

Canby School District 86

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Complaint Form

To be filed with: Canby School District Building Administrator/Supervisor or District Office

To be completed by the Complainant:

Name: Stefani Carlson

Please identify yourself as a:

- Parent/guardian
- Student
- District employee, Title/position: _____
- Other: School Board Member

Contact Information:

Address: 266 NW First Ave.
Canby, Or. 97013
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Please describe your complaint in detail, including all applicable dates, location and persons involved:
(Attach additional pages and documents if necessary.)

See attached.

Suggested Correction or Resolution: _____

Sign and date below:

Signature

Date: January 30, 2021

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Complaint Received by:
Name and Title: _____ Referred to: _____ Date: _____

Please accept this letter in conjunction with the formal complaint to be filed against Samuel 'Trip' Goodall, Superintendent of Canby School District.

Superintendent Goodall unilaterally discharged a public statement on January 13, 2021, reflecting on my character in a defaming manner. Prior to his erroneous statement, Mr. Goodall was instructed by the board chair to discuss his concerns with me before releasing his statement to the press. He did not follow the Chair's charge but instead decided to disregard her request and deliver the press release against his superior's wishes.

Superintendent Goodall insinuated in his statement that I agreed with a "call to violence." This is insulting, disrespectful, and absolutely false. As the District's Chief Executive Officer, it is irresponsible to gather information derived from the interpretation of a social media post solely to publicly defame me without even the common courtesy of reaching out to me. Not only is it foolhardy to deliberately attack one of his supervisors, but it also directly reflects his apparent disdain for his Board of Directors to whom he reports. One would hope that he does not make other vital District decisions or personnel determinations based on flippant second-hand social media conjecture.

I agreed with the post's line of questioning, not the choice verbiage. How shameful that my agreeing with a valid question has led to this denigration. I would never endorse the violence that happened in Washington, just like I would never advocate the continued violence on the streets of Portland and other cities over the past ten months. Any insinuation to this is absurd and repulsive.

In his statements, Superintendent Goodall alludes that I stray from the Civility Policy, KAA. Conversely, I enjoy dialogue and an open thought process with many of my colleagues, friends, and peers. It is ludicrous to imply that my agreeing with the questioning was being uncivil.

Citing District guidelines, one will find, "...the district believes that a safe, civil environment is essential to high student and staff achievement, to the free exchange of ideas central to a quality educational process..." Having a free exchange of ideas is extremely important not only in the school environment but also in everyday life. It is a shame this isn't a value Superintendent Goodall seems to consider relevant.

Superintendent Goodall's press release statement attacking my character was derogatory and grossly disrespectful. He should have come to me first as the board chair directed him to. I would never treat him with the same disrespect he showed me. His apparent intent of publicly tarnishing my name shows little esteem toward his superiors. The superintendent works for the board, not the other way around. I would never treat my boss with the contempt he has displayed.

Mr. Goodall has caused irreparable damage to my reputation. I am calling for at minimum, a public apology for his actions.

Stefani Carlson, Canby School Board Director