

## Public Comments

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**From:** Jacob Chin <jacob.w.chin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 8:47 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Demands For The School Department of New Bedford

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jacob Chin, Esq. from 26 Garrison Road, New Bedford, MA 02745 and went to NBPS k-12 grade. I demand that New Bedford Public Schools cease the use of School Resource Officers in our schools, institute a well resourced restorative practice/justice program and work to dramatically reduce the use of suspensions in the city's schools – Although we approve of police officers familiarizing themselves with school layouts during non-school hours to train on entering and exiting school buildings in the event of emergencies, we are opposed to the housing of police officers within schools permanently. Recent history and research has proven that school safety has not improved with the use and housing of permanent SROs.

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Best,  
Jacob Chin, Esq.

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Best,

Emily Follett

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**From:** Ian Mello <ianmello555@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 10:49 AM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Demands For The School Department of New Bedford

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Sincerely,  
Ian L. Mello

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**From:** nikkijae2010@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 1:38 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Re: Public Demands For The School Department of New Bedford

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Excuse me but my name and address are there as well as a proper email subject!

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 16, 2020, at 9:13 AM, Public Comments <publiccomments@newbedfordschools.org> wrote:

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Thank you for your serious consideration in advance,

Corey Ehly

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**From:** R F <rcflanagan@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2020 4:17 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Demands For The School Department of New Bedford

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Thank you,  
Prof. Rebecca Flanagan



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**From:** James Perry <jperry8819@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2020 6:29 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Public Demands For The School Department of New Bedford

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Respectfully,