Letter Template for Parents to Send to their Head of School about Engaging NAIS to Amplify Efforts to Address Antisemitism in Their Member Schools

Dear [Title] [Last Name],

One of the many things I cherish about **[NAME OF SCHOOL**] is that our community strives to create an environment where every student and family feels valued and included. However, I recognize that addressing antisemitism and promoting Jewish inclusion presents unique challenges that require specialized knowledge, resources, and ongoing support beyond what any single school – no matter how well-intentioned – can develop independently.

While I deeply appreciate the efforts our school has made through parent partnerships and community dialogue, school leadership deserves additional support to truly excel in this area. This is why I am writing to encourage you to reach out to National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) to indicate how important it is for them to offer their members enhanced programming, resources, and guidance specifically focused on combating antisemitism and fostering Jewish inclusion.

NAIS has the opportunity to serve as an exemplar to all member schools by developing comprehensive programming and creating a robust repository of resources so schools can learn from one another. This could include evidence-based policies, examples of clear definitions of antisemitism, successful program models to teach about antisemitism, Holocaust education curricula and best practices that have been tested and refined across various school communities. Such a collaborative approach would benefit not only our school but the entire independent school community across the country.

Recent research from the Anti-Defamation League indicates growing concern among parents about the need for NAIS to take a more proactive stance against antisemitism and to ensure their programs and materials are thoroughly vetted to prevent the spread of biased narratives that can marginalize Jewish students and teachers. It would behoove NAIS to consult with national experts on antisemitism such as ADL and reach out to local/regional Jewish communal organizations for support. When NAIS leads with clear commitment to their stated values of inclusion and respect, it creates a ripple effect that strengthens every member school's ability to create safe environments. I hope you will consider making this request to NAIS leadership. I believe such action would demonstrate our school's commitment to its values while also contributing to positive change across the independent school landscape.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]