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Subject : Bree Newsome's appearance at AMS

â€‹â€‹Principal Dockery and Superintendent Patterson,

I just learned through social media that Ms. Newsome's appearance at AMS has been cancelled. My 8th grade daughter has been working diligently on the questions she was going to ask herâ€‹, as assigned by her Social Studies teacher,â€‹ and has been so excited to meet her social justice hero.Â

Please provide information to all parents regarding this decision, including the grounds on which it â€‹has been â€‹made. It is true that as a social justice advocate, Ms. Newsome faced arrest for her actions. It is not the first time that our history books will include the name of â€‹a hero â€‹who broke the law in order to create â€‹much needed â€‹social change. Iâ€‹f her arrest is the reason for revoking her invitation, Iâ€‹ hope you can come up with a better reason than that. These times require courage, and courage is what we must model for our children. â€‹I encourage you and the school board toÂ rise to the occasion and have the courage to allow Miss Newsome to speak â€‹at AMS so she mayÂ inspire tâ€‹he next generation tâ€‹o be the courageous leaders our country needs.

â€‹â€‹Further, itÂ is incredibly frustrating to hear of this development through social media. It is also very much in keeping with the poor communications that the school system has with parents. Not only have parents not been informed, but neither have our children.â€‹

â€‹I look forward to receiving your response,Â

Diana Toledo