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Hey Jason. I don't know if you've responded to Dan, but you could share something like this that may help him respond to the parent.

Our school administrators and teachers have been having ongoing and productive conversations with parents about the texts and assignments used in Wit and Wisdom. There seems to be a lot of misinformation and confusion about the curriculum and many of the conversations have resulted in a better understanding of how the curriculum materials are being used, and what is actually in the curriculum. As a result of these conversations, we've only had 7 families ask for an alternate text or assignment at this time. If the parent that sent this email decides to enroll her child in our schools, we would be happy to sit down and walk through the curriculum to identify any specific areas of concern and accommodate as needed.

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Good afternoon-

I first want to say thank you to all of you who are on our school board. While I may or may not agree with how the school system operates and the curriculum that is being taught, I know you all have a lot on your shoulders and I appreciate someone stepping up to fill the school board for WCS.

My oldest daughter will be entering kindergarten next year at Creekside (unless I find another alternative) I cannot tell you how disappointed I am in the Wit & Wisdom

Curriculum that you as a school board chose to implement for our children in 2020. As a mother to 2 bi-racial children I am sick at my stomach with the books and studies our teachers are having to read to our children. WHY WHY do we have to point out a racial divide to 6-8 year olds?! Why do they need to have teachers pointing out that the differences in skin color makes one race "better" or "superior" to the other, when in fact none of that is true. For example the Ruby Bridges book (which I think is great by the way), why must it be pointed out that an angry crowd of WHITE bystanders were protesting and yelling at a BLACK girl. Why do we have to call out color/race. Don't you guys realize that you are only creating more DIVIDE than unity?

Maybe you all dont see it this way because everyone on the board is white and feel like you need to check a box to ensure that our children are learning about races other than WHITE people, but in all actuality you are pointing out the negatives from our ancestors. White people have done a lot of good things and not just created oppression you know? How do I handle the time when my 1/2 Chinese daughter comes home from school and thinks poorly of me and my white family because all she has read about is how horrible of a race we are and how much oppression we created. I love diversity. My sweet children know no difference in their Indian friends, vs African American friends, vs White friends. Now dont get me wrong, they know we have different skin color, but they also know that Jesus loves us all the same.

Call me a "Karen", call me another WILCO mom just overreacting, but I am not. I am fighting for diversity and diversity done in the correct way. We moved to Franklin (from Nashville) for the "incredible" public schools we have all heard about. And now here I am with a 4 year old and a 2 year old, in a dual career household trying to figure out logistics to put my children into another school district or private school, when honestly that is the last thing we want to do.

I'm praying for each of you as you guys have the power and the control to change the Wit & Wisdom curriculum, and reevaluate what is being taught to our sweet little children. The world has enough division going on and our schools should be a safe place where our children are being taught the correct way to love one another and love EVERY RACE.

I would love to discuss this with one of you, or the Creekside principal or a teacher if you could get me in contact with someone. Thank you for taking time to hear me out