

**BOARD MEETING INQUIRIES**  
**October 30, 2023 Special Meeting**

NAME	SUBJECT	CONCERN/ISSUE	RESPONSE
Greta Mills	School 10	What is the district’s policy for inputting student behavior in Infinite Campus? Infinite Campus has a behavior module that we are not using.	<p>Cozart:</p> <p>The district does not have a policy for inputting student behavior into infinite campus. Principals were instructed to input student behavior and resolutions into the infinite campus behavior module. This provides all staff members with an opportunity to view a students inappropriate behavior incidents</p>
Safa And	Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	<p>-Regarding the statement issued by the superintendent, concerned that there is no mention of “Palestine”; feels it does not represent the reality of what is occurring.</p> <p>-The statement mentions that there are services available to the staff and students; what are the services and how can they be accessed?</p>	<p>N. Badawy:</p> <p>-Paterson Public Schools is an educational institution with no political stand. Our focus is to provide a safe and supportive environment for the whole school community. It is our responsibility to ensure that everyone, regardless of background or beliefs, has the opportunity to learn and thrive in an environment that promotes respect and acceptance.</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-The superintendent issued a statement of support to the Paterson Public Schools community including some strategies of support that were already available and being provided to the community.</li><li>-Our schools Guidance &amp; Counseling services extend responsive support and services to our students and their families. School Counselors, Student Assistance Coordinators and the Social Emotional Learning Team (Interventionists and Instructional Specialists) provide support including crisis management, and counseling (individual and small support/ healing group).</li><li>-A new tab was created on the district website called "The Healing Hub" which includes a large base of support resources for both students and adults. The link includes a Request for Support form accessible to anyone who is seeking assistance for themselves or for a friend.</li><li>-Grief Sensitivity Workshop conducted for supporting</li></ul>
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			<p>grieving students and families. Cohort 1 is complete and it included staff members from 7 different schools. Cohort 2 is being scheduled to include more schools.</p> <p>-We have 11 full service community schools which offer behavioral health services as well as health clinics. The FSCS Health Center is currently developing a video podcast on the topic of conflict and trauma to assist students and families with SEL strategies to speak with children about war and the impact of conflict and traumatic events. They are currently scheduling a live session/ conversation regarding the Palestine/Israel Conflict. They will also be hosting community healing circles. Schedule will be posted as soon as finalized.</p> <p>-The district will be reestablishing the call center which we had during the health related school closure for those who are seeking assistance.</p> <p>-Paterson Public Schools crisis protocols and gaggle</p>
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