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TEACHERS WHOSE RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS WERE DENIED SCHEDULED FOR APPEAL HEARING THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022, 6:30pm, Barrington High School.

The agenda has been published for the Barrington School Committee to “conduct a post-deprivation hearing and appeal by each of [the] three teachers” whose religious exemptions to a requirement to inject a product as a term of employment were denied. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium at Barrington High School, 220 Lincoln Ave. in Barrington, RI and includes a “Vote and Decision on Appeals”. The parent-led group Barrington Parents United (BPU) is asking for the public’s attendance in support of the teachers.

The group previously distributed a “Call to Action” and on-line survey in an effort to support the teachers and give the public opportunity to provide comment on how the employment terminations have affected their children, families, and experience within their communities. These can be found on their website at <https://www.barringtonparentsunited.com/teachershearing.pdf> and <https://www.barringtonparentsunited.com/survey>

Part of the survey reads, “If you feel that the three Barrington teachers, whose religious exemptions to medical mandates were denied, have been wrongfully terminated[...], then please complete this form to have your voice heard.” It includes a plea to administrators and the school committee, “to recognize the good job they did when hiring the teachers, and to stand by the proven excellence-in-teaching these consummate professionals have brought to our children by ending the terminations and offering back their jobs.” Responses to the survey have included personal accounts of the loss of the teachers from children’s lives and the concern for the overreach of the medical mandate. Anonymous results of the survey will be posted on the BPU website.

In addition to participating in the survey, the communication also asks the public to join BPU advocates in wearing all white clothing as a symbol of peace and solidarity with the teachers.

BPU’s updates and Calls To Action are available by visiting www.barringtonparentsunited.com/subscribe or clicking “Join Us” on the homepage.