



Pro-Partnership Talking Points

In this climate, it can be valuable to help establish a baseline of normalcy at monthly board meetings by speaking about the successes our schools find when we all work together.

Below are some talking points you can use to craft a speech tailored for your specific situation.

Our public schools are the heart of our communities. They bring out the best in our children, and when that happens, they bring out the best in all of us.

And, here in New Jersey, our public schools are among the best in the nation, year after year.

That didn't happen by accident...it happens because educators, other school professionals and parents understand the value of public education and are committed to its success.

But it's no secret that public education has been the target of dangerous and divisive rhetoric by a vocal minority over the last year.

That serves no purpose except to weaken our schools, which—in turn—weakens our communities.

Instead of allowing this to continue, we must stand together and denounce such behavior.

We must make clear that our community rejects any attempt to erode its heart.

Regardless of our respective personal beliefs and political affiliations, the one thing we can and should agree upon is that it's our collective responsibility to educate ALL children, regardless of their race, gender or cultural background.

And, in order to prepare them for the diverse, complex world we live in, we must educate them honestly without compunction.

That's not to say we won't or shouldn't disagree on issues affecting our schools.

However, we must pledge to approach matters with constructive conversation and collective benefit.

So, tonight, we appeal to this Board to partner with us on this effort.

Let's make 2023 the year we reject any behavior that seeks to divide us, and instead, model behaviors that demonstrate the power of a strong, unified community.

Our children deserve nothing less.