

# Public Comments for School Board Meetings

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I would like to provide: \*

Written Public Comments

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My public comments are related to: \*

Safety/Security

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Topic \*

Jefferson Houston PreK incident

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Full Name \*

Ashley Buscetta

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What is your relationship to ACPS? \*

Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student

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**Written Public Comments by Ashley Buscetta**  
**April 25, 2024 School Board Meeting**

Attn: ACPS School Board

Regarding the incident that occurred on March 19, 2024 in the Early Childhood Program at Jefferson-Houston, I am requesting **clear, transparent, and honest information** from Jefferson-Houston AND ACPS Central office on several aspects of the incident:

1. The JH community would benefit from knowing what is being done to ensure children cannot leave school property unauthorized.
2. The oversight and administration of the Early Childhood Program should be re-evaluated, including on-site responsibilities of staff who are employed by the host school.
3. More details on the timeline of the investigation. The incident occurred on March 19 and the wider JH community was notified on April 9 through Dr Kay-Wyatt's message that employees were placed on administrative leave. There has been ZERO communication since April 9 to follow up.
4. There are employees on administrative leave who do not seem to have any obvious relationship or association with the Early Childhood program and/or this March 19<sup>th</sup> incident. Why?

This incident was scary and thankfully ended with a safe outcome for the child and family directly involved. From the little information that I know, it appears the situation has been grossly mishandled. I reached out directly to ACPS Central Office and received a generic email back from Dr Kay-Wyatt which did not address any of my questions in my email.

I work in healthcare so when a sentinel event occurs in the hospital, we host rounds to review the event in a way that protects and anonymizes the involved parties. We are able to talk about what happened and the changes that will be implemented to prevent it from happening in the future. I encourage ACPS to begin to review incidents like this in a democratic and equitable manner that provides reasonable rationale for decision-making and ultimately fosters public trust in school officials and builds community.

Thank you for your time in reading my comments.

Respectfully,

Ashley Buscetta

Parent at Jefferson-Houston