

## **NAIS Independent Schools Require Government Oversight**

Buckets Over Bullying through the Bronstein Family Foundation continues its mission to ensure that all schools prioritize the safety and well-being of students across the country, we have grown increasingly concerned about discriminatory practices within the independent school sector—particularly among member schools of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). These practices, which technically violate Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, have contributed to a troubling rise in severe and pervasive antisemitism within these institutions.

Out of deep concern for the safety of Jewish students and their families, a white paper was drafted outlining these issues. This NAIS memo was formally submitted in January of 2026 to 192 majority staff members within the House Education and Workforce Committee and the Ways and Means Committee, urging Congress to investigate these matters further.

### **SUBJECT:**

Holding the National Association of Independent Schools Accountable for Antisemitism and Discrimination

### **BACKGROUND:**

As Congress advances its efforts to address discrimination and antisemitism at universities and K-12 public schools, **we call your attention to the discrimination and antisemitism at independent private schools accredited according to the guidelines established by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), a tax-exempt organization located in Washington, D.C. that oversees more than 2,000 tax-exempt independent private schools throughout the United States and internationally.**

We write as parents and advocates for the millions of students, employees, parents, and other stakeholders at NAIS member schools harmed by the NAIS and its mandated DEI guidelines. The NAIS' guiding principles are imposed on schools through the NAIS-approved accreditation process, and include Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) teachings that promote antisemitism, anti-Western, anti-white bias, and racial discrimination in all aspects of school operations, from board governance to professional development and into student curricula.

The impact of the NAIS' discriminatory DEI agenda is far reaching. Nearly 100% of NAIS K-12 students attend college; many go on to become public officials,

business leaders, and professionals who bring these discriminatory beliefs into positions of power and influence. Prominent NAIS school alumni include U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley (Francis W. Parker School, Chicago, IL) and New York City Mayor Zohran K. Mamdani (Bank Street School For Children, New York, NY).

**We respectfully request Congressional inquiry into the discrimination and antisemitism fostered by the NAIS and infused into NAIS schools. Because these entities are tax-exempt organizations subsidized by the American tax-payer, oversight by Congress is warranted.**

The attached memo, entitled:

*Holding The National Association Of Independent Schools (NAIS) Accountable For Antisemitism And Racial Discrimination In NAIS Independent Schools*, dated January 12, 2026, provides:

- I. NAIS Background and Overview
- II. II. Summary of the Main NAIS Controversies
- III. III. Goals and Conclusions

The witness accounts and first-hand stories referenced in the memo are from students, employees, trustees, and parents about their personal experiences with the NAIS, and at their NAIS schools. These are but a small number of the many incidents of bias and discrimination we have collected.