
From: Abbygail Nerger
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 10:25 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment

Hello again.

I may have been a bit too satirical in my last letter, so may I be so straightforward to say that the district needs to fund security for older schools such as Reed High School.

I am disappointed to hear that the bathrooms at Reed high school have become closed yet again. Although this is the action of the school administrative staff, it is a necessary action due to the lack of cameras or smoke and vape detectors, which is the complete fault of this school district's board of directors.

I find it quite disturbing that all the teachers at Reed have gotten new giant screens for their classrooms, and yet the security of the school has not made any improvements.

The website, NICHE.com (referenced below) allows students to rank their school and provide feedback. Seven months ago, a student left a three star review explaining, *"Most of the teachers that I've had these past 4 years have been really helpful and helped me succeed. The school itself is old and there's too many students for the small school. It's one of the older schools but, it's definitely time for an upgrade on some stuff. The safety of the school is terrible, anyone could just walk in."* This statement shows that cameras and security measures go beyond restrooms. Cameras would benefit the overall safety of the school. Even the best reviews still had some students complaining about the school's bathroom problem, *"Reed has a lot of really great qualities in spite of its few shortcomings. The leadership program is very impressive and works hard to ensure a fun atmosphere. The arts program is well funded and an active part of school life. The only real flaw with this school is the vandalism in the bathrooms."* This five star review was turned in from a senior only a month ago. Even a parent reported, *"Both my daughters have spent 4 years at Reed High School and have good memories of the experience. Great teachers, excellent football team and involved counselors. The building is very dated and could use updates, especially in the gym and bathrooms."* (July, 2019) Clearly Reed has the potential to be an outstanding school if only the security were to be improved.

This has been a long standing problem that the Washoe County Board of Directors keeps brushing under the rug. However, they will only get away with it, as long as they can count on non-violence. With acts of gun violence on the rise after the isolation from covid, I would not invest in giant screens, but rather security.

I understand that the intent of the screens is to better the quality of education through technology, but such technology is useless for the students' education if they must first address PTSD from a traumatic event that could have been avoided, had security been improved.

Once again, I urge you to protect the kids at Reed High School and fix this now before it's too late.

Respectfully,

Abbygail Nerger

Reference link:

<https://www.niche.com/k12/edward-c-reed-high-school-sparks-nv/reviews/>

From: Holbrook, Freeman
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 12:30 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: McQueen HS Single Point of Entry

President Smith and Board of Trustee Members-

As a site principal the most important part of our job is the safety and security of every student and staff member that shows up each day to learn and teach. For that reason, we fully support the implementation of a single point of entry at McQueen HS. As the idea came to me, I met with staff and explained the reasoning/timeframe and then asked for any questions or input. The response was overwhelming excitement for the project with the understanding that we will be ready for the adjustments and any training necessary to make sure everything goes as smoothly as possible.

We look forward to making our campus a single point of entry next year and working with the students, staff, and community to make sure it is aesthetically pleasing while allowing the best learning environment possible. At McQueen we are ready to support whatever is needed to keep our family safe so please let us know how else we can help.

Sincerely,

Principal Holbrook
McQueen High School

