

From: [Keith Smith](#) on behalf of [Keith Smith <smithk382@edmonds.wednet.edu>](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Incident at MDHS Homecoming Game Last Night
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 12:20:02 AM

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

I am writing on behalf of myself and myself alone. I do not intend to reflect the board in my remarks.

It has been brought to my attention that it is possible my comments at tonight's board meeting could have negative consequences for you and/or your child. Specifically, by my mentioning that there was an incident involving a trans student at the stadium, it could bring attention to you or your child. Before I say what I want to say, I should let you know that I am a firm believer in not accepting apologies. Instead I give grace and ask that a person does better. In other words, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."

Firstly, I sincerely never intended to draw attention specifically to your family. Instead, I have grown too tired of hearing thinly veiled hatred. I can keep my head down only until I know that our children are facing actual harm. As such I couldn't sit silently any longer. I assumed, potentially incorrectly, that parts of our community were feeling emboldened to commit acts of hate, and I needed to try to stop that. I feared that my silence was going to continue to allow these actions to occur.

What you should know is that I will never stop fighting to keep all of our kids safe, including your own. It is something that I am willing to stake my personal, professional, and political futures on. If that means that I have blow back, so be it. If that means I face challenges and whatever else this group wants to throw at me, that's fine. But in the future I will do better and make sure that I leave other people's stories for them to tell.

If you would like to communicate further with me on this I am happy to listen to any concerns you may have. And again, I sincerely hope that there is no negative attention from this for you, or your family.

Thank you,

Keith Smith
Edmonds School District Director #2
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On Sat, Oct 21, 2023, 8:39 AM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hello,

I wanted to make sure that you all were aware of an incident that happened at the Meadowdale High School Homecoming game last night. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] when there was an incident in the women's restroom. [REDACTED] tried to go to the bathroom but reported that there was a woman standing outside guarding the bathroom. When [REDACTED] tried to enter, she was stopped and asked if she saw the

sign. [REDACTED] thought she was referring to the sign that said only 2 student could enter at a time. There wasn't anyone in the bathroom, so [REDACTED] replied yes and attempted to enter again. The woman stopped her again and pointed to the women's sign and repeatedly asked her if she was a woman. [REDACTED] replied yes multiple times to which the woman replied, "Are you sure?"

[REDACTED] did finally go into the restroom, but would not use it again after the incident. She thought maybe the woman had been placed there because of the fights that had occurred during assemblies at school earlier in the week, but I feel like she decided to make herself a "bathroom monitor" without knowledge or consent of the school district. [REDACTED] said she did see the woman later when she came out talking to security.

I wanted you all to know because I need to feel that my child is safe when attending a school function. She has already been prone to panic attacks at school because people feel comfortable around her [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] But this year, she finally has a core group of friends that she is comfortable around and has been more social. I don't want to see [REDACTED] ruined by transphobic people that don't understand the stress and damage they are doing to our trans population. I can't even watch the school board meetings anymore because of the group of people that come to EVERY school board meeting to complain about the LGBTQ+ community. Edmonds should be a safe place for everyone.

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

I want give you a heads up that I'm being pressured to give a public apology for using a swear word during my comments. I want to let both you and your daughter know that I'm not sorry for anything that I said and I find it incredibly outrageous that the members of the public who can't stand to hear the word "fuck" are totally OK with veiled hate speech every week. I have received way more emails on that than anything else in my 2 years.

You both should know that you will always have an ally in me as long as I am on the board.

Please let me know if you ever need anything else.

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On Wed, Oct 25, 2023, 6:59 AM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Keith,

Thank you so much for your email. I did not watch the School Meeting last night because [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. To be honest, I had to stop watching School Board Meetings some time ago because of the anti-LGBTQ+ groups comments. Every time I watched their comments, I would want to throw something at the TV and my blood pressure would go through the roof. I already have to deal with people [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I couldn't deal with it in my off time. However, my daughter and I did go back and watch your comments this morning. Thank you for standing up and supporting ALL of our kids. I thought the "bathroom monitor" had to be a person from the group and was shocked and blown away to find out from Greg Scwab that it was actually someone connected to the district that was being hateful. Greg did let me know that HR would be working to give the event staff at the stadium the training they need in order to follow board policy, so for that I am happy. I don't blame you for thinking it was this hateful group as that was my gut reaction too when my daughter texted me from the game to let me know what had happened. I don't think there will be any blow back on my family, but if there is, I will meet it head on as I always have when fighting for the rights of my kids [REDACTED]. My daughter has not had an easy time here in our district which just crushes me. Even before [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I will continue to fight for my child to be in a safe

place. I thank you for your work to continually push back against this hateful group, even if they are not the ones to blame for this most recent incident. After everything my daughter has been through, I think it's worse that this most recent incident was from the school district and not a hateful group of kids or the anti-LGBTQ+ group.

[REDACTED]

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