

# Strategy: Strategic Silence

## Approach



Holding the Line

## Group



Educators



Leadership  
or Board

## Context



Unsafe  
Environment



Coordinated  
Opposition

## Scope



Quick Burst

## What to Know

Not every moment calls for confrontation. When resistance is high, opting not to engage can keep you and students safe while you build toward longer-term inclusion.

## Doing It Right

When confronted, respond with short and straightforward answers. Focus energy on protecting your classroom space, not winning public arguments. Plan proactive responses instead of reactive ones.

## Evaluating Success

You avoid escalation without compromising core values. Hostility dwindles as antagonists lose interest. You save energy and time for strategic moments where it will make a bigger impact.

## Next Steps

Identify what proactive steps can be taken moving forward to prepare for similar situations or escalations in the future. Build up to bolder action through trust-building and preparation.