

From: Jason Golden <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 8/17/2021 9:34:55 AM
To: Joseph Whinery <[REDACTED]>; Juli Oyer <[REDACTED]>; Leigh Webb <[REDACTED]>; David Allen <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Afghani/Haitian families

Joseph, thanks.

Jason Golden
Superintendent
Williamson County Schools
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From: Joseph Whinery <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 7:57 AM
To: Juli Oyer <[REDACTED]>; Leigh Webb <[REDACTED]>; David Allen <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Jason Golden <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Afghani/Haitian families

Good day.

Thank you, Juli, for your text this morning. She asked me whether we have Afghani families in our district. Not only that country's astounding collapse but the earthquake in Haiti this week might be upsetting to anyone with connections to those countries.

Going by what is entered in Skyward:

- born in Afghanistan: 3 (one each at [REDACTED])
- born in Haiti: 25 (various numbers at [REDACTED])
 - most of the middle/high children born in Haiti were adopted and brought to the US right after the 2010 earthquake;
 - most of the elementary children are adoptions in recent years

Maybe a quick word to principals that beyond these, WCS families might be connected with these larger communities in middle TN who are very worried about the safety and well-being of loved ones in Afghanistan and Haiti.

Joseph

From: Seth <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 8/17/2021 10:33:22 AM
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: CO Schoolboard Group <[REDACTED]>; Jason Golden <[REDACTED]>
Subject: 126 Chinese American Families on WCS District 4

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Dear Commissioners of District 4,

We are 126 Chinese American families with children at WCS. We understand you are considering the replacement appointment for WCS Board at District 4.

WCS is one of the best school systems in Tennessee, and that's a huge part why we relocated here from all the country or even the world. We are strong supporters for Superintendent Golden, Go Dawgs, and the current WCS Board. As you are well aware that Asian Americans are the fast growing minority group in Williamson County and Mid-Tennessee, and the biggest minority student group in WCS.

Here are three elements that we hope you take into consideration when evaluating potential candidates for District 4.

- School Safety during a global pandemic. Williamson County as the center of America's healthcare industry has no reason to perform as poorly as our rural neighbors who have much less resources. We will support any candidates who take a scientific, compassionate and rational approach.
- Diversity and inclusion. Diversity in both physical and intellectual attributes has been a fundamental strength of America. Just look at the USA Olympic Team. All the data points that the growth of Williamson County and WCS is correlating with the diversification of this very community. We will support any candidates that value diversity and see our children as assets.
- Academics and STEM. Williamson County is consistently ranked among top 20 County of the country, so WCS has the potential to become a top-20 school district, too. We believe more investment in academics and STEM will help us to get there. We will support any candidates that are committed in the further advancement of WCS.

Thank you for your consideration.

126 Chinese American families with WCS
Greater Nashville Chinese Association

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The world forgetting, by the world forgot / Eternal sunshine of the spotless mind! / Each pray'r accepted, and each wish resign'd.

From: Tamara Fyke <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 8/17/2021 12:25:57 PM
To: Jason Golden <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Finding Common Ground

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Hello, Dr. Golden.

My name is Tamara Fyke. I saw the article in *The Tennessean* related to the current conversation around diversity and equity in Williamson County. As a long-time Nashville resident who is dedicated to the work of social-emotional learning, equity and positive culture building, I wanted to let you know about our PreK-12 resources for students, teachers, and families...Love In A Big World, which includes curriculum, professional development & coaching, classroom resources, and student workshops.

I believe that focusing on the values that all of us can agree on, such as Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Honesty, Kindness and more...can help build a bridge to foster positive change in your district.

We worked in Williamson County many years ago under Dr. Jubal Yennie's leadership. We would like to re-engage, especially during this crucial time of change.

Not only am I an educator, but I am also a mother of three bi-racial children who have experienced firsthand the challenges of not being accepted or celebrated in Williamson County. I believe that providing support from a local voice who is both an educator and a parent will be helpful in closing the gap as well.

Are you and your team open to a meeting in the next two weeks?

Kindly,
Tamara Fyke
[REDACTED]

www.loveinabigworld.org

www.musicitykids.com

To schedule a meeting:

<https://calendly.com/tamara-25/30min>