

We, the undersigned residents of the City of East Providence, call on the East Providence School Committee to allow public comment and questions at School Committee meetings. We believe that the School Committee's pending actions to restrict East Providence residents from making comments and asking questions at School Committee meetings to be a violation of our First Amendment rights. We support an honest and open School Committee, where residents attending meetings can comment and ask questions of their elected officials in a nonrestrictive environment. We demand the School Committee revoke any policies that restrict public comment or questioning at School Committee Meetings and we oppose any change or pending changes to the language contained in the *East Providence School Committee's Bylaws* prior to November 4, 2008, regarding public comment and questioning.

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