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Dear School Board Members,

Tonight, you will be deciding if the Anchorage School District should adopt "Anti-Racism" and "Instructional Equity" into the school's curriculum. I want to ensure there is adequate public testimony allowed on these policies and that we are not acting in a knee jerk fashion to events across the country.

As a mom to two small children who will be entering the Anchorage School system, I believe it is very important that age-appropriate material is presented. I also believe it is a parent's right to be able to opt their children out from having certain material taught to them. We, as a society, have kept religion and politics out of educational curriculum. As we move forward, we need to ensure that certain ideologies regarding Critical Race Theory, if presented in schools, are presented in a balanced and age-appropriate way.

Kids need to know the whole story about our country's history. We have not always lived up to the second paragraph of the Declaration of Independences, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights," but we have come far, and we should be proud of that fact.

Sincerely,

Representative Sara Rasmussen