

URGENT STUDENT ACTION REQUEST

from

THE UNITED STUDENTS OF IHS

What: Come to the Board of Education Meeting

Where: ICSD Board Building (400 Lake Street)

When: This Tuesday, January 23rd. Gather at 6 PM outside the building

Why: To cheer for us, stand with us, lend your voices, and then take action!

ACTION DETAILS

Please do the following BEFORE the event:

- Read our demands and see us read them outloud at the MLK day celebration
- Follow the link and scroll down to the middle of the page under "Community Building and Organizing"
- <http://multiculturalresourcecenter.org/youth-organizing-fellowship>

Please do the following DURING the event:

- Wear black in solidarity
- Bring people from the community with you

Please consider doing the following DURING the event:

- Come speak for up to three minutes to support our cause- our attached demands can guide you
- Bring your phones and take pictures, record, or livestream and share on social media during the event and after

Please consider doing this AFTER the event:

- See our attached actions items and join our movement
- Use the hashtags referenced in our speeches

WHY STUDENTS ARE MOBILIZING

Historic discrimination:

- The ICSD performing arts have a history of casting favoring white students

This years musical:

- The Hunchback of Notre Dame has as one of its main characters a woman of color fighting oppression
- A blonde haired white young woman was cast in this role instead of a woman of color, traditionally expected in this role

DIVERSE COMMUNITY RESPONSE

The community is behind us (see below). Will you join our growing movement?

- Please see the two letters written to the Tompkins Weekly which sparked this movement.
 - <http://tompkinsweekly.com/news/2018/01/08/letters-god-help-outcasts/>
 - <http://tompkinsweekly.com/news/2018/01/08/letters-conscience-casting/>
- Please follow these links to letters to the editor and guest opinions written in response to our letters. Please support us with a letter!
 - <http://tompkinsweekly.com/news/2018/01/15/guest-opinion-whitewashing-finest/>
 - <http://tompkinsweekly.com/news/2018/01/15/letters-icsd-rectify-casting-error/>
 - <http://tompkinsweekly.com/news/2018/01/15/guest-opinion-lifeline-former-outcast/>
 - <http://tompkinsweekly.com/news/2018/01/15/letters-response-god-help-outcasts/>
 - <http://tompkinsweekly.com/news/2018/01/15/letters-time-better/>



HEAR OUR VOICES! STAND WITH US! ACT WITH US!