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BERKELEY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY WATCH

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BHCW is an online cooperative intended to inform Berkeley Heights Residents on issues connected to local government. We provide information and advocacy. We hope to put out a summary of our social media, TAPInto and website updates in a condensed, easy to read periodical. Newsletters will be made available on the following platforms.

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BHCW RESPONDS TO DR. VARLEY'S CHARACTERIZATION OF PARENT CONCERNS

Continuing a condescending, provocative approach that started during her shortened tenure at Florham Park and has continued during her time in Berkeley Heights, Dr. Varley referred to parents with evidenced concerns surrounding her mismanagement of the District as "angry".

Parents responded by taking to our site. Here is one of many posts written after her comments during the 06/16/2022 BOE Meeting:

<https://bit.ly/3n1fapO>

A WRITTEN RECORD OF THE 2022 BUDGET CONTROVERSY

The 2022 Berkeley Heights School Budget process was marked by secrecy, anger and unprofessional behavior on the part of several BOE members and attempts on the part of the Superintendent to remove articles from TAPInto.

<https://bit.ly/3Nbz2ll>

BERKELEY HEIGHTS RESIDENTS RESPOND TO POLITICIZATION OF ETHICS COMPLAINTS

During the 05/26/2022 Meeting, the Berkeley Heights BOE made an improper motion to smear Ms. Akiri with an ethics complaint (<https://bit.ly/3QuM67u>) to influence her potential re-election bid.

Despite there being no agenda, parents showed up in force on 06/09/2022 to express their opposition to what many feel was a politically motivated, unethical and illegal motion that continues to line the pockets of the firm that has already pulled thousands of dollars out of our classrooms <https://bit.ly/3ObB7OY>

During the 06/16/2022 Meeting the BOE doubled down and voted to proceed. Again, parents responded <https://bit.ly/3N5DcKN>

DR. FOREGGER AND MS. AKIRI LEAD EFFORT TO PUT DEI INTO PRACTICE

Pamela Stanley and five other BOE Members pushed back on Dr. Foregger's and Ms. Akiri's efforts to align the District's Substance Use Policy with Evidence and Best Practice.

<https://bit.ly/3QwKcDd>

A TRACK RECORD OF BULLYING AND CENSORSHIP

The Berkley Heights BOE is moving forward with a Social Media policy that seeks to muzzle BOE Members from communicating with the public
(<https://bit.ly/3b7X02P>)

This is one in a long line of actions taken by the BOE to minimize family and student influence, a history of which was documented in a TAPInto Article from a BHCW Contributor
<https://bit.ly/3tKoq5q>

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