
From: Katy McPherson
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Washoe County School District Board Resolution 20-011

To the Members of the Board,

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Please, do not vote to pass a district-wide resolution that will subject Washoe County students to Critical Race Theory, to revisionist history, to the false and damaging ideas of 'white privilege' and 'systemic racism.'

I know for a fact that Washoe County parents stand opposed to our schools presenting Critical Race Theory as fact to children who deserve to know their true heritage.

I stand opposed to Washoe County School District Board Resolution 20-011 if it means the next generation will grow up thinking the worst about our nation's past and believing lies about its present.

Our children deserve the whole truth.

Thank you,

Mrs. Katy McPherson

From: Nancy Johnston
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Critical Race Theory

I agree with the following letter:

Here is a sample letter written by a Washoe County parent:

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6th/7th Grade Reading Teacher
Odyssey Charter School

From: Dale Smith
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WCSD Resolution 20-011

I do not see a need to resolve anything by the school district, especially if it is something that is being done in California. The state to our west falls very low on the pecking order of the 50 states educational systems, and would not be one that I would want our children to emulate. Since the Nevada State constitution follows the US constitution and the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the US Constitution already afford/guarantee equal treatment of all peoples under the law, than restating this becomes redundant. I would view this resolution as an attempt to curry favor amongst one special interest group, which is not the intent of the US Constitution. "All Men (and women) are Created Equal." Let the courts sort this out if sojmeone feels that they have been slighted based on race, creed, color, sex or national origin. Nevada has many differing creeds from Asia, Pacifica, Europe, Africa, South America, Central America, Native first peoples and Australia. All are viewed as equal by the law.

Dale A. Smith
Resident of Washoe County

From: Victoria Thompson
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 20-011

I stand against the 20-011! Its BS, stop adopting California's socialist agendas.
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Sheryl Laguna
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Public Comments
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From: Thea Mayberry
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Board of Trustees Meeting 10/27/2020

To whom it may concern,

My name is Althea Mayberry. I graduated from Reno High School, class of 2020. I am commenting in support of the proposed resolution.

I recognize I will never experience racism, but in the thirteen years I have attended school in Washoe County I have witnessed countless acts of racism committed by both educators and students. I find myself actively unlearning biased curriculum, especially that of history and social studies classes, daily. While the teaching of the current curriculum is a disservice to all students, it is especially harmful to BIPOC students who are taught the white-washed curriculum. The most recent example of this I can recount is of my sophomore year AP European History class, the curriculum of which is full of “white savior” rhetoric, but combined with the overt, racial biases of the teacher created a caustic learning environment for minority students. While I can not speak directly to the experience of BIPOC students in this school district, I am gay and have experienced firsthand the lack of support for LGBTQ+ students and the lack of curriculum surrounding the community's history. I learned from a young age, too young, that I could not be openly gay in classrooms or I would risk the respect of teachers and opportunities in the class, because they are often made uncomfortable and do not know how to treat me going forward.

I stand in solidarity with Washoe County Students for Change/ Diversify Our Narrative and the requests they have made. The addition of inclusive and antiracist curriculum, as proposed by the resolution, must also be accompanied by the rectification of the policy that prohibits teachers expressing their ally-ship of the LGBTQ+ community and support of the Black Lives Matter movement in the classroom, as this open support is non-political and helps promote inclusivity and representation within a classroom.

Thank you for your time,
Althea Mayberry
She/her

From: Judy Arciaga-Holland
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2020 6:32 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Critical Race theory

To the Board:

Critical Race Theory presents a totally negative perspective on the founding of our great nation. Please do not affirm it's being taught in our schools. Please vote no!

Sent from my iPhone