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Christine Deekens
Williamson County Parent and Tax Payer

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Respectfully,
Dana Bythewood



CC:

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Subject: Forum Request Wit and Wisdom Curriculum

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Lynn Holcombe
[Redacted]

District 6

Date: 25 May 2021

Jason Golden, WCS Superintendent
[Redacted]

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Have a blessed day.

Lynn Holcombe

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Sent: 5/27/2021 10:48:08 AM
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Subject: Re: Forum Request

Thanks for your email on behalf of Moms for Liberty. We have received the same email content from different people on behalf of that group, so I wanted to make sure I responded to each of you and re-share a few items that we've discussed at our Board meetings the past few weeks.

Wit and Wisdom is our adopted English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum for grades K-5 through the State's required curriculum adoption process. For grades K-2, we included a Foundational Literacy (phonics) program in addition to Wit and Wisdom. This curriculum was reviewed and selected by teachers and a stakeholder review committee then adopted by the School Board following the review process that is in Tennessee State law and established in School Board policy. Board policies and the law that guide this process are TCA 49-6-2207 and Board Policy 4.401, **Textbook Selection Adoption** and 4.402, **Selection of Instructional Materials**. WCS will continue to make decisions based on what's best for our students locally, not based on a national agenda. We have heard concerns that some of our families have experienced critical race theory promoted in other parts of the country. We do not have in our instructional plans promotion of critical race theory. We also know that the Tennessee Legislature recently passed HB580/SB623 addressing many concepts that public schools should not promote, and we are committed to honoring all Tennessee laws that our elected officials enact. The detail of that particular bill can be found at <https://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/112/Amend/HA0441.pdf>.

During this first year of implementation of the new ELA adoption, the district's curriculum specialists have been making modifications to the content and material based on our experience and input from students, parents, teachers, and staff. The district's Teaching, Learning, and Assessment team will present additional information regarding Wit and Wisdom and instructional adjustments being made during the Board's work session on June 17. This is not a voting meeting, just an update on our experience with Wit and Wisdom during this first year of implementation. That work session will be broadcast live via the internet with a link posted on our website.

We understand and respect that you as a group have expressed concern about Wit and Wisdom for elementary school ELA, and some of you have given examples of content that has concerned you. Our staff has met with some of your representatives, and we have at least one more meeting scheduled next month. If any of you as individual parents have any additional information about your child's experience that you believe might not have been shared, please reach out to your Principal. Our experience has been that meeting with smaller groups of parents is more productive because we can speak specifically about their children, their experiences, their successes, their concerns. A community forum in the summer is not the optimum way for staff to research and reply. Of course, in addition to small group meetings, we receive emails and calls from families. Input from our teachers and staff is also an essential part of our continued work. Please email your Principal any concerns you experienced with your child if you have not yet shared them during your child's learning this past year. Thank you for your feedback and continuing to share your thoughts and concerns.

Jason Golden
Superintendent
Williamson County Schools
[REDACTED]

From: andrea, suranyi <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Forum Request

Andrea Proctor

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
District #6

Date: Tuesday May 25th 2021

Jason Golden, WCS Superintendent

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dear Mr. Golden,

I have previously written the board about my serious concerns over Witt and Wisdom. To my disappointment my concerns were ignored. Once again I express that this curriculum has had damaging effects on my child. It is dark, depressing and age inappropriate. Furthermore with the boards knowledge of this negatively impacting our children, why continue using it? Are we not working for the safety and best interest of our children? As a parent my ultimate goal is to protect and positively nurture my child. Witt and Wisdom is negative and divisive. I am against the use of this curriculum and refuse to allow it to harm any more children. Please take my and countless other parents concerns seriously. Changes need to occur to safeguard our children in WCS district.

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Williamson C. Parent

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Kelly Jackson
May 2021

Williamson County Parent

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Williamson Co Parent - Elementary and Middle
May 26, 2021

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Colvin

Williamson
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Kelly A. Short

//electronically signed// 24 May 2021

Williamson County Parent

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Aimee DeCastro
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District 2

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Williamson County parent, registered voter, and active community member for 21 years

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Date: 24 May 2021

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