

A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, DECLARING ITS OFFICIAL OPPOSITION TO THE USE OF CRITICAL RACE THEORY AND OTHER RACE-BASED TRAINING, CURRICULA, AND METHODOLOGY IN PUBLIC EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, the ability of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish to direct teachers and to determine educational curriculum should be through their elected school board members and should not be ceded to governmental or non-governmental entities outside of the parish;

WHEREAS, the role of this Board, in a policymaking capacity, to determine educational programs prioritizing student achievement, to be carried on in the schools of the district, and to prescribe the textbooks for any course of instruction or study in such programs; and

WHEREAS, Public Education, properly designed, includes age-appropriate exposure to history, philosophies, and structures which comprise the American experience. Pertinent instruction regarding history of racism and inequality in America should not purport to deliberately undermine race groups, student/family values, religious beliefs, or founding principles; and

WHEREAS, Public educators are generally not authorized to endorse or proselytize on behalf of a specific perspective in any areas of faith, civil rights, economics, international affairs, sociology, or politics; and

WHEREAS, Critical Race Theory (CRT) and all related, euphemistic, surrogates should similarly not be advocated in any form, in St. Tammany Parish School Board's curricula or staff training; and

WHEREAS, no teacher, administrator, support staff, volunteer or third-party vendor shall teach, instruct, train, approve or make use of standards, curricula, lesson plans, textbooks, instructional materials, or instructional practices not approved or vetted by the St. Tammany Parish School Board; and

WHEREAS, respect for the personal liberties of students and teachers, the views of a politically diverse citizenry, and the tradition of institutional neutrality, means that political activism has no place in the professional development for teachers, administrators, or other employees and likewise has no place in the instruction given to the children entrusted to our care by the parents of this parish; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board and that copies of the same be forwarded to the State Superintendent of Education and the Members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Motion by Mr. Greene with second by Mr. Nation.

Upon roll call vote, the following votes were tabulated:

Yeas: Mr. Greene, Mr. Dirmann, Mr. Loup, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Nation, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Winkler, Mrs. Baker, Mr. Bettencourt, Mrs. Lamy, Mr. Hursey, Mr. Braud and Mrs. Page

Nays: None

Abstentions: Mrs. Heintz and Mr. Cousin

Absent: None

AND THE RESOLUTION was declared adopted this 10th day of November, 2022.

I, Frank J. Jabbia, Secretary of the St. Tammany Parish School Board, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the Committee As A Whole of the St. Tammany Parish School Board on November 10, 2022, held at the Schoen Administrative Complex, Covington, Louisiana.


FRANK J. JABBIA
Secretary