

Ladies and Gentlemen of the school board,

My name is P.J. Davis, and I'm here, for what is now the fourth consecutive year, in protest. I'm here to protest your action of inappropriately flying the so-called Pride Flag over our public-school campuses, and thereby violating the religious conscience of students and families in this district. For the last three years, I've asked you to engage with me in substantive dialogue on this matter, most recently with my email to you on May 8th. As with past years, you've ignored me. Again, you've chosen not to extend me even the courtesy of acknowledging receipt of my email, much less evidence any concern for the issue raised. That is not the behavior of responsible, elected officials. It is the behavior of people trapped in cowardice. This Board advocates diversity, equity, and inclusion, and yet fails to practice the same if doing so necessitates engagement with something you'd rather ignore. That's a strange position for a district down 300 students and a projected \$1.6 million.

Why has the Board has refused to engage with myself and others over the serious concerns we've raised. I must conclude two things. First, you're afraid, and second, you think you've won. Let me deal with that second conclusion – you think you've won. Precisely the opposite is true. Regrettably, your actions to violate consciences and flippantly ignore protest constitute sin. They are expressions of rebellion against the one true God of heaven and earth who created you, and who established the number of all your days. Sin against God incurs his just wrath, his righteous judgment. Every single one of us will give an account of ourselves before God. How will you answer him in the moment when you stand before his judgment seat? Praise God there is an answer for sin, but only one. In love, God sent his own son, Jesus Christ, to die on a cross, and then to be resurrected from the dead, so that sinners like you, and like me, can escape God's wrath and enjoy God's blessing. Apart from Jesus, God's Word says we face a just and eternal condemnation in Hell. But, if you will confess your sin, turn away from it, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, God will save you. He will remove his anger from you and give you eternal life in the new heavens and the new earth that are coming. You haven't won. Jesus wins. The one whom the Pride Flag mocks, he wins.

I expect this is the last time I will address you in this forum on this issue. Thus far you've turned a deaf ear to truth. I pray, truly pray, that God himself will unstop your ears and open your eyes. I pray that you will find conviction of sin and run to the only Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As I pray, I also shake the dust from my feet. You've been warned concerning the truth and invited to respond. Please heed the warning and accept the invitation.