

Board Member  
Official Correspondence

August 21, 2019

Toms River Regional  
Schools

Please see the attached e-mail correspondence sent to  
Toms River Board of Education.

Thank you,

Helena Gregitis for  
William J. Doering  
Business Administrator  
Toms River Regional Schools

22 Cruiser Court  
Toms River, NJ 08753  
July 25, 2019

Toms River Board of Education  
1299 Old Freehold Road  
Toms River, NJ 08753

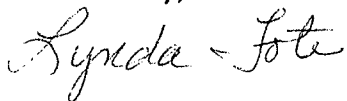
To the members of the Toms River Schools Board of Education:

I am writing to you on behalf of the members of the Ocean County Chapter of the National Organization for Women. We are appalled by the comments posted by board member Dan Leonard. Violence against women is a serious problem in this country and any comments that encourage violence are absolutely unacceptable. Suggesting violence against any woman is wrong but singling out specific women because of their religion, ethnicity or political views is particularly egregious.

Since Mr. Leonard has not seen fit to apologize or to delete his posts, we are calling on him to resign from the Board of Education. In his position on the Board he has a responsibility to model appropriate behavior for staff and students and he has certainly failed to do so. We understand that the current Board members do not have the power to force his removal from the Board. Since he stated that he will not resign, we are calling on all Board members to publicly disavow his comments. We appreciate that Board President Nardini has already done so.

On a personal note, I worked for Toms River Schools for many years. Mr. Leonard's behavior brings shame on the entire district; teachers, parents and students. He is damaging our district's reputation for equality and fairness and I for one am heart broken.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda Fote".

Lynda Fote, President  
Ocean County NOW

Though it is clear that there are at least some board members who wish for Mr. Leonard to resign, it seems that it is not a decision that the board as a whole can make. However, there are certain things that you can do:

1. Remove Mr. Leonard from his committee assignments. Though it appears that he has been removed as chair of the "Safety, Security, and Transportation" committee it still seems that he is serving on that committee. Mr. Leonard does not deserve to serve on this committee. Mr. Leonard also should not be involved in the deliberations of the "Policy" committee or the "Supersafe and Drug Free Schools" committee. Lastly, Mr. Leonard should be removed from the Personnel committee, as it is not clear that he agrees with the Equal Opportunity Employer mandate of the district.
2. Formally censure Mr. Leonard for his comments.
3. Create a committee on "Diversity" that could focus on healing some of the wounds that Mr. Leonard has opened.

It is within your power to take these steps.

Thank you,

Dan Cummings

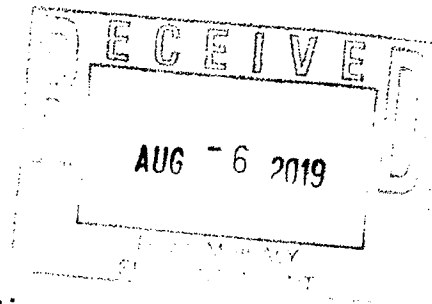
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Sincerely,

Helena Gregitis for  
William J. Doering  
Business Administrator  
Toms River Regional Schools  
732 505-5500 x 500081

July 30, 2019

Toms River Board of Education  
1299 Old Freehold Road  
Toms River, NJ 08753



To the members of the Toms River Schools Board of Education:

I am appalled by the comments posted by board member Dan Leonard. Violence against women is a serious problem in this country and any comments that encourage violence are absolutely unacceptable. Suggesting violence against any woman is wrong but singling out specific women because of their religion, ethnicity or political views is particularly egregious, especially since in his position on the Board of Education he has a responsibility to model appropriate behavior for staff and students and he has failed to do so.

Since Mr. Leonard has not apologized and deleted his posts, I am calling on him to resign from the Board of Education. I understand that the Board does not have the power to force his removal from the Board. Since he stated that he will not resign, I am calling on all Board members to publicly disavow his comments. I appreciate that Board President Nardini has already done so.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonney Parker".

Bonney Parker  
19 Grant Avenue  
Toms River, NJ 08753

# Toms River school board chief wants member to quit

Jean Mikle Asbury Park Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK - NEW JERSEY

TOMS RIVER - Toms River Regional school board President Joseph Nardini called on Dan Leonard to resign from the board Thursday, "for the sake of the students of this district," as pressure for Leonard to quit over anti-Muslim remarks he made on his personal Facebook page continues to build.

"We must lead by example and set an example to our students and community that reflect our goals, ideals and vision for the future of this district," Nardini wrote in a letter to the "Toms River schools community."

Nardini stressed that the letter was released in his name only, and that he could not speak for the rest of the nine-member board. Nardini is the first board member to publicly call for Leonard to resign, but he has no power to force Leonard to leave.

Less than an hour after Nardini issued the call for

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him to resign, Leonard said he had no plans to quit the board.

"I truly respect Joe Nardini and the superintendent and the position the school district has been put in," Leonard said. "Respectfully, I'm not resigning."

The Facebook posts shared by Leonard on his personal page in April include the comment, "my life would be complete if she/they die," which Leonard wrote above a photograph of U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib, a Democrat and Muslim from Michigan.

The post included a link to a Fox News article

See **BOARD**, Page 15A

Mr. Leonard -  
How stupid!  
How very Trumpian!  
How defensible!

Michael J Doherty



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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**Daniel Leonard**

1 message

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**Ronald Stuart** <rgcstuart3@gmail.com>  
To: trboe@trschoools.com

Wed, Jul 31, 2019 at 7:35 PM

How comforting that we have someone with the integrity and decency of Mr. Leonard to influence the minds of our children.

Every one of you on this board who refuse to do something about his comments ought to be ashamed of yourselves and resign as well.

Ronald Stuart



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Next Meeting Date

1 message

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**Azra Baig** <azrabaig@hotmail.com>  
To: "trboe@trschoools.com" <trboe@trschoools.com>

Sat, Jul 27, 2019 at 1:20 PM

Hello. If you can kindly inform me of when the next public School Board meeting is-date, time and place. Thank you.

Azra Baig



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Fwd: Mr. Leonard

1 message

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Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>  
To: Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

Wed, Aug 7, 2019 at 11:00 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Daniel Cummings** <danielp.cummings@gmail.com>  
Date: Monday, August 5, 2019  
Subject: Mr. Leonard  
To: trboe@trschoools.com

President Nardini  
Vice President Cory  
Ms. Bell  
Mr. Horgan  
Ms. Howe  
Ms. Polozzo  
Ms. Rhine  
Ms. Williams

First, I want to thank you for your service as a Board of Education member. I know that, at times, it can be a very frustrating position. As you are aware, Toms River Regional School District has been in the news lately. Unfortunately, it is not due to the great work that teachers and staff do on a daily basis. It's also not due to some of the great accomplishments of the students of the district. No, *Politico*, *the Washington Post*, *Fox News*, *Yahoo News*, *the Huffington Post*, *the Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, and countless other local, statewide, and national news organizations focused on the district due to the hate-filled social media posts of one of your fellow board members.

I'd rather not go into detail into Mr. Leonard's social media posts, but I do think we need to offer some context. There is nothing wrong with being opposed to the policies of Reps. Tlaib or Omar. Voicing your opposition to policies is healthy and appropriate in our democracy. What Mr. Leonard does is different. Mr. Leonard is not just attacking these women because of their policies, he is attacking them because of who they are and for the religion that they practice. That's dangerous. He assumes that Rep. Omar is a terrorist and supporter of Sharia law not because she is a terrorist or supports Sharia law. He says this because she is Muslim. His Facebook page is littered with articles and videos that allege that the *Council on American Islamic Relations* (CAIR) is a terrorist organization. Needless to say CAIR is not a terrorist organization. It is a non-violent group that is dedicated to protecting civil rights, promoting interfaith dialogue, and helping to provide a voice for Muslim-Americans. It's work is invaluable.

When Mr. Leonard equates terrorism with Islam he makes the community less safe for the Muslim boys and girls who attend schools in the Toms River Regional School District. Mr. Leonard has, unsurprisingly, tried to turn this into a 'free speech' issue. It isn't. The issue here is that a board member has spewed hateful rhetoric that belies the commitment to "respect the dignity and safety of every person in the school community." It is the reason why I, along with so many others, have called upon Mr. Leonard to resign from his position effective immediately.



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D.P. Leonard



D.P. Leonard



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Cuz He Liked My Boobies

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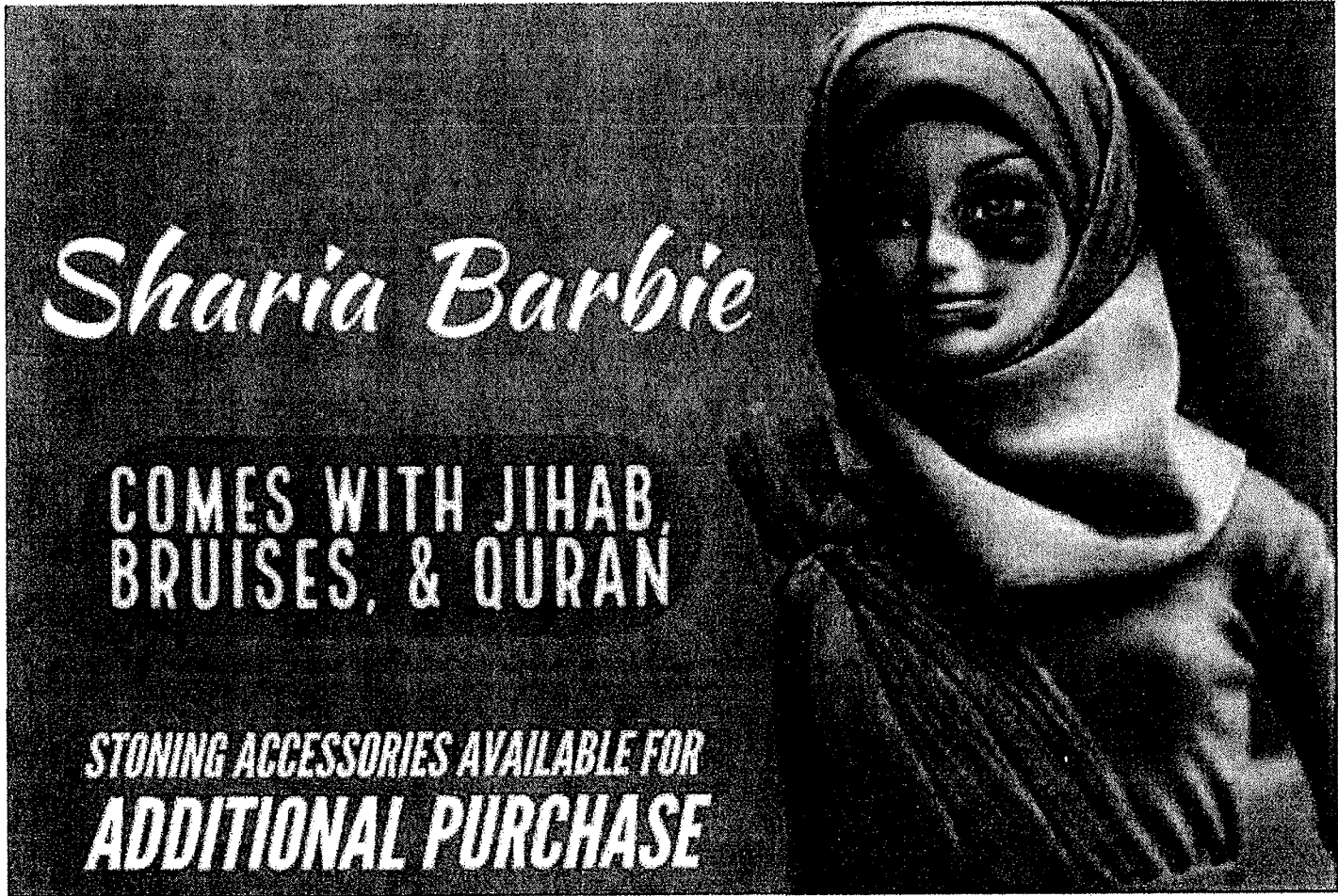
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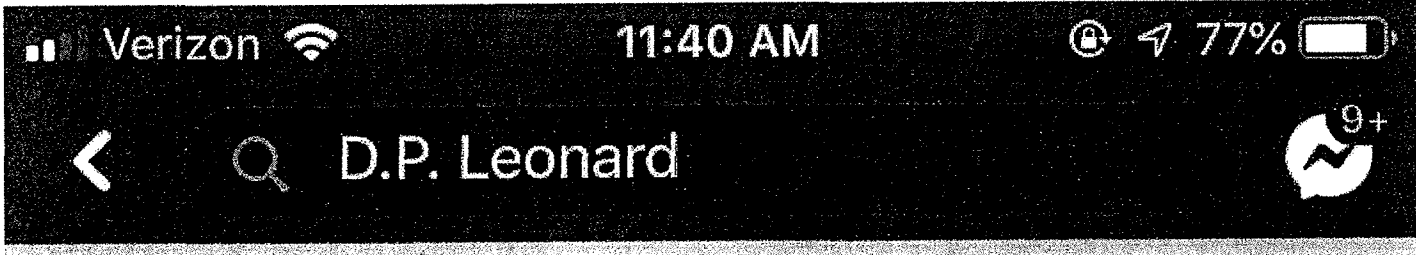


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D.P. Leonard



Sunday at 10:45 AM · 🌐





D.P. Leonard



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My life would be complete if she/they die .....



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Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## D.P. Leonard's social media presence is highly disturbing.

1 message

Nik Decker <nikolasdecker98@gmail.com>  
To: "trboe@trschoools.com" <trboe@trschoools.com>

Thu, Jul 25, 2019 at 12:37 PM

To whomever this may concern,

I was scrolling through Twitter recently and came across a tweet that highlighted Toms River Board of Education member D.P. Leonard's unethical social media presence. This came as a complete surprise to me, and I did a little digging myself. This individual's behavior is so unethical and potentially dangerous that it warrants an immediate investigation and revocation of his Board of Education position. I will be attaching several screenshots of disturbing posts that he has made on his Facebook account. It seems as though the vast majority of his account is devoted to discussing politics, as he appears to be conservative. I want to emphasize that I am not reporting this behavior because I disagree with his political views. Rather, I'm deeply disturbed by the content that he, as an elected official, is posting.

Firstly, the islamophobia and xenophobia he exhibits is not, and should never be characteristic of a board of education member. While Toms River does have a relatively small Muslim and immigrant population, it is not zero. These families send their children to school every day expecting them to be returned safely. How could any parent, regardless of religious denomination or ethnic background, feel confident that their child is in safe hands when people like D.P. Leonard so proudly display their intolerance? His attacks on Muslims are entirely inappropriate for someone in possession of such an influential role in the Toms River School District.

To directly quote D.P. Leonard, when referencing Rashida Tlaib, he says, "My life would be complete if she/they die." What kind of elected official wishes DEATH upon a congresswoman? In the same breath, he also inserts some of his own transphobic sentiment, saying "she/they" implying that her gender is somehow ambiguous, when she is clearly a woman. His intolerance doesn't end there. Many of his attacks are directed at Ilhan Omar, calling her a "Terrorist" or imply that she "Married [her] brother." Even more disturbing is his attempt to satirize Sharia Law by sharing a meme that portrays an abused Muslim woman as a Barbie Doll, and that accessories to stone her are "available for additional purchase." In fact, he even goes so far as to imply that he hunts "people." I understand that D.P. Leonard was enlisted in the military, and that "hunting" people is likely a reference to killing enemy combatants, but to so brazenly relish in the death of another human being is disturbing to say the least. Especially when celebrating the death of Muslims seems to be a characteristic of his behavior that he is prideful of. Again, everything I am referencing can be found in the attached screenshots.

Scrolling through his Facebook, it is not hard to find a multitude of examples showcasing this demented behavior. I strongly urge the Toms River Board of Education to remove D.P. Leonard from his position. Alt-Right Terrorism is more prominent than it ever has been, and to have someone so emboldened by this behavior in a position where they can directly affect the lives of so many children is unacceptable and highly disturbing. He has been reported several times before, and yet nothing has come of it? What will it take for the board to act and prevent a potentially dangerous individual from having access to Toms River's most vulnerable? Please act swiftly and effectively because all eyes are on you right now.

Thank you,  
Nikolas Decker





**D.P. Leonard**



April 12 · 🌐

Terrorist ..... 100%



**Rant Nation with Graham Allen**

April 11 · 🕒 · 🌐

This newly discovered video from her past comes AFTER Congresswoman Omar claimed 9/11 was a situation where "some people did something."

SHAME on you.



July 25, 2019

Mr. Dan Leonard  
c/o Toms River Board of Education  
1144 Hooper Avenue  
Toms River, NJ 08753

Dear Mr. Leonard,

You are a disgrace to the town of Toms River, to the State of NJ, and most of all to your family. Your racist remarks have no place in our community and especially our school system. Your sad and warped views only help to destroy our diverse community and create more bigots like yourself. You are a pathetic person who should probably seek professional mental health care as well. You obviously need it.

It is my hope that you will resign and leave Toms River for another area of the country that is more in line with your moronic, asinine (that's a big word for you, you might want to look it up) views. Your decision to post such garbage on social media also demonstrates the fact that you simply do not have the intellectual capacity to serve on the Board of Education. The life you and your family once led in this town is over. You have destroyed it all with your ignorance.

Please pack your bags and go!

Thank you,

**A concerned resident of Toms River**

CC: All Board emembers  
Mayors Office



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ool boards are not well served by a member who expresses a wish for the death of our other elected officials, spews nasty bigotry, abuses people in public, and is physically aggressive to community members. Please replace him. Thank you.

## School board member longs for Muslim congresswoman's death in post: 'My life would be complete'

Jean Mikle, Asbury Park Press Published 10:53 a.m. CT July 24, 2019

TOMS RIVER, N.J. — A New Jersey school board member will likely face an ethics investigation for sharing posts disparaging of Muslims, including two Democratic congresswomen, on his personal Facebook page.

The posts include one that states, "my life would be complete if she/they die" over a photograph of a U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib, a Michigan Democrat who is Muslim.

School Board Attorney Stephan R. Leone said Tuesday the comments on Leonard's Facebook page "are totally inappropriate, not condoned by the Board of Education, and do not reflect the board's attitude or opinions."

Leonard, 42, of Beachwood, represents that town on the nine-member regional school board. He was elected to the board in 2016 and is seeking re-election in November.

Leone, the school board attorney, said that the board "will determine what school board ethics violations may have occurred, and we are going to take appropriate action."

The attorney's comments came after the New Jersey Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-NJ) called for Leonard to resign for sharing "racist and Islamophobic posts" on his Facebook account.

"The bigoted, hateful and threatening social media posts shared by this elected board of education official serve to disqualify him for any position that has responsibility for the safety, security and well-being of New Jersey's diverse student body," said CAIR-NJ Executive Director James Sues in a statement.

"The bigoted views expressed by Mr. Leonard have no place in an educational system that seeks to celebrate diversity and encourage students of all faiths and backgrounds to excel scholastically and to make positive contributions to our society."

In addition to the post about Tlaib, CAIR-NJ highlighted two other posts from Leonard's "D.P. Leonard" Facebook page.

One features a photo of Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minnesota — who is also a Muslim — with the comment, "Terrorist....100 percent."

The third post is an image of a bruised Barbie doll in a head scarf. "Sharia Barbie,

On July 6, Leonard was charged with reckless driving after witnesses said he chased another driver at a high rate of speed, lost control of his truck and skidded off Hooper Avenue, striking a tree, police said. A patrolman's report described Leonard as "agitated" and "uncooperative."



14 Photos

The Squad: Four female freshman congresswomen upsetting the status quo

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rep. Ayanna Pressley and Rep. Rashida Tlaib listen as Michael Cohen, former attorney and fixer for President Donald Trump, testifies before the House Oversight Committee on Capitol Hill February 27, 2019 in Washington, DC.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, left, and Rep. Rashida Tlaib laugh as they wait for other freshman Congressmen to deliver a letter calling to an end to the government shutdown on January 16, 2019.

Rep. Ilhan Omar rallies with fellow Democrats before voting the People Act on March 08, 2019 in Washington, DC.

Ilhan Omar, left, and Rashida Tlaib arrive for the State of the Union address on February 5, 2019 at the US Capitol in Washington, DC.

Ilhan Omar, far left, listens as Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, center, joins them in a call for legislation to cancel all student debt, at the Capitol on June 24, 2019.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Ilhan Omar join their fellow House Democratic women for a portrait in front of the U.S. Capitol on January 04, 2019 in Washington, DC.

Ilhan Omar takes a selfie with Rashida Tlaib and political activist Angela Davis at



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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**Mr. Leonard**

1 message

**Jane Haden** <relucttent1@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 29, 2019 at 11:15 AM

To: trboe@trschoools.com

I tried to leave a voice mail for Tracy Doss, but not surprisingly, the mailbox was full. I imagine that the school board has been inundated with comments.

So, I would like to leave mine. Respectfully.

Please do not treat Mr. Leonard too harshly.

He is an Afghan combat veteran, and has served his country admirably. He may have a different perspective due to his personal experiences, and it may be different from other people's. And maybe not a popular perspective at that. But he is entitled to it. We all hear the rhetoric, thrown around by both sides of an increasingly polarized country. I have read accounts of people being fired for comments that at worst were maybe stupid or ill-advised. It's time to quit trying to destroy each other over differing opinions. And end hypocrisy on both sides. Instead, reinstate civil discourse! Please do not demand that Mr. Leonard resign.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ioanna Haden

Sent from my iPhone



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Ohmar & Tiaib

1 message

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Tracy Henry <h.erictracy@gmail.com>  
To: trboe@trschoools.com

Thu, Jul 25, 2019 at 2:12 PM

They side with terrorist 100 %. They say white people are terrorist. They think 9\11 should have happened. These 4 people will ruin your snow flake party. Democrats are Antifa

Sent from my iPhone



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Dan Leonard Must Go!

1 message

Judith <plantzj@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jul 29, 2019 at 9:46 AM

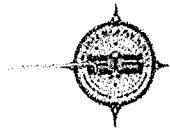
To: "trboe@trschoools.com" <trboe@trschoools.com>

I'm writing about your board member Dan Leonard and his racist post about one of my Michigan Congress people. We will not have this racism in MI. How can you allow a racist person to sit on your board and be in charge of the direction of your school district. Is he going to bring a racist agenda too? This school board should think twice about allowing a racist to remain on your panel. I, for one, am sick and tired of these nasty, racist posts all over the country, and I write every time to register my protest. Get rid of Dan Leonard.

jp

The unexamined life is not worth living.  
Socrates

Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both.  
Benjamin Franklin



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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**wd: Mr. Leonard**

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**ichele shertenlieb** <miavagrace@gmail.com>  
: TRBOE@trschoools.com

Mon, Jul 29, 2019 at 9:08 AM

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From: **Shertenlieb, Michele** <MShertenlieb@co.ocean.nj.us>  
Date: Mon, Jul 29, 2019, 9:07 AM  
Subject: Mr. Leonard  
To: miavagrace@gmail.com <miavagrace@gmail.com>

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Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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**Re: Daniel Leonard**

1 message

**James P** <shakeyben55@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 29, 2019 at 6:41 AM

To: Toms River Board of Ed <trboe@trschoools.com>

Anyone care to comment on Daniel Leonard?

On Thu, Jul 25, 2019, 6:02 PM James P <shakeyben55@gmail.com> wrote:

So this is what NJ education is all about. Spreading hatred.. Every year I travel to Seaside Park/ Hgts.. Now I wonder if I'll ever go back... It's a shame you let this kind of racist sit on a school board is just wrong. Senato Ohmar IS NOT A RACIST.. DANIEL LEONARD IS.. LIFE WOULD BE COMPLETE IF SHES DEAD..... MOVE OVER ALABAMA 🤔 🤔

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Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## DOES TOMS RIVER BOE SUPPORT RACIST SLIME

1 message

Phillip Phillips <doctorphil@gmx.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 5:44 AM

To: trboe@trschoools.com

Really?

No sanctions against openly racist scum like Dan Leonard?

Shame on the whole board

Sent using the GMX mail app



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Daniel Leonard

1 message

Grace Houck <ghouck88@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 2:02 AM

To: trboe@trschoools.com

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention, via a HuffPost article linked here: [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/daniel-leonard-toms-river-rashida-tlaib\\_n\\_5d39c679e4b020cd994fe355](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/daniel-leonard-toms-river-rashida-tlaib_n_5d39c679e4b020cd994fe355). That a member of your school board, Daniel Leonard, has taken to Facebook with extremely anti-muslim posts.

The article highlights 3 different hateful posts created by your board member, Daniel Leonard.

1. A picture of Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, the first elected Muslim Congresswoman, in front of the burning Twin Towers and the caption "Terrorist !!!!!"
2. One in which there is a "Sharia barbie" that comes complete with "Jihab, Bruises, & Quran" with another quote stating "stoning accessories available for additional purchase."
3. And the final, the most brutal, in which it is an article of Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, another elected Muslim Congresswoman. The caption, that Daniel Leonard wrote states: "My life would be complete if she/they died ....."

I believe it isn't hard to see the hatefulness of these posts. The pure ignorance.

I understand that you have held a public meeting in which member Daniel Leonard refused an apology and was found smirking (I watched the full 34 minute long video.)

There are Muslims in our country being tormented over their very state of being. This is disgusting behavior and while a statement has said it does not reflect your school board; if you continue to let Daniel Leonard vote on school board issues then you do support it.

Tonight I write this email because this has to end. You must take action. Daniel Leonard should not be allowed on your school board. He should not be an active member working at schools with children, let alone Muslim children. He has made his disdain, ignorance, and Islamphobia very clear.

What a private citizen writes on Facebook is their own concern. What a government employee and school board member writes is different.

You can be the school district that changes this. If you do not then it's clear that you do condone.

With no action, no firing, no explosion, you make it clear that you condone. The American people are watching this, we are hoping that you make the right choice and remove Daniel Leonard.

This is for the good of your school district, the children in your care, and the good of the country.

Daniel Leonard must be removed.

Thank you,  
Grace Houck



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## DAN LEONARD IS A TURD

1 message

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Phillip Phillips <doctorphil@gmx.com>  
To: trboe@trschoools.com

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 5:39 AM

Remove piece of shit anti-American Dan Leonard from BOE ASAP. America is great. Leonard is not.

Sent using the GMX mail app



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Daniel Leonard

1 message

Len Hostetter <leonard.hostetter@gmail.com>  
To: trboe@trschoools.com

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 6:58 AM

To the TR BOE -

With the exception of the superintendent who publicly stated that Daniel Leonard should resign, the rest of you should be ashamed that you haven't publicly asked for his resignation as well! Pathetic that each of you have remained silent!

You disgust me as individuals. Your silence makes Leonard's comments acceptable.

Burn in hell all of you for tolerating hate!!! I raised two children in the district. I hope TR goes down the sewer and it will with an attitude of intolerance!

And each of you probably call yourself a Christian!

More power to the demographic change taking place in the North Dover section of the community. Let the white Christian flight begin!!!!

Leonard Hostetter



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## RACISTS OUT OF TR BOE NOW!

1 message

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**Hiawathafulmacio** <hiawathafulmacio@protonmail.com>  
Reply-To: Hiawathafulmacio <hiawathafulmacio@protonmail.com>  
To: "trboe@trschoools.com" <trboe@trschoools.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 5:57 AM

Toms River appears to be a hotbed of racism.  
Screw you. Screw Dan Leonard!

Stop racism now.

Get your act together TRBOE!

Sent from ProtonMail Mobile



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## toms river school board

1 message

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**Lenny** <schwarz\_kuenstler@t-online.de>  
To: trboe@trschoools.com

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 6:33 AM

Just a concerned expat US citizen here. I have no idea if this email will get to anyplace where it will at least be counted in the mass of reaction Danial Leonards comments have caused.

This guy is supposedly a responsible school board decision maker and yet these comments about the death of a congresswoman and the racist comments implying universal Moslem support of extremist Sharia law should make it impossible for him to remain in this position. This kind of hate speech should not be tolerated.

The school board should use whatever methods available to send him packing.

thank you

L Schwarz

Germany



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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**forward to : Daniel Patrick Leonard**

1 message

Lenny <schwarz\_kuenstler@t-online.de>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 7:03 AM

To: trboe@trschoools.com

Hey Dan,

... just a concerned US citizen lending you an opinion.

You should at the very least apologize for your hateful comments on facebook.

You seem to have a decent education and experience in the service so it is suprising that you could do something so stupid. Even if you don't undestand why the things you said were wrong you should have known it was not gonna be good for you to say them on Facebook. Consider what you said about congresswoman Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.)

## **My life would be complete if she/they die,"**

Don't you see how stupid this is? The death of another human being is all that is required for you to die fulfilled. What about the health and welfare of your family and the democracy you served while in the service. NOTHING is more important than the death of this woman? Do you see how sick that is?

Then there was the doctored photo of a supposed Sharia victim similar to Rep Omar, What makes this racist ( hateful against religious group based on false generalization) is your implication that all moslems want Sharia Law. This is like saying all christians what to live under harsh christian interpretations like Peitists or Calvinists. Not true.

So even aside from the strong possibility that may have racist tendencies, these things are just stupid for other reasons. So maybe you should rethink what the USA really means and stop thinking that the death of other people really completes you.

A heartfelt apology and public statement of why your comments were batshit stupid might allow you to continue as a Board of Education member but absent that you really need to resign.

L Schwarz

Germany



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Bigotry has no place in education

1 message

John Mckelvy <jjmckelvy@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 6:58 AM

To: trboe@trschoools.com

Daniel Leonard's comments regarding Muslims have no place in a country founded upon the freedom of religion. To state this clearly, Mr. Thomas is a racist bigot.

Mr. Thomas, please resign from this school board.

Regards,

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John McKelvy





Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Threats

1 message

**Mary Kathleen Kisiel** <mkkisiel@me.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 6:37 AM

To: trboe@trschoools.com

Any member who threatens a member of the Congress of the USA is not fit for membership on your school board. Period!

Sent from my iPhone



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Toms River school board member won't resign after anti-Muslim Facebook posts

1 message

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1980Mendel <111cushing@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 7:23 AM

To: trboe@trschoools.com

Why would Dan Leonard be allowed to be around children? His current action demonstrates a lack of self-control which was already obvious to everyone after his recent road rage incident (i.e. Police: Board Member Chased Driver, Crashed). The fact that he was not removed from the board after that incident indicates a problem with the board itself that he is still the Chair of the Safety, Security and Transportation Committee. His refusal to resign is another indication of his unstable mind. It is obvious that he fails to see that threatening a life or attempting to instigate a threat to someone's life is clearly the thinking of a disturbed mind. His post was not an articulate or well-thought out differing of opinion; no, it was the ravings of a seriously twisted and hate-filled individual. I do not live in your state; however, it is a major issue for me that this man is allowed around children.



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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**DANIEL LEONARD**

1 message

sam sams <masami2usa@yahoo.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 6:59 AM

To: trboe@trschoools.com

JULY 26, 2019

In the cause of youth- preparing, guiding, and educating the youth of today, please act wisely and just , remove Danial Leonard, a proven unfit character for a school board, from his position. His Facebook posts and unleashed character has shown all, the reprehensible and weak state we, as a nation, find ourselves deeply in over these past three years. Right is right, and wrong is wrong.

Sent from my iPhone



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Board member Dan Leonard

1 message

Kathy Cordell <kathy\_cordell@hotmail.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 2:22 AM

To: "trboe@trschoools.com" <trboe@trschoools.com>

A person with the strong biases--and even hatred--that Dan Leonard has should not be on a school board!

He is currently on four committees:

POLICY

SAFETY, SECURITY AND TRANSPORTATION

SUPER SAFE & DRUG FREE SCHOOLS

PERSONNEL

I can't imagine him making equitable policies, guaranteeing the safety and security of all students, and hiring *without bias*. Can you imagine how unsafe one of your muslim student feels now, knowing that such a person is setting policy, in charge of security & safety, and over district hiring?

He has absolutely shown his colors and disqualified himself, and should be immediately terminated SO THAT minority students will feel that their school is FOR THEM, not against them.

Thank you,

Kathy Cordell



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## REMOVE DAN LEONARD

1 message

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**Natasha Aziz** <natasha.aziz@rocketmail.com>  
To: trboe@trschoools.com

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 12:38 AM

How is it possible you are ok with UNACCEPTABLE RACIST POSTS and death threats towards a government official?! It is completely UNACCEPTABLE that this trash is allowed to serve on the board of education! New Jersey has a high Muslim population - Dan Leonard needs to be removed from the board and reprimanded for his disgusting statements ASAP.



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Daniel Leonard should resign.

1 message

**Bonnie Shirley** <allbonnie@verizon.net>  
To: trboe@trschoools.com

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 2:53 AM

He is an American embarrassment. I am a moderate Democrat, and do not personally care for the "Squad", but would never say that I want a young female congressperson to die especially because they belong to a particular religion. I do not happen to trust religious people of any kind, including people like Daniel Leonard, but that is a separate issue.

Could he be encouraging someone to act against her? He should not be around children, nor make decisions regarding them. If he will not voluntarily resign, perhaps someone will begin a recall petition.

Bonnie Shirley JD, MA  
allbonnie@verizon.net

Whittier, Ca



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Dan Leonard

1 message

Jon Kalish <jon.kalish1219@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 3:33 AM

To: trboe@trschoools.com

You need to remove Dan Leonard from your Board IMMEDIATELY over his hateful and frankly disgusting comments about Reps Ohmar and Tlaib. That type of rhetoric from someone in his position, or anyone for that matter, should not be tolerated. If he will not step down on his own, he needs to be removed from his position. As a supposed educator, he should know that actions have consequences and his words, which go directly in opposition with your district's mission statement, are no different. Allowing him to keep his job is not only poor reflection upon your school district, but also the community of Tom's River. Do the right thing and terminate his employment immediately.



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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**Daniel Leonard**

1 message

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**Steven Miles MD** <miles001@umn.edu>  
To: trboe@trschoools.com

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 7:31 AM

Dear Board of Education

You know that Mr. Leonard crossed the line. He must be removed immediately for bringing discredit on the school board, for threatening the life of a person and a public official, and to show children that this kind of public discourse is unacceptable and has consequences.

StevenMiles, MD

Professor Emeritus  
University of Minnesota  
1517 East River Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55414





Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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**a fascist in your midst**

message

peobertone <peobertone@yahoo.com>  
to: trboe@trschoools.com

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 12:23 AM

Daniel "dp" Leonard is a proto-fascist. Fire him now or count yourselves as complicit in his tribal neo Nazi fascist camp.  
Shameful.  
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Sent from my iPhone



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Daniel Leonard

1 message

David Radford <david\_radford@yahoo.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 4:10 A

To: trboe@trschoools.com

Hello,

I just thought you'd like to know that Toms River made the national midday news here in Thailand today (I'm married with grand-kids and we all live in northern Thailand).

Daniel Leonard's comments were used as an example why democracies are dangerous (Thailand is currently under a military dictatorship).

It was also noted that Thais should be aware of the nationality of foreigners they interact with, as some foreigners may come from countries with values that most Thais would find disturbing.

I certainly hope no one from your district is planning a trip to Thailand soon. I'm sure that nothing distressing would happen, but they may find their time in "LOS" (the Land of Smiles) a bit different than they expected due to Daniel's comments.

Daniel Leonard is reinforcing every bad stereotype about Americans that people around the world have. Remember- the world is VERY interconnected now and so even local news stories travel far and wide (and mostly without context).

Have a good day and I hope that Mr. Leonard is quickly removed from his position and can not longer infect the children of Toms River.

Regards,  
David Radford.



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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**Daniel Leonard**

message

AOL <Dra369@aol.com>  
 o: trboe@trschoools.com

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 12:09 AM

There is no excuse for his behavior and there is no redeeming value in keeping him on staff.



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## FORCE Dan Leonard OUT

1 message

Edward Keenan <ewkeen@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 9:01 AM

To: trboe@trschoools.com

Dear Board President Nardini and Board Members,

IF ANY TOMS RIVER STUDENT HAD POSTED WHAT DAN LEONARD POSTED, THEY WOULD MOST LIKELY BE SUSPENDED OR REMOVED FROM SCHOOL.

As a long-time resident of Beachwood and Pine Beach, I am shocked to hear the statements made by Mr. Leonard against a duly-elected US Congresswoman. Mr. Leonard is obviously not qualified to represent the parents and children of Toms River. How many angry, belligerent, and potentially violent acts to we have to hear about before this guy goes off the handle and hurts someone? He was ARRESTED for attempting to drive someone off the road out of anger, and now racist, bigoted comments made in the PUBLIC?

THIS IS NOT WHO WE ARE. THIS IS NOT WHAT BEACHWOOD IS. THIS IS NOT WHAT TOMS RIVER IS ABOUT.

OUT WITH LEONARD! NOW!

E Keenan



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Daniel Leonard must be fired

1 message

Belinda Harding <btalks2u@icloud.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 9:15 AM

To: trboe@trschoools.com

This home grown terrorist must be removed from office-Daniel Leonard

I'm a middle aged, WHITE Methodist woman- just to set any questions straight!

This country is going crazy violent- and people like him should be NO where near our children- sowing seeds of hatred and bigotry

Take the steps  
Remove his sorry ass

Belinda Harding  
A US Citizen and proud if it!



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

## Regarding a public servant; D.P Leonard

1 message

Ahmad Elhaj <a.elhaj89@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 28, 2019 at 6:34 PM

To: "trboe@trschoools.com" <trboe@trschoools.com>

To whom it may concern,

I am attaching a photo of a post, published by Toms River board of education member, D.P Leonard. These posts were vile, disgusting, and un-American. How can a person hold public office, serving the American people, while being so ignorant? This is very concerning, and should be addressed ASAP! I am outraged, and cannot believe something like this can happen in NJ. We are not in Alabama.

Thank you,  
A. Elhaj

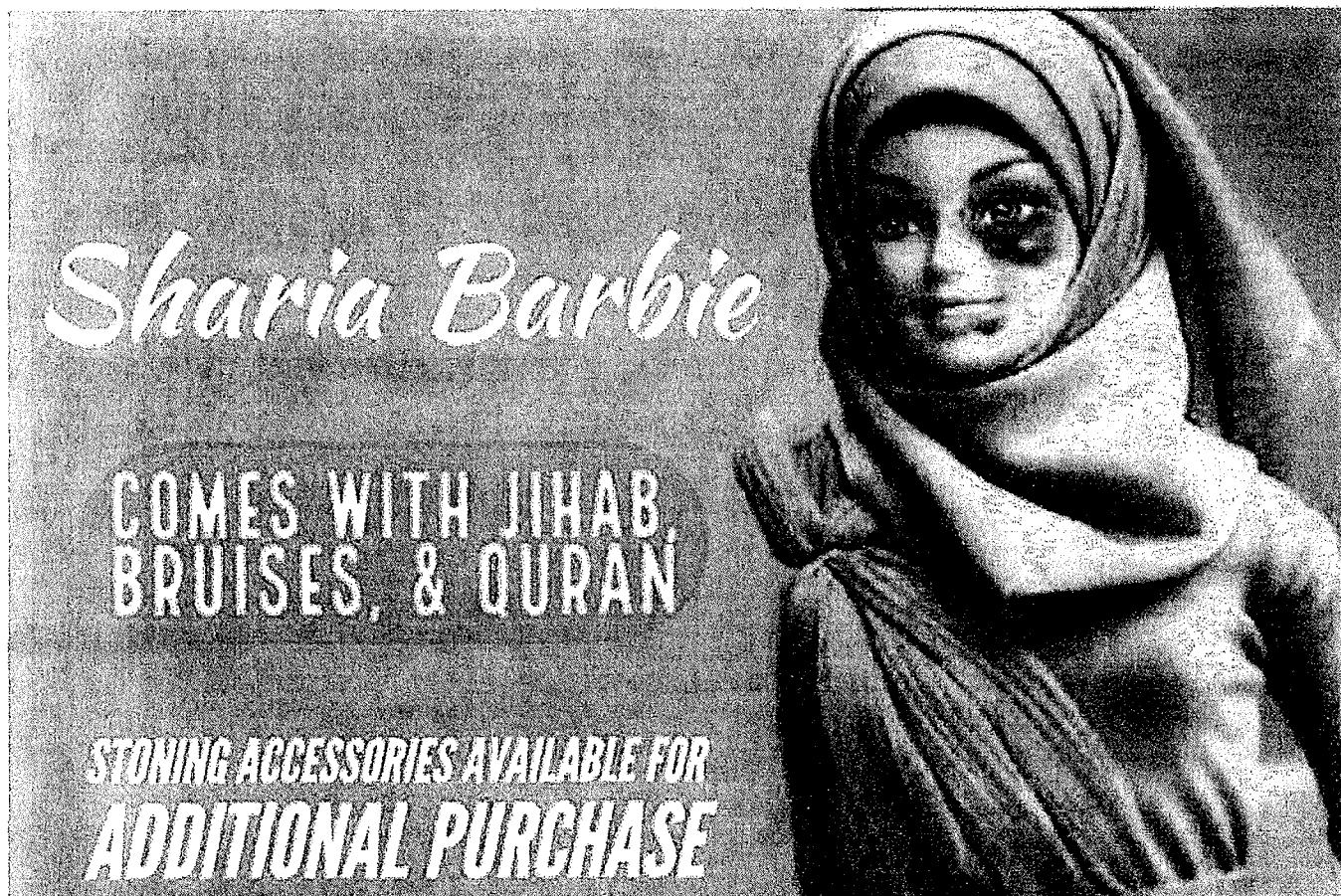
Ps, this has to be taken care of.



**D.P. Leonard**

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## Fw: [New post] NEW JERSEY School Board member under fire for saying his life would be complete if Congressmuslim Rashida Tlaib were dead

1 message

ryan muhammad <nationalexecutive@yahoo.com>  
To: "trboe@trschoools.com" <trboe@trschoools.com>

Mon, Jul 29, 2019 at 1:31 AM

I have no problem what Daniel Leonard said about terrorism-loving Omar and Tlaib.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: BARE NAKED ISLAM <donotreply@wordpress.com>

To: "nationalexecutive@yahoo.com" <nationalexecutive@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2019, 4:22:18 AM EDT

Subject: [New post] NEW JERSEY School Board member under fire for saying his life would be complete if Congressmuslim Rashida Tlaib were dead

New post on BARE NAKED ISLAM



### NEW JERSEY School Board member under fire for saying his life would be complete if Congressmuslim Rashida Tlaib were dead

by [BareNakedIslam](#)

A New Jersey school board member faces calls to resign over what some see as offensive comments he made on Facebook targeting radical Muslim Congresswomen Ilhan Omar (D-MN) and Rashida Tlaib (D-MI). Daniel Leonard is refusing to resign (Good for him!) despite backlash from Muslim community members, and their useful idiots on the Left. As usual, [...]

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**Re: Nice**

1 message

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**Steve Walt** <steve.walt@mchsi.com>

To: Toms River Board of Ed <trboe@trschoools.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 8:57 AM

[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/daniel-leonard-toms-river-rashida-tlaib\\_n\\_5d39c679e4b020cd994fe355](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/daniel-leonard-toms-river-rashida-tlaib_n_5d39c679e4b020cd994fe355)

On 7/25/2019 5:01 PM, Toms River Board of Ed wrote:

Thank you for your correspondence. Please note that all correspondence will be responded to by the appropriate District departmental leader. The Superintendent and the Board of Education members are copied with all correspondences and will respond where necessary.



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**Daniel Leonard**

1 message


Lauren T <lterrell90@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 9:00 AM

To: trboe@trschoools.com

[https://m.huffpost.com/us/entry/us\\_5d39c679e4b020cd994fe355](https://m.huffpost.com/us/entry/us_5d39c679e4b020cd994fe355)

This is absolutely appalling and disgusting to know that your Board of Education would maintain a member knowing his abhorrent views on people of other races. This is a horrible reflection of your Board and your school districts. Shame on all of you.

  
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Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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**DAN LEONARD**

1 message

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**Susan Druss** <auctions3d@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 28, 2019 at 4:57 P

To: "trboe@trschoools.com" <trboe@trschoools.com>

This is the kind of person you allow on your school board ? Making decisions for the education of ALL our children? He's a disgrace and so are you for having him participate.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/n-j-school-board-member-posted-his-life-would-be-n1034401>



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**Dan Leonard**

1 message

Patty Overfield <pattyoverfield@ymail.com>  
Reply-To: "pattyoverfield@ymail.com" <pattyoverfield@ymail.com>  
To: "trboe@trschoools.com" <trboe@trschoools.com>

Thu, Jul 25, 2019 at 11:36 PM

Racism has no place in our educational system. Board member Dan Leonard doesn't fall into the parameters of morality. Hate should not be sanctioned by your district or parents. Please see screenshots from his Facebook page.

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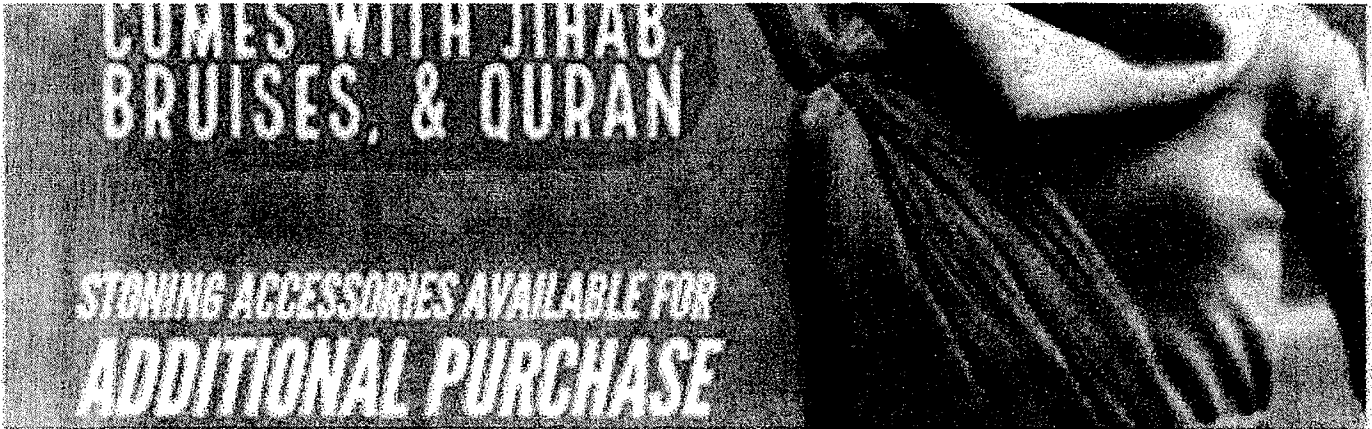
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Dan Leonard

1 message

Patty Overfield <pattyoverfield@ymail.com>

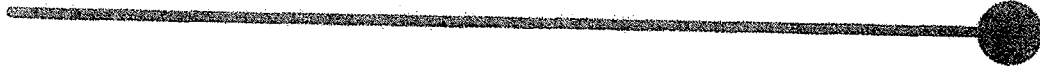
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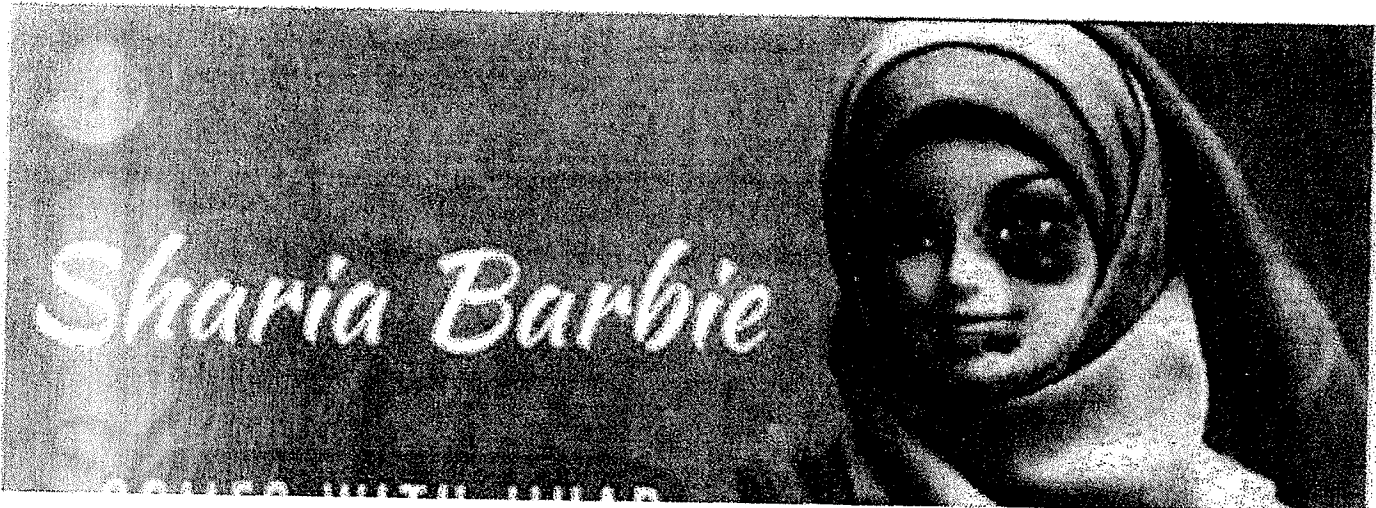
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## Daniel Leonard must be removed.

1 message

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Nicole Alger <nicolealger@me.com>

To: trboe@trschoools.com

Sun, Jul 28, 2019 at 6:10 AM

Good Morning,

I am writing to you because I am appalled and gravely concerned about the recent posts by your school board member, Daniel Leonard. I understand he refuses to step down after his threatening and racist, misogynist, and xenophobic rants against members of Congress. As an educator and parent myself, I am sure that I do not have to tell you the damaging message this sends to students if this vile man is allowed to hold a position of power in schools. His threats frankly deserve attention from law enforcement, but at the very least they should have a consequence. That consequence should be the loss of his position with your schools. If he continues to sit on your school board, you are stating loud and clear that you accept these threats and bigoted behavior to be appropriate. Please do the right thing.

Thank you,

Nicole Alger

Sent from my iPad



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Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## SCREW DAN LEONARD

1 message

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Hiawathafulmacio <hiawathafulmacio@protonmail.com>  
Reply-To: Hiawathafulmacio <hiawathafulmacio@protonmail.com>  
To: Toms River Board of Ed <trboe@trschoools.com>

Sat, Jul 27, 2019 at 9:48 PM

is all of the TRBOE racist?

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Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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**Leonard**

1 message

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edward boucher <eboucher63@yahoo.com>

To: trboe@trschoools.com

Sat, Jul 27, 2019 at 9:35 AM

Stand behind him and don't let s-cair crucify him about time to open a conversation about shiria.

AMERICA FIRST



Helena Gregitis <hgregitis@trschoools.com>

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## Daniel Leonard

1 message

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Gerald and Dolores Maxey <gndmax@yahoo.com>

Sat, Jul 27, 2019 at 2:14 PM

To: "trboe@trschoools.com" <trboe@trschoools.com>

Board of Education:

There was an article in my Yahoo news that School Board Member Daniel Leonard was quoted as saying his life would be complete with the death of Rashida Tlald die. Interesting comment but totally irrelevant to Mr. Leonard position of the Board of Education in New Jersey. Fact is, Ms. Tlald is the duly elected US Representative for Dearborn Michigan, not to far from where we live.

Mr. Leonard has no jurisdiction over Ms. Tlald and simply demonstrates his own serious Islamophobia. Frankly Mr. Leonard, Ms. Tlald is none of your business unless you choose to move to Dearborn and vote her out. Aside from that, your Facebook postings simply document your own hate and fear of Muslims.

Sincerely, Gerald and Dolores Maxey  
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