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Subject: Last Night's Board Meeting

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First of all, thanks to you all for all your hard work and great discussions last night. It was very informative.

I appreciate all the work on health & safety and the plan seems very reasonable given the current assumptions. My girls both got their first vaccinations yesterday so we are excited! You all have been world-class in managing all of this, and I thank you for it.

I'm looking forward to my Listen & Learn session today and can't wait to see what suggestions the Fosters have to offer.

Concerning the curriculum, I thought Mr. Golden and Mr. Allen were incredibly informative on where we are at with Wit & Wisdom.

But I have real concerns with some of the comments from Mr. Cash and Ms. Emerson.

First of all, there is absolutely nothing in any of these books remotely related to "Pornography" and to suggest that is ridiculous and inflammatory. Just stop.

Secondly, I am a part of a "traditional family unit" and even I cringed every time Mr. Cash spoke. I can't imagine how belittled those who were from so-called "broken homes" felt listening to him. Mr. Cash, we have plenty of students in this district who come from all kinds of backgrounds and family units who do not need to be looked down upon by you. Please remember that it is your job to represent EVERY child in this district.

I'd love to know if Mr. Cash or Ms. Emerson have actually read any of the books in the Wit & Wisdom curriculum. If not, I encourage you to do so as I believe it would open your eyes to other perspectives. I know you want to serve the children of this school district and I sincerely hope you will do the work of listening to those who are different than you (not just Moms for Liberty).

Thanks,
Crystal

On Wed, May 5, 2021 at 9:24 AM Crystal Freemon <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear School Board & Superintendent Golden,

As a parent of children in the WCS school system, I am very grateful for the education my children are being provided, and for the efforts to continually improve. It's important to me that my girls are taught the perspectives of those who are different from them. I also want them to understand the mistakes our great but flawed country has made so they can be a part of preventing those same mistakes from being repeated.

I am concerned about the targeted actions of groups trying to control the curriculum and ban books. I've read some of the books that are being targeted and feel the complaints about them are misguided. While I agree some of the subject matter is tough, I trust our wonderful teachers to be able to navigate these tough subjects in an

age-appropriate way. Books are the safest way to learn about life's challenges

I love that the Wit & Wisdom curriculum builds upon itself so that kids can make connections on concepts they learned throughout the years. I love that the children are learning about people that are different from them and who have overcome adversity. Most of all, I love that they are excited about what they are reading, rather than just checking off a list of comprehension skills.

I also support the hiring of Fostering Healthy Solutions. The very fact that we are having to defend books like "Ruby Bridges Goes to School" proves the need for more work to be done in our community.

I have heard that one fifth-grade book was pulled this year. I hope that will not happen again. Please know that a great many parents support this learning. I hope you won't let the loud group of parents who have already shown they are anti-science influence education in any way.

Thank you for your time and continued efforts to give our kids the best education. I know it's been a rough year and I am thankful to you all for your continued commitment to making decisions based upon the best interest of students despite outside pressure.

Thanks,
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