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Hello,

I believe it is important for students to have understanding of our history, beginning in the junior high level, not at the elementary level. History should be taught as a whole, the US, the world to to tether broader thought.

I do not agree with indoctrinating our elementary students with a narrative that somehow all black people have had zero rights. That is not true. We had a black president, black teachers, superintendents, etc. To continue saying otherwise, creates shame for all children enforcing powerless feelings.

That itself is unnecessary to put on our elementary students.

If the goal of ethnic studies is to create empathy, then one must understand that if someone at school, falls and skins their knees on the playground, the children not taught to not care, because they are not allowed to touch one another in the right way, but you & I know they do, because they are children. They should be allowed to hug one another or at least know that they should care if someone is hurt, not just go tell the teacher.

The burdensome convoluted curriculum in schools lacks basic intelligence. We are seeing that played out throughout the nation.

The children at the elementary level need to be taught math, english, selling and a repetition of that in order to have those skills become second nature. A critical subject is not being taught and should be. And that is, proper respect conduct & behavior and both responsibility & consequences of good or bad.

I would like school district to refrain from overwhelming information on this website. Post the curriculum and lessons for each grade and make that front and center on your website so we can have some insight as to what is being taught at school.

I appreciate your time and believe you are doing your best to navigate through it all. I know it's not easy. Now more than ever, less is more and streamlining it all is in all of our best interests.

Best Regards

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