

Dear **SCHOOL** Principal and administration,

I write to you today as a [STUDENT/ALUMNUS/PARENT] watching in horror as my homeland is massacred. Early on the morning of October 7th in Israel, Hamas began its assault on Israel via land, sea, and air, including over 6,500 rockets fired at civilian targets. At this moment we know of over 1,300 Israelis that have been killed by Hamas, and more than 200 hostages throughout the Gaza strip including women, children, and the elderly. As we watch horrific scenes play out on the news, we are heartbroken and terrified.

Former Hamas leader Khaled Meshaal, after praising Hamas' barbaric attack against Israel, has called for a global day of jihad on Friday October 13. Meshaal encouraged supporters of the Palestinian cause to flood the streets of the Arab world and, given the widespread support across the US for Hamas atrocities, we have every reason to believe this violence could come to our campus. No student deserves to fear for their personal safety at their own school.

We are asking, as members of the **SCHOOL** community, for increased security measures to be undertaken. We urgently ask you to bring a police presence or to hire private security, with special attention given to the threats of violence on October 13. Jewish and Israeli students and their families will feel safer seeing heightened security on campus.

SCHOOL has a significant Israeli American and Jewish population who do not feel safe. Given the protests and rallies against Israel that have been held around the country, safety is a top priority. The narrative being spread at these rallies is not only morally and factually wrong but also dangerous and provocative. We are seeing swastikas held up next to the Palestinian flag in our major cities. This is antisemitism plain and simple.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with additional questions regarding this assault on Israel, or about additional ways you can provide emotional support for students during this difficult time.

Sincerely,