To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent/guardian of [Child's Name], a student at [School's Name]. I am deeply disappointed by the recent statements made by [School/District Name] regarding the violence between Israel and Gaza. I urge you to reconsider your position.

The statements we received were one-sided, focusing only on Israel's perspective and ignoring the suffering of Palestinians. This biased stance can harm the reputation of your institution and negatively impact students, faculty, and staff who identify as Muslim, Palestinian, Arab, or Jewish.

Studies have shown that marginalized students, including Muslim, Palestinian, and Arab students, are already at a higher risk of bullying, discrimination, and harassment. When educators and institutions make one-sided statements that fail to acknowledge the struggles of these students, it contributes to a hostile school environment.

I encourage you to educate your faculty, administration, and leadership on the complexities of the conflict. Over the past 75 years, the Palestinian people have endured immense suffering, displacement, and a 15-year-long inhumane siege and blockade in Gaza, which has been widely denounced as "the largest open-air prison" by respected human rights organizations. The blockade, ruthlessly imposed by Israel through land, sea, and air, has effectively deprived Palestinian residents of their freedom of movement and crippled Gaza's economy. It has severely restricted access to basic human needs such as food, clean water, electricity, and medicine. Israel's war crimes against Palestinians of all faiths have been extensively documented by organizations like Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, B'Tselem, and others, who resolutely declare Israel an apartheid state.

The United Nations has consistently deemed Israel's aggressions in Gaza and the Occupied West Bank as "illegal under international law" and a "substantial obstacle to peace." The death toll of the conflict in Palestine-Israel disproportionately affects Palestinians. Between 2008 and 2021, at least 5,739 Palestinians and 251 Israelis lost their lives. According to the UN, the conflict has claimed the lives of 23 Palestinians for every Israeli casualty. Over the same period, at least 121,438 Palestinians and 5,682 Israelis were injured. It is crucial for your school to recognize that the Palestinian people have endured decades of dispossession, dehumanization, and annexation under the illegal Israeli occupation and apartheid system. Their humanity should be recognized and respected as they face the devastating consequences of violence, including the recent Israeli airstrikes in Gaza.

I want to clarify that I am not asking you to ignore the suffering of Israelis. However, I ask you to acknowledge the hypocrisy in the recent statements and the lack of support shown to Palestinians in the past.

As a concerned parent, I have seen the negative impact of these statements on my child. I remind you of your obligation under Florida law to provide a safe environment for all students and to address any bullying or discrimination incidents promptly.

Our schools should not become political battlegrounds. Educators and administrators should refrain from biased and one-sided declarations. It is your responsibility to approach these situations thoughtfully, ensuring equal care and support for all students.

I call upon all school faculty, staff, and administrators to adopt a balanced view and issue a statement acknowledging the pain and suffering of Palestinians, including the children in Gaza who are currently being affected by the conflict.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Contact Information]