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School Board Member Research: McCarthyism, “Red Scare”

Your task is to do further research on the “Red Scare,” or McCarthyism, of the 1950s and hysteria using the links listed below in order to advise the principal on a course of action for the scenario in the introduction.

- Document any important information that you encounter during your research.
- Analyze the reasons for the hysteria behind McCarthyism and how community leaders responded to it.
- Answer the questions listed below to help you explain this hysteria to your group members.
- Prepare to meet with your fellow school board members in order to propose an appropriate course of action for the principal.

Questions to consider:

What events and accusations started the hysteria that led up to McCarthyism?

What are some examples of discrimination during the accusations, and to what degree do you think discrimination was a cause of the hysteria?

How did local, state, and federal government leaders respond to the accusations and proceedings?

How did the general public react to accusations of communism?