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**From:** Levine, Hannah (CRS) <Hannah.Levine@usdoj.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 31, 2023 2:29 PM  
**To:** bHUDSON@rcps.us; tGREENWAY@rcps.us  
**Subject:** Reaching out from the Community Relations Service

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Hello Mr. Hudson and Mr. Greenway,

I hope this email finds you well!

I'm reaching out from the Community Relations Service at the U.S. Department of Justice to introduce myself and offer our services in conflict resolution. The Community Relations Service (CRS) serves as "America's Peacemaker," preventing and responding to community tensions and hate crimes, bias, bullying, and discrimination committed on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, and disability.

CRS is aware of ongoing community tensions in Roanoke County following the release of the new model policies for transgender students. I'd like to connect to see if we might be able to offer support and services as you work to manage conflict within the community related to this.

If you would like to set up a time to speak about our conflict resolution services, please let me know. I have availability beginning Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, and I'm open to dates/times that work for you. In the meantime, please feel free to check out our website at <https://www.justice.gov/crs> for more information about us and the work that we do.

All the best,  
Hannah

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**From:** Kenneth Nicely <knicely@rcps.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023 12:00 PM  
**To:** hannah.levine@usdoj.gov  
**Cc:** Brent Hudson  
**Subject:** thank you for your concern

Ms. Levine:

The School Board chair forwarded your email to me.

Thank you for your concern. Our local School Board invites input from local citizens, including through public comment at its meetings. We have heard from local citizens from across the spectrum and there does not seem to be any widespread, ongoing community tension among Roanoke County citizens regarding the state's model policies. You may have read a media account from our July 27 School Board meeting during which two people unlawfully disrupted the meeting and were arrested. Neither person had any connection with our school system, and one was not a Roanoke County citizen.

We will continue to work in partnership with our local community and parents to make decisions within our local context and put the best interests of our children first. We are not in need of your services and respectfully decline your offer.

Sincerely,  
Ken Nicely

**Ken Nicely, Ed.D.**  
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Roanoke County Public Schools  
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