

# Public Comments for School Board Meetings

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Crime in schools

Full Name \*

Molly Kaiman

What is your relationship to ACPS? \*

Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student

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My name is Molly and I have been screaming about the lack of safety in our upper schools, since September 2021. I have been called an alarmist who spreads false information about the safety inside our middle and high schools. I've had parents who have told me that they'd rather not know what goes on inside the campuses. Not only do some parents not want us to know that safety and security is so bad in our schools, our school board and superintendent don't even want to let us in on it.

I spoke with a parent yesterday who said her junior has never used the toilet inside Minnie Howard or ACHS main campus, because she is fearful. Wow, our children can't even use the bathroom during the school day. Today a former school monitor called "that place a ticking time bomb". I've spoken to parents whose children have been attacked and parents whose children know what marijuana smells like, because it is smoked in the bathrooms at Minnie Howard and ACHS, often. I've also spoken to others who suspect that guns are brought into our schools by students who feel they need it for protection. Protection INSIDE our schools. Wow!

Our schools have failed at educating black and brown kids (look at the test scores that keep declining) and our schools have failed at the basic level of providing a safe learning space for all.

Most of all, our schools have failed at communicating with parents, teachers, and students! We get notices about a BB gun, COVID cases within a 500 foot radius, TikTok videos, but

we hear zip about a possible sexual assault. This is outrageous!

I immediately call for the resignation of Dr Hutchings, the school board members who were present and chose not to communicate a possible sexual assault with parents, students, and teachers. I also call for a plan to be transparent with the true stakeholders immediately. I also call for more than one parent on this proposed SLEP advisory committee. And finally, I call for Grassroots Alexandria, TAWU, Council members Aguirre and Chapman, to butt out and mind their own business.

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