

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC COMMENT — BRENTWOOD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 15, 2026

Dear Superintendent, President of the Board, and Members of the Board of Trustees:

My name is Natalia Yaroshevskiy, and I am the mother of .

Exactly two months ago, on May 13, 2026, our family formally placed this Board on notice by submitting a written public statement regarding the April 21, 2026 incident involving our then eight-year-old son at R. Paul Krey Elementary School.

On April 21, 2026, my eight-year-old son was brutally assaulted at R. Paul Krey Elementary School. According to the District's own surveillance video, my son was punched approximately eight times in the head by another student. I observed the surveillance video clip with my own eyes.

No staff member intervened to stop the assault.

No medical evaluation was provided.

No school nurse examined my son.

No immediate parental notification.

MY EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SON WAS RELEASED AS NOTHING HAS HAPPENED.

A classmate who witnessed the assault reported that during the attack, my son's face turned blue for a couple of seconds. This is a documented cyanotic episode — meaning my son momentarily stopped breathing. The following day, required urgent medical evaluation specifically for the head injury he had sustained during the assault. That evaluation resulted in the filing of a Suspicious Injury Report by the attending physician.

Our family was not immediately notified that our eight-year-old son had sustained repeated blows to the head.

Instead of receiving medical attention after this brutal assault, my son waited for Principal Brian Jones for more than 30 minutes and was then questioned in front of the aggressor. He was subsequently released to his Father as though nothing had happened. No one informed us that our son had been repeatedly punched in the head.

Had another parent not contacted me after school, had I not initiated multiple police contacts, multiple medical appointments and follow-ups, we would never have known what had actually happened to our eight-year-old son.

The following day, the aggressor returned to school as though nothing had happened. According to one of teammates, the aggressor was bragging that had not been punished enough. Meanwhile, our son returned to school frightened, confused, and emotionally devastated.

But what happened after the assault was equally disturbing.

Over the following weeks, we had numerous communications and extensive correspondence with the District. Instead of addressing our concerns, we were repeatedly asked to return our children to Krey Elementary. At the same time, our repeated requests for a safe environment for our children — including a safe environment for to complete his state testing — were ignored.

Rather than receiving protection and support, our son was placed under enormous emotional distress.

The following day, Class Teacher Amie Martin told my son, "YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN CHEERED ON YESTERDAY." In the days that followed, according to our son's classmate, Class Teacher Amie Martin told his classmates that had done something "VERY, VERY BAD" and "DIDN'T DESERVE TO BE LOVED." Those words devastated an eight-year-old child who had just been brutally assaulted the day before.

Instead of focusing on his safety and well-being, we, as parents, were instructed by Principal Jones that our son needed to sign a No Contact Agreement, meaning he could not discuss the incident with anyone — not with his friends, not even with his own twin brother — or face suspension. Instead of helping an eight-year-old child process the trauma of a brutal assault, the District intended to place him in complete isolation. He was emotionally devastated.

When our family raised these concerns and sought assurances that our son could safely return to school, the District issued a proposed Safety Plan. That Safety Plan identified as trusted adults the very same individuals whose conduct is now the subject of our formal administrative complaints — the principal who questioned our son without parental presence or medical clearance, and the teachers whose post-incident statements and actions caused him further harm. A Safety Plan that designates as protectors the very people who failed to protect him is not a safety plan. It is a continuation of the same institutional failure.

When we reviewed the surveillance footage of the assault with Principal Jones and Vice Principal Hague, we asked her a direct and straightforward question: if a student were punched in the head, silently returned to class without escalating the incident to school administration, would that student's parents ever be notified? Vice Principal Hague's answer was unequivocal — no. The parents would never know. The parents would never be notified.

I want this Board to understand the full legal and moral weight of that admission. A senior District administrator confirmed to us, directly, that the school's system for protecting students and informing parents depends entirely on an injured child proactively reporting the assault to staff. If a frightened or confused child simply walks back to class — as young children often do — the parents will never be told their child was attacked. That is not a

safety system. It is the absence of one. And it is precisely what happened to our son on April 21, 2026.

We then learned something that made everything even more troubling. On April 28, 2026 — a full week after the assault — Principal Brian Jones disclosed for the first time that this same student had previously made documented and confirmed threats about bringing a gun to school. The District had this information. The District had confirmed it. And yet, at no point before the assault on our son did the District proactively disclose this to our family. We were never warned. We were entitled to know that the student who would go on to brutally assault our eight-year-old son had already made documented gun threats at this school — and that information was withheld from us. AND AGAIN, WE WERE REPEATEDLY ASKED TO RETURN OUR CHILDREN TO KREY ELEMENTARY.

When we questioned Principal Brian Jones about why our son was being treated this way after being brutally assaulted, he responded:

"DOESN'T YOUR SON HAVE RESPONSIBILITY?"

Those words have stayed with our family ever since.

Our concern is that our eight-year-old son — the child who was repeatedly punched in the head — was treated as though he was equally responsible for the violence committed against him. While our son struggled with fear, anxiety, counseling, medical appointments, and emotional trauma, the District never acknowledged its own failures to intervene, provide an immediate medical evaluation, promptly notify his parents, or accurately document what had occurred.

As parents, we fought for one simple thing: the truth.

We challenged the Behavior Incident Report because it did not accurately describe what happened to our son. We repeatedly requested an objective review. Our attorney was repeatedly denied the opportunity to review the surveillance video. We asked for accountability. We asked for transparency. Instead, our trust in Brentwood Union School District was completely destroyed.

And when we persisted in seeking the truth and demanding accountability for what happened to our son, the District's response was not to investigate — it was to send us a formal legal notice threatening to invoke California Penal Code section 626.4 to ban us from the school campus. That is how this District treated the parents of an eight-year-old assault victim who asked too many questions.

Subsequently, we decided to remove both of our children from Brentwood Union School District.

Our twin boys lost the opportunity to finish elementary school with the friends they had grown up with.

As parents, we lost confidence that our children could safely return to Krey Elementary.

I am standing before you today because no family should have to experience what ours has endured.

No parent should discover the truth about their child's injuries from another parent and a police officer instead of from the school.

No child who has just been brutally assaulted should be questioned instead of medically evaluated.

No child should be isolated from classmates, friends, and even his own twin brother after experiencing trauma.

No family should be kept in the dark about documented threats made by a student against whom their child later needed protection.

And no family should be forced to leave their school community because they no longer believe their children will be protected.

This week, we are submitting three formal administrative complaints requesting an independent review of the conduct of the school administration and District personnel involved in the handling of this incident.

We respectfully ask the District to conduct a truly independent, objective, and transparent investigation and to hold every employee accountable if District policies or professional standards were violated.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT NO OTHER FAMILY WILL EVER HAVE TO STAND BEFORE THIS BOARD AND TELL A STORY LIKE OURS.

KREY STUDENTS DESERVE BETTER ADMINISTRATION.

KREY PARENTS DESERVE HONESTY, TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CONFIDENCE THAT WHEN A CHILD IS INJURED AT SCHOOL, STUDENT SAFETY — NOT INSTITUTIONAL PROTECTION — WILL ALWAYS COME FIRST.

Please be advised that, should the District fail to conduct a meaningful, independent, and transparent investigation and to take appropriate corrective action in response to the concerns raised today and in our formal administrative filings, our family expressly reserves all rights available to us under applicable law, including the right to communicate our experience and seek redress through all lawful channels available — including, without limitation, appeal to the California Department of Education, the Office for Civil Rights, law enforcement agencies, the press, and social media — to the extent permitted by law and consistent with the protection of our children's privacy and safety.

Thank you.