

“You're Not LISTENING TO ME!”

OOXML has been approved by a super-majority of those eligible to vote, appeals have been denied and yet the cry: “You're Not LISTENING TO ME!” goes on. I don't normally restrict my posts to one type reader but if you have never raised teenagers, please stop reading here.

For those of you who have raised teenagers, you will recognize the persistent cry from IBM and its many surrogates around the world that ISO and its national member bodies are “not listening” to IBM.

When your angry teenager said “you're not listening,” your response was: “no, I am listening but I simply **disagree**.”

Every parent has the right to disagree with their teenagers. Perhaps that is the difference? IBM doesn't recognize the right of national bodies to disagree? I should ask: Does IBM recognize the right of national bodies to disagree with IBM?

Everyone has been listening, patiently. Probably with more patience that was really merited by the objections. The objections were heard, considered and the vast majority of us simply **disagree**.

The required majority has spoken, the appeals have been denied. Everyone should ignore further teenager type complaints and join SC 34 in working on both ISO 26300 and ISO 29500.

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