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**RE: Rejection of Complaint against Wit & Wisdom Curriculum on Technical Grounds**

Dear Dr. Schwinn,

I am in receipt of your response dated November 23, 2021 to my complaint against the Wit & Wisdom Curriculum, made by letter to you on June 30, 2021.

In my initial June 30<sup>th</sup> letter, I used 11 pages to describe how the curriculum, particularly that of Great Minds PBC Wit & Wisdom (WW) English Language Arts (ELA), Grade 2, Module 3, “Civil Rights Heroes” contains anti-American, anti-White, and anti-Mexican teaching. New legislation, signed into law by Governor Lee in May 2021, prohibits such teaching in the state of Tennessee.

My June 30<sup>th</sup> letter stated that “the parents and grandparents of Moms for Liberty Williamson County implore your immediate attention on this matter as the 2021-2022 school year fast approaches.”

It took **five months** to respond that the “allegations described in your complaint occurred during the 2020-2021 school year”, so “[t]herefore, the department will not initiate an investigation into the claims alleged...” since it had not yet occurred in the 2021-2022 school year.

**There is no reason to wait.** You are aware of the issue – and it was raised with respect to the 2021-2022 school year in advance of the injury of this curriculum on our children and grandchildren.

Why did it take 5 months for a response to the complaint I made in June? Interestingly, in the meantime – between my letter dated June 30, 2021 and your response to me on November 23, 2021 – you have created new rules for the Department of Education, which says that complaints must be filed on a *newly created* form to the local education agency.

That does not obviate the complaint I made prior to your new rules.

You have a responsibility to the children of our great state. I believe you have a legal responsibility, even though you have tried to dodge those responsibilities on technicalities and newly created rules. Tenn. Code Ann § 49-6-1019 (c) states that “If the **commissioner of education** [emphasis added] finds that an LEA or public charter school knowingly violated this section, then the commissioner shall withhold state funds”. What does it mean when the commissioner of education *already knows in advance* that a violation will occur? That is the current situation in our state.

Which leads to your *moral* responsibility. You know that the current curriculum is divisive, dark and not age appropriate. I outlined that in detail five months ago. It is as much a *moral* failing as it is a legal failing to allow it to continue another year.

Sincerely,

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