at least forcing ISL to reschedule it. My concerns are below:

1. October 7th is the date that Hamas attacked and brutally raped and murdered 1,200 Israeli citizens last year. Holding a walkout on this date is essentially celebrating terrorism and functions as harassment of Jewish and Israeli students at IHS.

On October 7, there was no harm done to Palestinians. The only reason for ISL's walkout is to celebrate the horrors inflicted on Israel during that day, to further radicalize IHS students, and to inflict pain on the Jewish and Israeli communities. Would IHS tolerate a pro-ISIS, pro-Osama Bin Laden walkout on September 11? Will ISD tolerate this type of psychological violence against its students on October 7th?

2. Universities around the country, even in this heightened protest environment, have also pushed back and prevented SJP

organizations from protesting on October 7th. October 7 is a day of mourning, and it should be respected as such. Any student organization that sees it as a day of celebration is morally problematic. If ISL wishes to protest for Palestine, there are 364 other days during the year to do so. October 7 is being weaponized, and this should not be allowed to occur.

3. ISL is not a student organization at IHS. Because of this, ISL should not be allowed to host an event - even a walkout - on school grounds. They should not be allowed at the school door, and the walkout should not be on school district grounds. If these radicalized kids want to do this, they need to do it someplace else. IHS and the school district needs to make it clear that hatred has no place at our school.

ISL's planned Oct 7 walkout is abhorrent, and should not be allowed to occur. At a minimum, they should be forced to reschedule. Planning a "Walkout for Palestine" on October 7th crosses the line from Free Speech to Hate Speech. Please let me know what else I can do to help prevent this event from occurring on October 7th at IHS/IMS.

Thank you,

