



October 10, 2022

Dear Mr. McKinney,

I am writing on behalf of the Cherry Creek Parent Advocacy Network (CCPAN). We understand that you serve as the Co-Chair for the District Accountability Committee. Thank you for dedicating your time to serve. As you may know, CCPAN was founded on principles of collaboration amongst parents, stakeholders and educators. As our vision statement indicates, it is our hope that we can work together to restore a rigorous, non-political, safe and joyful educational experience for students. We acknowledge that this is best achieved through a culture of accountability for academic excellence, accessibility to school choice, partnerships with families, and curricula transparency.

We also understand you attended a Board of Education meeting on September 12, 2022 at Campus Middle School in which you publicly stated that you had been accosted, followed to your car after Board meetings, needed security against threats, and that your family and neighbors were scared for your safety. We agree with you that those things should never be tolerated in our society. Our mission statement first indicates that it is our goal to, ensure institutional practices allow for safe and equal opportunity, freedom of speech, and an age-appropriate, balanced curriculum that is absent of political agendas guaranteeing the opportunity for all students to be supported on their individual pathways. Our mission statement further affirms that we are committed to ensuring district transparency, accountability, partnerships with families and that curricula are guided by academic excellence and aligned with non-political, common-sense values.

During your statements at the September 12 Board of Education meeting, you mentioned CCPAN by name and indicated that CCPAN had made you a “target” and were attempting to intimidate you. It is based on those comments that we are writing. CCPAN’s explicit mission is

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to cooperate to ensure the best for students and their families, working in collaboration with educators and administrators. We are alarmed to hear that you feel as though CCPAN has in any way made threats against you. To that end, we invite you to cooperate with us in a collaborative attempt to stop any such threats or intimidation.

We would appreciate an opportunity to investigate these allegations in an effort to correct any inappropriate actions by any CCPAN representative. At your earliest opportunity, please provide us with any names, dates, or details regarding any such inappropriate actions, including any threats or intimidation attempts. We pledge to investigate any information you can provide, and we will make this information available through our website in an attempt to foster transparency.

Also, during the September 12 Board meeting, I invited you to subscribe to the CCPAN website, which I understand you chose to forego. If you change your mind, please let me know. Again, it is our goal to work cooperatively and collaboratively for the benefit of all students, families, stakeholders and educators. God bless.

Sincerely,



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