

# TIPS FOR MEETING WITH LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

**School board member information is typically posted on the website** (if you cannot find the individual's email or phone number, you can call the district line), and many members will take time to meet with you or a small group of parents.

## **Strategies for Meeting with School Board Members:**

1. When asking for the meeting, be specific about what you are interested in discussing.
2. Consider bringing other parents with you.
3. Parents and community members have a lot of expertise to bring to school board members. Be sure to connect with them by sharing a personal story of how the topic you are discussing is affecting your child or your family.
4. Be sure to share your experience as well as suggested solutions to the problem. As a parent, your expertise may be rooted in your experience as a mother or father or even a concerned community member.
5. Follow up with the entire school board after your meeting with one member
6. School board members have official email addresses. Letters, emails, and phone calls can also be a good way to communicate with them. Below is a snapshot of a sample letter.

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Meridian Public School District Board of Directors, Dr. Everett and Mr. Harvill,



Thank you for the time and effort you have put into the Meridian School District. All of you play a huge role in the

community, and we appreciate that what you do is challenging. With this in mind, we, the Meridian Parent Coalition, a group of concerned community members, parents, Meridian School District staff and Alumni, have concerns that need to be addressed.

We understand that decisions have not been reached on the sex education curriculum or the teaching of Critical Race Theory in the classroom. We are asking for the Board of Directors to work with us to find curriculum that is deemed age appropriate and in alignment with our values. We, the Meridian Parent Coalition, believe ALL children should be treated with dignity and respect. We also believe that families have the primary responsibility and ability to teach and influence our children the core values we hold true. We are requesting Transparency, Communication and Accountability. We acknowledge that we have placed our children in your care for an education that aims to enhance a learner's basic age-appropriate skills and prepare graduates for lifelong learning and employment. We are committed to a district that is free of divisive teaching and ideology influence.

**\*All of the content in this document is taken from the "Parent Toolkit: Advocating for Quality Curriculum" Click [here](#) to read more.**