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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] MFL Complaint re: Wit & Wisdom Curriculum
Date: November 23, 2021 at 12:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]
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November 23, 2021

Ms. Robin E. Steenman
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Delivered via email to [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Steenman,

The Tennessee Department of Education is in receipt of your complaint alleging a violation of Section 51 of [Chapter 493 of the Public Acts of 2021](#) (PC 493), now codified at Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1019, by the Williamson County School District. The complaint stated that the Williamson County School District used a curriculum or instructional program (Great Minds PBC Wit & Wisdom English Language Arts curriculum, Grade 2, Module 3, “Civil Rights Heroes”) that includes or promotes concepts prohibited by Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-1019(a).

The allegations described in your complaint occurred during the 2020-2021 school year. Pursuant to PC 493, the department is only authorized to investigate allegations that have occurred during the 2021-2022 school year and subsequent school years. Therefore, the department will not initiate an investigation into the claims alleged in your complaint. Please note that in declining to investigate these claims, the department has not made a determination regarding the merits of these allegations. We encourage you to work with the Williamson County School District to resolve the issues and concerns related to your complaint and ensure compliance with state law.

Additionally, we would like to make you aware that on November 8, 2021, [Chapter 0520-12-04](#) (Prohibited Concepts in Instruction) of the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Education went into effect. The emergency rule outlines the process for filing a complaint alleging a violation of T.C.A. § 49-6-1019(a).

Sincerely,



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<https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/update-on-coronavirus.html>

From: Robin Steenman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 3:39 AM
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Dear Commissioner Schwinn,

I want to thank you again for meeting with us and being so generous with your time. Please find attached the documents and presentation from today, as promised. Due to email file size constraints, I have had to convert most of the attachments to downloadable links. Apologies for the inconvenience!

1. Signed complaint letter re: WW violation of TCA 49-10-6
2. Redacted version of complaint letter (please use this version for any sharing outside of government channels)
3. "Let's Talk Wit & Wisdom" presentation - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bPYsWGPR_iHh7veLuxD8tMRBEpn2DCXe/view?usp=sharing)
4. Embedded video from presentation (Slide 134) - <https://youtu.be/Dpu49rqZpGg>
5. WW Book Review Spreadsheet - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Sfpkq4vBTfDs-sjro9rAxYB_1vdTHlhM/view
6. WW Teacher Manual Review Spreadsheet - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IFRzjUAwwN3PiEKJboz4FIf-hC_RcO7i/view
7. Video presentation of "Let's Talk Wit & Wisdom" - https://youtu.be/g7Ew_ljIKr8
8. Original presentation of "Let's Talk Wit & Wisdom" where Lori Friedheim does a superior job of presenting WW G2M3 at minute 43:30 - <https://youtu.be/Ne8lo05KBAk>
9. Chara Dixon's parent testimony at CRT101 event, 19 May 21 - <https://youtu.be/4ivOQXDcL9A>

These attachments represent the effort of more than 30 parents and 1200 hours of work. They can also be found online at www.MFLWillco.org/curriculum and our Youtube channel is

Hundreds of Williamson County parents are watching closely, hoping to receive some indication of whether they should remove their child from public school to avoid exposure to Wit & Wisdom, or to keep their child enrolled in a safe learning environment. It is our

tervent hope that we can effect a positive change in Williamson County curriculum in time for the upcoming school year. On behalf of all, thank you again for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Robin Steenman
Chair, Moms for Liberty Williamson County

