

# Public Comments for School Board Meetings

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Lack of communications regarding status of Jefferson Houston administration

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Dear Members of the School Board and Dr. Kay-Wyatt,

I'm writing to request a communications update from ACPS with regards to the administrative action taken against Jefferson Houston administrators four weeks ago. In the intervening four weeks, the JH community has not received any additional communication about the status of our administration, despite a multitude of emails and public requests from parents for information and the reinstatement of our administrators.

It has become increasingly clear in that time that, despite the implications contained in the initial email to the JH community, a significant portion of the responsibility for the incident at the school lies at the district level through a series of logistical and resourcing decisions over the past decade. Yet, there has been no further information shared with the community about what actions will be taken to truly remedy the underlying reasons why a child with special needs was able to leave school premises. I hope an investigation has been started to identify the needed changes at the district level to ensure all children at JH are in a safe learning environment, regardless of their individual needs.

In the meantime, those of us with children at JH deserve to know the status of our administration, especially as we finish up the year and look towards next year and the future. In last week's middle school study community meeting, in a response to a question about equity, Dr Finney reassured parents that the decision regarding JH PreK-8 status would be made in deep partnership with school administration. How will

this be possible when two of our key administrators, both of whom are the longest standing administrators serving at JH, are on administrative leave with no firm answers about if or when they will be reinstated. With the middle school study taking place over the summer, the lack of communication and absence of cohesive and consistent leadership once again puts the students and families of JH at a significant disadvantage.

We deserve better.

Regards,

Alison Leithner

5th grade parent

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