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LETTERS TO SUN STAR-COURIER

Residents should ask district to rewrite its mission statement

The Brecksville-Broadview Heights school board recently said it wants community input regarding its goals and objectives. I am asking others to join me in asking the board to revise its mission statement.

Part of the board's stated mission is "to inspire and prepare" children to become good citizens of the "global society." It omits any reference to preparing children to become good citizens of our great nation.

Public schools, funded by American taxpayers, should not undermine the importance of instilling patriotism in youth by focusing on a "global society." Many people have fought and died defending the freedoms of our country. They did not die for a so-called "global society."

America is the richest, freest, most powerful, and most generous nation on earth. America is the stabilizing force for peace in a tumultuous "global society."

Oppressed peoples throughout the "global society" still look to America as their last beacon of hope.

Because schools have such influence on impressionable youth and the future leaders of our nation, we, as a community, should insist that school officials place proper value on the fundamental principles and freedoms that make ours the greatest nation in the history of civilization.

That value should be reflected in schools' mission statements. Otherwise, it won't be long before future generations forfeit our freedoms for a purported "good of the global society."

Tell Board President, David Tryon, tryond@bbhcsd.org or 440-526-5355 the board's mission should include teaching children to become good citizens of our nation.

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