

Dear Interim Supt. Cox and Minneapolis Public Schools Board Members:

This is a remarkably difficult time to be Jewish, but it is especially hard to be a Jewish teacher, student, or the parent of a Jewish child given the tremendous surge of antisemitism in our schools. For over a month, Jewish children in Minnesota have been bullied, gaslit, harassed, threatened, and even assaulted simply because they are Jewish.

As MPS parents, students, staff, alumni, and taxpayers, we are shocked and outraged by the “Israel-Palestine Resolution” as posted on Tuesday, November 14 by the Minneapolis Federations of Teachers and Education Support Professionals (MFT). We are outraged because the resolution:

1. Refuses to condemn the brutal, devastating attack by Hamas which included the murder, torture, rape, and desecration of 1200 innocent people, the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust;
2. Fails to demand the immediate release of the 240 hostages, including 30 children, who were kidnapped by Hamas and for whom their loved ones have no idea if they are still alive;
3. Endorses the BDS movement, which like Hamas openly calls for the elimination of Israel;
4. Demonizes Jews by placing sole blame for the conflict on Israel and uses highly inaccurate language to denigrate Israel, a multi-ethnic, multi-religious democracy; and
5. Ignores the fact that Israel is central to the identity of the vast majority of Jews, or that most Jews have personal connections to Israelis who have been murdered, kidnapped, or displaced, and are all openly being threatened with annihilation.

In short, MFT’s resolution is antisemitic and hostile to our children, MPS staff, and puts our larger community at further risk because of their Jewish identity.

We have supported our educators, but now MFT has betrayed our kids by fueling antisemitism. School should be a place where our children feel safe and nurtured – not at risk of bullying, harassment and potentially violence by those encouraged by simplistic messaging coming, from all places, their teachers. We are disappointed, scared, and expect more.

While we realize the MFT is a separate entity from Minneapolis Public Schools, this betrayal endangers our children, whom we entrust in your care every day. We acknowledge nothing MFT says or does will have any impact on the conflict between Israel and Hamas, yet it is already having a devastating impact on our families here in Minneapolis.

We expect that our children’s physical, mental, and emotional safety during this tumultuous time is a priority for Minneapolis Public Schools.

Accordingly, as parents, teachers, and others with a stake in the future of our schools, *we demand* that Minneapolis Public Schools publicly distance itself from the antisemitic and hostile MFT resolution, as well as invite the [Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas \(JCRC\)](#), the consensus public affairs voice for our community, to lead a district-wide conversation with MPS leadership, school administrators, and educators about Jewish Identity and Antisemitism.

Finally, in response to the escalating threats of violence and violence against our kids in Minnesota schools, MPS must communicate to all MPS employees, families, and stakeholders that our schools will remain free of this dangerous rhetoric which dehumanizes our Jewish children.

Sincerely,

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