

Communities in Support of The Khalil Gibran International Academy

About Us

We are individuals and organizations from a multitude of communities and backgrounds, who have come together in support of the Khalil Gibran International Academy. Both the school and its founding principal, Debbie Almontaser, have endured a vicious anti-Arab and anti-Muslim smear campaign for the past several months, which resulted in Ms. Almontaser's resignation.

We believe that, had the school and Ms Almontaser received the support they deserved from the Department of Education (DOE), the Mayor, and the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) President, voices of racism and bigotry would not have prevailed and Ms. Almontaser would still be principal.

The DOE has publicly stated its commitment to the Khalil Gibran International Academy. It is clear that the loss of the school's highly-regarded leader three weeks before the school was scheduled to open was not in the best interest of the school and is a great threat to its well-being. What is best for the school, and what will enable it to flourish, is for its founder and principal to continue in her role at the school.

Therefore, we call upon the DOE to invite Debbie Almontaser to resume her position as principal of KGIA and to provide the school with the support that it needs to ward off and respond to any attacks from the outside.

We call on all communities to stand with us in support of the Khalil Gibran International Academy and to oppose any manifestations of anti-Arab and anti-Muslim bigotry and hatred.

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