

Dear XXX (Federation Community Member),

Many in the community have reached out, looking for resources and support that they can use to create change in their local schools during this very challenging time. Below, Federation and our JCRC have provided a sample letter with a link to educational resources for schools. Feel free to use this letter to reach out to schools to express concerns and request meetings with school leaders. If you have any questions, or need support in speaking with your school, please feel free to contact Alana Burman, the Jewish Community Relations Director at alanab@ifnnj.org or 201-820-3906.

Sample Letter to Contact Schools:

Please CC: your JCRC Director Alana Burman (Alanab@ifnni.org) when you send these letters.

Subject: Resources and Support for Inclusivity and Educational Resources for Students Impacted by the Israel-Hamas War

Dear [School Contact Name or Department],

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing as a concerned parent and community member to express my concerns that our schools maintain an unwavering commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive educational environment for all our students.

I want to bring your attention to valuable resources the school can access, covering important areas such as supporting diverse student populations, addressing antisemitism, Islamaphobia, bias, and addressing the impact of the war between Israel and Hamas. I know that our school faculty and staff are deeply committed to equip our students with the knowledge and tools to navigate these complex issues and I believe the resource that I have linked here, would be beneficial to your school leaders, educators, and students.

As a parent within this district, I wholeheartedly endorse these resources and know they will help with the school's dedication to inclusivity and tolerance. The resources shared will undoubtedly contribute to creating a more respectful, informed, and diverse school community.

If there is any way I can further assist in promoting these resources or participating in initiatives aimed at enhancing the inclusion and social and emotional safety of our students within our school, please do not hesitate to reach out. I firmly believe that our collective efforts can make a significant impact on the lives of our students.

Thank you for your commitment to providing an enriching and inclusive educational experience. I look forward to continuing to support these vital initiatives.

Sincerely,