

International Night - Principal Letter

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Title: Request for Clear Guidelines & Protection of Students During Cultural Events

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Dear [Principal's Name],

I'm reaching out regarding our school's upcoming [International Night / Multicultural Event]. I appreciate the effort that goes into creating such a meaningful celebration of our diverse community. However, I'm concerned that without clear expectations, these events could unintentionally include political or inaccurate content that creates discomfort—or even a hostile environment—for some students. Families trust that school events will reflect factual, age-appropriate, and inclusive content. Unfortunately, in some districts, similar events have included materials that misrepresented Israel, introduced political narratives, or erased recognized nations from maps. Such presentations can be deeply harmful and inconsistent with the purpose of these celebrations.

Because [International Night / Multicultural Event] is a **school-sponsored activity**, it must adhere to the same standards that apply to classroom instruction: factual accuracy, balance, age-appropriateness, and respect for all identities. Allowing political advocacy, misinformation, or erasure of any nation or people would not only undermine those principles but could also raise concerns under **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act**, which protects students from discrimination or hostile environments based on shared ancestry or national origin—including Jewish and Israeli identity.

Under your leadership, I respectfully request that the school issue clear guidelines to ensure the event remains a cultural—not political—celebration. Specifically:

1. No political messaging, symbols, or advocacy of any kind.
2. No maps, materials, or visuals that mislabel or erase any recognized country.
3. No fundraising, petitions, or distribution of political literature.
4. All displays must focus on culture—food, music, art, language, traditions, and factual history.
5. All content must be accurate, age-appropriate, and inclusive of all communities.

These guardrails will help preserve the integrity of the event and ensure that it remains an enriching and welcoming experience for every student and family.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to maintaining a safe, respectful, and educational environment for all.

Warmly,

[Your Name]

[Your Contact Information]

[Your Child's Grade / Teacher]