

**PRJUSD Board of Trustees Meeting August 10, 2021**

**PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED FOR ITEM H.2 - CRT**

**In support of a ban on CRT:**

Amy Oberg  
David Karp  
Darcy Kristy

**Opposed to a ban on CRT:**

Lisa Karcher  
Cindy Lewis  
Amy Wilkinson  
Mark Tomes  
Heather Nguyen  
Jaime Lewis  
Dona Hare Price  
Kolie Swavley  
Courtney Moore  
Brittany Pomfret  
Cynthia Kim  
Lauren Spence  
Katie Cederborg  
Jaime Lewis #2  
Yvette Roman  
Megan Thomas  
Mariana Aguilar  
Briana Ronan  
John Hollander  
Mae Blonski  
Emily Rogers  
Jennifer Hamm  
Lauren Phelps  
Carrie Yapple  
Nora Espinoza  
Kimberly Dispenza  
Kate White  
Tracy Dauterman  
Marion Hart  
Jesse Vestermark  
Rosemary Wrenn  
Sarah Hibble  
Jessie Murphy  
Sarah Rell Florez  
Karen Bishop  
Carlye Peterson  
Regan Smith  
Raleigh Delk  
Stephanie Allen

April Worley  
Ki-Lin Baribeau  
Stephen Heraldo  
Susana A. Lopez  
Joe Doe  
Anthony Pangilinan  
Courtney Haile  
Chase Parker  
Katie Herzog  
David Anastasia  
Nancy Anastasia  
Ella Kahan  
Eric Cuarenta

**PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED FOR ITEM H.3 – FAMILY GUIDE INCLUDING MASK GUIDANCE**

**In support of masks:**

Brianne Leatherman  
Carlin Byrne  
Anat Sommelet  
Pam McMullin  
Central Coast Psychological Association  
Simone Huls  
Tracy Dauterman

**In opposition of masks or parents' choice:**

Lyndsey Barnhart  
Jackie Pointer  
Suzanne Petrie  
Heather Nguyen  
Janet Scoglio  
Darcy Kristy  
Morgan Aanerud  
Scott Compston  
Beth Weleba  
Holley Pina



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

## H.2 Approve One Option Regarding the Teaching of Critical Race Theory

1 message

**Amy Oberg** <amyoberg@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 5:24 AM

To: Christopher Arend <carend@pasoschools.org>, Chris Bausch <ccbausch@pasoschools.org>, James Reed <jmreed@pasoschools.org>, Lance Gannon <lgannon@pasoschools.org>, Timothy Gearhart <tjgearhart@pasoschools.org>, Dorian Baker <dkbaker@pasoschools.org>, Nathan Williams <newilliams@pasoschools.org>  
Cc: Curt Dubost <cdubost@pasoschools.org>, Jennifer Gaviola <jjgaviola@pasoschools.org>, Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

Dear Board of Trustees and Administration,

"Clear is kind, unclear is unkind." -Brené Brown *Dare to Lead*

**My recommendation to you is to adopt Resolution 21-27 B.** As an educator, it is clear what is not acceptable content taught to students in Paso Schools. (items a.-h) I believe this is proactive in minimizing the risk of (unintentional) unethical teaching from occurring, protecting both students and staff.

Additionally, I appreciate the last paragraph, "Notwithstanding the above restrictions, social science courses can include limited instruction about Critical Race Theory and what it is, provided that such instruction does not conflict with the requirements and restriction detailed above and in accordance with Board Policy 6144 - Academic Freedom/Controversial Issues."

My thoughts on the four options:

1. Adopting one of the three resolutions makes it clear to staff what is not acceptable teaching. If you don't know.....
2. Public Forum: at this time the topic has been discussed with a lot of verbal and written input from all over SLO County. Unless there is a strong desire from the community for a forum, it is best for trustees to move forward with direction to staff.
3. A memo: This will likely get overlooked/missed by staff. It is unlikely to be taken seriously.
4. Do Nothing- This tells me CRT is acceptable and the trustees do not want to take a stance.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Amy Oberg

*"Live in the SUNSHINE, swim in the SEA, drink the wild AIR." -Ralph Waldo Emerson*



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Fwd: I support Critical Race Theory (CRT) Resolution 21-27

1 message

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**Curt Dubost** <cdubost@pasoschools.org>  
To: Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

Wed, Jul 28, 2021 at 10:11 AM

Update

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "David Karp, PLS" <karplandsurveys@gmail.com>  
**Date:** July 28, 2021 at 6:28:18 AM HST  
**To:** cdubost@pasoschools.org  
**Subject:** I support Critical Race Theory (CRT) Resolution 21-27

Dear Mr. Curt Dubost of the Paso Robles School Board;

I support the plan laid out by fellow School Board member Chris Arend to ban Critical Race Theory (CRT) Resolution 21-27. I have two students in Paso Robles Unified School District a 6<sup>th</sup> grader and an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Flamson Middle School. I will also have a kindergartener join the district in the next year. I believe (CRT) has such an approach will confuse my children and blunt their ability to develop personal philosophies of world view. The divisiveness is counter to a culture that has promoted intelligent conversation/dialogue required to resolve differences of opinions between citizens who each loves this country. I support ways to form children with integrity and reason rather than standing outside the fray while special interest organizations attempt to indoctrinate our children.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Karp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

David W. Karp

Longtime Paso Robles Resident, Business owner, and father of 3



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Public Comment for Agenda Item: H.2. Approve One Option Regarding the Teaching of Critical Race Theory (8/10/21)

1 message

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Darcy Kristy <darcyfaye03@msn.com>  
To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 7:46 AM

### Public Comment for Agenda Item: H.2. Approve One Option Regarding the Teaching of Critical Race Theory

Hello,

My name is Darcy Kristy and I'm a resident of SLO County. While my children do not attend your district, they are in public school in North County, and I feel whatever happens in one of these districts filters to the others.

I'm writing today to share my opposition for CRT. I feel strongly that all students, everywhere should be taught inclusion, kindness, respect, empathy, understanding, and to treat everyone as you'd like to be treated. The Critical Race Theory is doing just the opposite. It's designed to divide, to point fingers, to place blame, and guilt.

While looking into the fundamentals of CRT, listening to some of the seminars for CRT curriculum, and reading some of the curriculum myself, it appears to teach how to hate, point fingers and, and instill racism . All the issues it claims to fix.

Instead of placing blame, guilt, hate, distrust, and division on our future generations, we need to learn to accept differences and see one another as equals. We need to teach to accept, to respect, to honor, to have compassion and understanding. Critical Race Theory is doing exactly the opposite. It's already proving to do so. This theory is not the answer to our problems.

I ask that you vote NO to accepting CRT into any curriculum.

Thank you.



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Oppose CRT and MASKS

1 message

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**Lisa Karcher** <lisa.marie.karcher@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 10:41 AM

To: cdubost@pasoschools.org, tlbraden@pasoschools.org, jgaviola@pasoschools.org, bpawlowski@pasoschools.org, carend@pasoschools.org, ccbausch@pasoschools.org, jmreed@pasoschools.org, lgannon@pasoschools.org, tjgearheart@pasoschools.org, dkbaker@pasoschools.org, newilliams@pasoschools.org

To Whom it May Concern,

My husband and I both vehemently OPPOSE CRT and the requirement of masks for our children. We have looked into CRT, separate from the news stories, and find this way of thinking to be divisive and damaging to the youth of this country. No child should be made to feel inferior to others and no child should feel that the past sins of this country are their burden to carry. This is not how our children should be taught. Our children should all be treated equally and made to feel that they can achieve anything they strive for. This is the American way. If CRT ever becomes a part of the Paso Robles School District curriculum, we will pull our students immediately. I know we are not alone and other parents feel just as strongly.

In regards to the masks, there has been so much conflicting information. Just in July, the CDC said that masks would not be needed for children yet California is requiring them in school. California's mandates are not dictated in science but rather fear mongering and control. As Dr. Fauci recently stated, he "hopes" long term mask wearing will not have lasting permanent effects on our children. I do not want to "hope." I want to know my children won't have long lasting psychological effects and I can guarantee that they won't if my children don't have to mask up. Masks should be optional and left to the parent/student to choose. The state of California and the Paso Robles School District should not ever be able to dictate how we raise our children and how we feel in regards to mask wearing.

Please consider the parents and the students when making your decisions. Listening to those who come to meetings to voice their agenda who do not have children in the district should not have a say. Representatives from the SLO Democratic party that attend board meetings to voice their agenda should not have a say in the teachings of our children who attend the district schools. Only the voices of the parents and children should be heard and considered. Just because some are loud, does not mean that they are in the majority.

Lisa and Patrick Karcher  
805.459.9973



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Comment for 8/10/21 meeting, Critical Race Theory, H2

1 message

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Cindy Lewis <drlewis@lewisassoc.com>

Sun, Aug 8, 2021 at 3:58 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees meeting 8/10/21

**For H.2. Approve one option regarding the teaching of critical race theory.**

**We argue that #4: Do nothing unless CRT inclusion in the curriculum is mandated by the State of California, or #2 schedule a public forum is the right approach.**

Although my husband and I do not currently have children in the Paso Robles School system, we raised 2 daughters, have a grandson and care deeply about how our children are educated. We paid \$11,000 to the Paso Robles School system when we built our home and vote in Paso Robles School Board elections. Dr. Lewis graduated from San Luis Obispo HS and Cal Poly.

The teaching of "Critical Race Theory" in Paso Robles schools is simply a distraction since it is solely taught in college graduate courses. It is an academic framework centered on the idea that racism is systemic, and not just demonstrated by individual people with prejudices. The theory holds that racial inequality is woven into legal systems and negatively affects people of color in their schools, doctors' offices, the criminal justice system and countless other parts of life. The whole point of critical race theory was to repudiate the idea that we can talk about racism only as a quality of individuals rather than to understand that it is a structured reality embedded in institutions.

Civil Rights Attorney David R. Hoffman, South Bend, Ind, wrote: "As ... states attempt to forbid by law the teaching of critical race theory (like PRJUSD is considering Tuesday), I can't help recalling an earlier controversy over the teaching of the theory of evolution. In the 1920s, a number of states passed laws barring the teaching of Darwin's theory. Some states held onto these laws until the 1968 Supreme Court ruling in Epperson v. Arkansas declared them unconstitutional attempts at an establishment of religion. Major textbook publishers, fearful of losing a sizable chunk of their market, chose to reduce coverage of evolution to bare mentions or drop it altogether for decades. **Thus, banning any theory on purely ideological grounds is harmful to a free society.**"

We are deeply offended by the 3 draft resolutions you present. They are all based on erroneous assumptions and jump to unwarranted conclusions.

Like the SLO Tribune Editorial Board said in their June 24<sup>th</sup> Op Ed: "Calm down. SLO County schools aren't teaching children to hate white people."

I hope you support educating our youth about “authentic history”, ALL of it, including the parts that make you uncomfortable.

Dr. Cynthia L. Lewis and Mr. Jeffrey S. Lewis

Cynthia Lewis, Ph.D.

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Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Re: Board Meeting 08/10/21

1 message

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**Curt Dubost** <cdubost@pasoschools.org>

Sun, Aug 8, 2021 at 5:47 PM

To: aw <amison101@gmail.com>

Cc: Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

Hello Amy,

Thank you for taking the time to write a thoughtful , well reasoned letter. It is refreshing to read after so many duplicated form letters and misinformed allegations. I do disagree with two of your statements. First, unfortunately the NEA and AFT are both now advocating , I believe unwisely, for CRT inclusion in the k-12 curriculum. For all the reasons I outlined in my letter to the editor of New Times, I have unequivocally concluded it should be restricted to college and law school debate.

Also know that it is unfortunately true that a few isolated teachers have reliably been reported to have taught some lessons drawn from CRT. One of the purposes of the proposed resolution is to make it clear to all what curriculum is and is not approved and to make certain they follow board policy on controversial issues. I want to be able to defend them if they stay within the rules.

I do agree absolutely we have other more pressing issues, many of which you correctly identify. I also assure you work is progressing on all of those questions, but my primary purpose Tuesday on CRT is closure on the matter. As promised at a previous meeting , I have provided viable options, my only recommendation is make a decision. I assure you I truly want to move on.

I'd be pleased to meet at your convenience to discuss issues further.

Sincerely,

Curt Dubost

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 8, 2021, at 9:23 AM, aw <amison101@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello,

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> My name is Amy Wilkinson and I am a parent of an incoming high school freshman

and a 3rd grader at Georgia Brown.

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> I don't think there is ever a circumstance when it is okay to preemptively ban curriculum. It's right up there with banning books. Every piece of curriculum currently taught in the PRJUSD is board-approved. As a parent who has watched both my children suffer academically and social-emotionally during this pandemic, distance learning and hybrid learning, I deeply resent the amount of time that the board has spent debating a curriculum that is not currently being taught nor is being requested to be taught when, right now, there is so much uncertainty in our world and community and specifically in our school district.

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> As a parent, I want all our students to have access to bus transportation. I want the classrooms to have time and resources to be clean, to have adequate staff support to fill all the tremendous gaps created over the last year and a half. I want my kid to be able to easily wash his/her hands - which - even during hybrid - was not an easily accessible option. It was hand sanitizer which is really not all that sanitary. For the last 7 years, I have watched the structure of Georgia Brown literally crumble. I watch the kids and teachers struggle with ant infestation in their lunches and cubbies and backpacks. I have watched just about every piece of permanent playground equipment for 1st grade and above get wrapped with yellow tape and left for months until removed and not replaced. My daughter attended summer school at the temporary Bauer-Speck site and the first thing she said on her first day was how nice it was to have stuff to climb on and slide down. That is unacceptable. It's unacceptable that you all still haven't figured out what to do with that school site - or the grade span or the fact that multiple teacher and staff positions remained unfilled 2 weeks before school starts.

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> This district has very real, tangible problems actively threatening to harm our students. You all need to stop wasting time and energy arguing over the theoretical. Mrs. Baker was quoted in the Paso Robles magazine as saying that CRT is currently being taught in our classrooms under different names. That is a dangerous statement. Again, censorship. Our teachers are under enough bureaucratic restrictions stemming from out-of-touch administrations starting from the local level all the way up to the federal level. All the curriculum in our schools has been vetted and approved - we don't need our board members spouting conspiracy, especially now.

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> You may have noticed that I did not mention my views on CRT. That's because they don't matter. Because no one is proposing to teach it right now. I do not worry about the school 'brainwashing' my children because I am aware of what they're learning and I supplement as I see fit. I am able to straddle the divide between the left and the right and see both sides. I encourage my children to do the same. I don't ever want to censor anyone's voice or perspective. I want to talk about it, I want to learn from where it is based and I want to find understanding and common ground. That's not what is happening during the board meetings. Right now, you all are creating unnecessary drama and division in our community and school district when we need unity and cooperation that is critical for our students to safely transition into a normal school schedule and focus on learning all that they missed out on over the last year and a half.

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> There is a board meeting on Tuesday. I really hope that you all, if nothing else, just set CRT aside. Because I do not believe in preemptively banning curriculum, I would like to see the proposal voted down. However, my priority, at this time, is helping our students get back to school safely and have access to the resources they need to learn, grow and thrive. So - if the best you all can do is to just decide to not talk about it right now - so be it. There are more pressing issues, like the lack of bus transportation, the grade-span issue, lack of staff, academic and social emotional supports for our students, covid-safety, and the fact that Georgia Brown needs to be re-built and/or relocated to a site able to properly accommodate the large population of students quickly.

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> Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my statements.

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> Sincerely,  
> Amy Wilkinson



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Support for a comprehensive look at history

1 message

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**Mark Tomes** <mtomes2014@gmail.com>

Sat, Jul 17, 2021 at 7:20 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

I am writing to encourage you to not give in to the hyperbole of those criticizing Critical Race Theory. CRT is only one viewpoint in the teaching of history, and it is an important one. Critics of CRT would like for you to believe that it is hateful. Nothing could be further from the truth. It teaches us to look at all aspects of our history, not just a from-froo, so-called patriotic, unblemished record.

You do not have to support Critical Race Theory, but you also should not exclude any well-researched program of history.

Thank you.

Mark Tomes  
(Formerly of Santa Margarita, CA)

mtomes2014@gmail.com



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Public Comment for August 10th meeting

1 message

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**Heather Nguyen** <heathernguyenphotography@gmail.com> Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 2:22 PM  
To: info@pasoschools.org

I have just seen the outline for the upcoming meeting. I would like to reiterate my feelings for CRT. This is something you should not waste your time on. We have so many more urgent and important topics to discuss then, "We should ban this because I saw it on the news" mentality. Please note that I agree with option 4 in the agenda.

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**Heather Nguyen**  
*Photographer/Owner*  
Paso Robles, California  
805-400-8081  
<http://www.heathernphoto.com/>



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## CRT Resolution

1 message

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**Jaime Lewis** <jster.lewis@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 2:59 PM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

To whom it may concern,

As a central coast resident with school aged children, I strongly urge you to reject the resolution to ban Critical Race Theory in the district. The resolution is based on fear and misinformation and should not be passed.

Thank you,

Jaime Lewis

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Jaime S. Lewis



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Resolution21-27

1 message

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**dona hare price** <dhareprice@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 3:24 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Dear Trustees,

CRT is not a threat to your families, communities or an attack on your faith. It is not a radical theory rooted in Marxism and it is not state mandated. There is no proposal to add it to the curriculum.

It is a tool for the radical Right to instill fear and ensure their power. Those of us who want to revitalize our community and nation with a focus on equity and value for every human, believe this far right ideology must be defeated. We are committed to that mission and stand ready with millions of citizens to stop this Radical Right's destruction of our multiracial community and democracy.

Paso Robles School Board is trying to radicalize our families and students with this destructive Resolution. The same people that believe in banning CRT, organized mobs to storm our Capital and destroy our democracy.

Do not pass this Resolution and support the destruction of our community with baseless fear, divisive tactics and rhetoric. Please choose to protect our community by rejecting the divisive concepts outlined in this Resolution.

Dona Hare Price  
Retired Educator, Administrator



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Let CRT happen with no limitations.

1 message

**Kolie** <nikotrue@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 3:26 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

If CRT is not allowed in your school, then you might as well allow your teachers to don their white Kaps, if you haven't already, because that is basically what you are modeling for the children. CHILDREN, they are still children no matter what, and it seems you all have lost sight of that. These are the humans that are to lead our future, to take care of YOU-- if they want (think about that). Naturally, I think to ask, "What are you afraid of?" but it is clear as day, it is non-white people you are afraid of the history that has shaped it to be this way. CRT in no way says to hate people who are white, or white passing, it is merely showing the way in which the inequities that have been and still are endured by so many people of color. Thus, it all stems from the way in which non-white peoples were manipulated to the advantage of another. And the other person doing the manipulation just so happened to be, more often than not, people of European descent/ aka. white people. But CRT also shows that it can happen to and by any person, with any skin tone. The entire purpose of teaching CRT at the high school level is to help the children realize that modern society was built on some pretty f\*cked up standards, and they are the ones who hold the power to change it-- in simpler words: to not let history repeat itself. The power to bring equity to this world, to let those who have been pushed down in the mud for so long to get traction and have a shot at success just as much as their neighbor who was born with more privileges. CRT may be the most important lesson anyone can have in life, and I honestly recommend that it starts with your board, because you are the ones setting the worst example. The kids know you all are pretty wack, so give it up and let them have the resources they need to succeed like they know they will.

With great hope,

K. Swavley  
Educator of brilliant minds



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Paso Robles School Board - Please Reject Resolution to Ban CRT in Paso Schools

1 message

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**Courtney Moore** <crtnmoore@gmail.com>  
To: info@pasoschools.org

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 3:53 PM

Hello Paso Robles School Board,

I hope you all are well. My name is Courtney and I am emailing today as a resident of San Luis Obispo Courtney and an active member of the education community. I am asking that you all as a school board reject the resolution that would ban Critical Race Theory (CRT) in Paso Robles schools, as this resolution is based in fear and misunderstanding of what CRT is.

I would like to note that CRT is not currently being taught in Paso Schools and there are no proposals to the curriculum, therefore banning CRT would not even be applicable to the current proposals.

While there are no current proposals to add CRT to the curriculum, it is important that CRT is not banned, as this ban is not supported by data of what CRT actually is. Bans to education should be made with concrete research and data that proves what learning outcomes are resulted from such teaching practices. Without a thorough understanding of CRT and how it would be implemented in schools (if proposed), banning it would be an unjust and uneducated decision.

Instead of focusing on CRT, the Paso Robles School Board should work to deepen and expand the existing Ethnic Studies elective, as this is the current and newly added curriculum in Paso Robles Schools. The Ethnic Studies courses offer valuable information to all children, regardless of social identities and would benefit from expansion.

Thank you for your time,

Courtney



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Critical Race Theory in School

1 message

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**Brittany Pomfret** <bpults@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 4:31 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

To Whom it May Concern:

As a parent of young children in North County, I'm appalled to hear that the district may be banning CRT in schools. It is a blatant attempt to suppress academic freedom, as defined in your own BP 6144, which states: "Academic freedom is defined as the right and responsibility to study, investigate, present, interpret, and discuss all the relevant facts and ideas within a field of study." Adopting a resolution like the one presented denies students the opportunity to consider the full spectrum of information available, and is a dangerous threat to democracy. It limits their ability to become fully engaged citizens.

I would never send my children to a school that didn't fully embrace the social changes needed to be anti-racist. It is a true disservice to our youth and our community.

Thank you,

Brittany Pomfret



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Do not ban Critical race theory

1 message

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**Cynthia Kim** <cksun25@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 4:33 PM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

It would be a huge disservice to students and the community if Paso Robles Joint Unified School District chooses to ban CRT as if it's a threat. It is not. Educate the families who have inaccurate understandings of what CRT actually is rather than banning it. If you choose to ban, you are telling your students of color that there is something to hide. You are policing what your teachers can teach. You would be taking a very political stance. Please vote to not ban. CRT. Thank you.

Cynthia



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Comment on the 8/10 Board Meeting

1 message

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**Lauren Spence** <lauren.kay.spence@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 4:37 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

To whom it may concern,

Hello. As a parent on the central coast, I wanted to contact you and comment that it is my earnest hope that the Paso Robles school board rejects the resolution to ban teaching critical race theory in schools. Please don't take this step which serves no real purpose (I hear there is no proposal to teach CRT, therefore no pressing reason to ban it), but will effectively send the message that we do not want to talk about race here. I know the subject is wrapped up in politics, but I hope that the central coast can be a place where we acknowledge each other's worth, and that starts with teaching our children about each other, including education about race.

Thank you for your time,  
Lauren Spence



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Aug. 9 Board Meeting, Response to Resolution 21-27

1 message

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**Katie Cederborg** <katiecederborg@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 4:39 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to oppose the resolution seeking to ban Critical Race Theory on the basis that the resolution both violates BP100 and falsely represents what Critical Race Theory is/stands for.

First, by limiting the content and concepts to be taught, this resolution undermines students' and teachers' First Amendment right to free speech.

The resolution contradicts BP100, which states that "the success of our democracy depends on our students being literate and productive members of society...our public schools are a primary setting for instilling the value of citizenship...[and] students will leave our schools...prepared to preserve our democracy as responsible participants."

It is vital that the Board considers the fact that **not** teaching CRT would detract from students' education: the fundamental principle of CRT—the intersectionality of race and government/policy—is a central topic of discussion in the field of social science. While the resolution notes that "social science courses can include instruction about critical race theory...[focusing] on the flaws..." simply rejecting this theory opposes the vast majority of scholarly works.

Please, be the right side of history and reject this resolution.

Many thanks,  
Katie Cederborg



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

# For tomorrow's school board meeting

1 message

Jaime Lewis <jaimeclewis@gmail.com>

To: info@pasoschools.org

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 4:42 PM

Dear members of the PRUSD Board,

I am the parent of two local elementary school children. It is important to me that they learn the history of our nation. At home, we hold great love and admiration for the Constitution. Of course, the Constitution is not perfect. We know that, over time, it will need patching, as it did when amended to allow people of color and women to vote, to limit presidents to two terms in office, etc. As Frederick Douglass said, the Constitution is special because it contains the means by which it can right itself, when wrong. It can evolve to acknowledge truth and fight for justice. The Constitution is incredible like that.

This is a time to be as firm yet flexible as the Constitution. In my home, firm means the unblinking fortitude and willingness to seek truth and justice. Flexibility means anticipating that such truth might hurt or be uncomfortable, and letting the truth do its work anyway. In our home, we teach that a learning posture is stronger than a rigid posture. Because rigid things break.

The tenets of Critical Race Theory are not as radical or newsworthy as some would have you believe. It's simple logic, really. For example, the home we bought three years ago has what's called a "racial covenant" on it, as do most of the homes nearby. This is our actual deed, below.

anything be done thereon which may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.  
**Sixth:** No persons of any race other than the Caucasian race shall use or occupy any building or any lot, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of a different race domiciled with an owner or tenant.

B.J.  
A.V.M.  
Notary  
Public

When the development began in 1940, our deed said no one other than a white person can live on our land. Yes, such discrimination was made illegal with the Fair Housing Act, but because people of color couldn't own homes here at the beginning, they couldn't earn equity here, couldn't pass wealth down to children here, couldn't get a foothold here etc. etc. Real estate is the primary way people accumulate and pass wealth in this country. The result? People of color don't live in our neighborhood, and are ten times less likely to be able to afford a home here if they wanted to move in.

That is systemic racism: the laws have changed but the effects remain, with real consequences.

Lately I've heard people invoke Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., calling for unity. But Dr. King said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

There is no unity without accountability. We can't be united states without looking at the legacy of America's racism. Banning the inclusion of CRT-style curriculum amounts to nothing less than censorship, and the proof will be in the pudding: If we can't be firm enough to teach our children the logic of our shared history, if we can't be flexible enough to see what needs addressing, what kind of coddled, entitled, misguided generation will we raise?

Jaime Lewis



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Comment on Resolution 21-27, Prohibiting the Teaching of Critical Race Theory

1 message

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**Yvette Roman** <yphoto@earthlink.net>  
To: INFO@pasoschools.org

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 5:49 PM

To The Paso Robles School Board,

I am writing to encourage to vote against Resolution 21-27, Prohibiting the Teaching of Critical Race Theory in Paso Schools.

To quote your own BP6144, "Academic freedom is defined as the right and responsibility to study, investigate, present, interpret, and discuss all the relevant facts and ideas within a field of study."

Having a working knowledge of the truth of the darkness of America's history doesn't mean that (to quote a passage in your own agenda) we are "assigning guilt and racial guilt for conduct and policies that are long in the past" - it means that we have to acknowledge that we are a country with many flaws, some of which have been addressed and overcome, and that there is still much work to do going forward.

To wit - Loving v. Virginia, which overturned laws banning interracial marriage, was passed by SCOTUS in 1967 - *in my lifetime*. Prior to that, interracial marriages were not protected under the law. I would argue that any dismissal of the need for deep-dive historical study of racism and racial justice in our schools, as stated in your resolution due to it being "long in the past" is highly inaccurate.

A broad, robust, and *truthful* account of our country's origins, its treatment and exploitation of the labour of africans/african americans and how that became the cornerstone of our economy, studying the scourge of segregation, broken policies, Jim Crow, and a laundry list of other indignities must be explored and discussed (per your own stated rules), in order to have a true understanding of where we were, where we are, and where we need to go. How can progress when our young people are unaware of society's problems? How can we have a country to be proud of if we turn our backs on its problems?

I studied US History in elementary school, middle school, and high school. I was taught very little about these atrocities and became extremely resentful of my education because of it. I felt (and still do), that I had been lied to by omission. Don't let that be our kids too.

Regards,

Yvette Roman  
Arroyo Grande



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## CRT Resolutions

1 message

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**Megan Elrod** <megan.elrod7@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 6:15 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Hello Paso District Admins,

I'm writing in support of deepening the continuing ethnic studies elective curriculum with CRT and throwing out the current CRT resolutions. The resolutions banning CRT in schools are flawed and based on unfounded public fears. I understand parents are concerned by what they see on TV and so many are still so anxious from last year and the current climate. We are all stressed out and pushed to the brim, but to vote to ban CRT based on the current resolutions would be foolish and will deny students the ability to understand our history through a critical lens. I trust our teachers; some of the most incredible people I know teach and chose the profession because they are invested in the lives of kids. I think they will do an excellent job with an expanded curriculum that explains what CRT is and guides the students to think for themselves but with all the facts and information they need to come to their own conclusions about their place in the world and what their own thoughts are as developing adults. They can do it. They need all the info. I strongly oppose the resolution to ban CRT. We can do better and must do better.

Sincerely,  
Megan Thomas



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Critical Race Theory Ban

1 message

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**mariana aguilar** <therealmarianaaguilar@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 8:35 PM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

Paso School Board,

I'd like to share with you how teaching Critical Race Theory is the first step of anti-racism. CRT critiques how the social construction of race and institutionalized racism perpetuate a racial caste system that relegates people of color to the bottom tiers. CRT also recognizes that race intersects with other identities, including sexuality, gender identity, and others. CRT recognizes that racism is not a bygone relic of the past. Instead, it acknowledges that the legacy of slavery, segregation, and the imposition of second-class citizenship on Black Americans and other people of color continue to permeate the social fabric of this nation. The act of not teaching Critical Race Theory further oppresses people of color and continues to uphold white supremacy.



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Written Comment on "H.2. Approve One Option Regarding the Teaching of Critical Race Theory"

1 message

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**Briana McCaul Ronan** <bronan@calpoly.edu>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 10:22 PM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

Dear Paso Robles Joint Unified School Board:

I am a Cal Poly faculty member and teacher educator who trains future educators that are hired in your school district. I am writing to urge you not to pass the resolution that was drafted prohibiting the teaching of Critical Race Theory in your school district. While your school district does not currently teach Critical Race Theory, the passage of a resolution will nonetheless have a deleterious impact on teacher and student efforts to discuss race and inequality in schools.

During their teacher preparation programs, California public teachers are trained and expected to meet several state guidelines and expectations. Among them are the California Teacher Performance Expectations (TPEs) which expect teachers to "create classroom environments that support the discussion of sensitive issues (e.g., social, cultural, religious, race, and gender issues) and encourage students to reflect on and share their insights and values." Similar same expectations are outlined in the History-Social Science Standards and Framework for California Public Schools. The passage of any resolution that hinders, discourages, or censors conversations about race, gender and inequity is an infringement on teachers' professional obligations and responsibilities.

I encourage you to demonstrate to your district employees that you trust and value them, their academic freedom, and their abilities to ethically facilitate conversations of race and inequity without this needless and harmful censorship.

Sincerely,  
Briana Ronan

**Briana Ronan, EdD**

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## Public Comment on CRT Resolution

1 message

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**John Hollander** <john.hollander.2@outlook.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 10:32 PM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

To the members of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District Board,

As a resident of the Central Coast and a former student for 9 years in the PRJUSD, I was saddened to see the Board propose a resolution that expresses such a lack of empathy and such hostility. It is clear that whoever drafted these words believes themselves to be at war. I am at a loss to understand why. Paso Robles is not Berkeley, whatever you may think of it. Excluding race as a shaping factor of American history completely from teachers' lesson plans is ahistorical and a complete overreaction. I understand the impulse to protect our students from harm. I contend that blinding them to the powerful shaping factor of race and racism in the history and present of the United States- to ban even the *discussion* of such- will inadequately prepare them for the world they are on the verge of entering.

In summary, I hope you will reconsider the passage of such a reactionary and surveillance-minded resolution.

John Hollander



Theresa Braden <tibraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Reject the proposed ban on 'CRT'

1 message

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**Mae Blonski** <maeblonski@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 7:14 AM

To: info@pasoschools.org

To the Board of Trustees of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District,

As a member of the central coast, I ask that the board reject the proposed resolution to ban critical race theory. I fear this resolution sets a dangerous precedence in limiting our children's education and constructive discussion due to some very vocal residents and their reactionary politics. I fear that if this resolution is passed, it will limit honest conversations about race and racism in our society and put teachers on eggshells when discussing these issues. Instead of trying to stifle speech and ideas in the classroom (which is in direct opposition to BP100), the board should put energy into deepening and expanding upon the existing ethnic studies elective (which doesn't teach CRT currently nor is there a proposal to do so).

I doubt passing this resolution will make Paso Robles schools less racist or more inclusive. I believe the writers and proponents of this resolution, if it is passed, aim to use the demonized term 'Critical Race Theory' to halt any attempt at adding or bolstering diversity or inclusion efforts in the future. Lastly, the proposed resolution has many inaccurate representations of what CRT is (E.g. it does not teach that white kids or people should feel guilty for their race, it does not say that only white people can be racist, etc) and CRT is written in academic language and journal articles not easily accessible to K-12 learners, which makes this whole resolution seem very fearmongery and not based on facts or reality.

Reject this reactionary resolution that does nothing but stifle student and teacher speech.

Thank you for your time,  
Mae Blonski



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Critical Race Theory

1 message

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**Emily Rogers** <emmemermaid@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 8:42 AM

To: info@pasoschools.org

As a up incoming senior at Paso High I've seen our school take on new and better changes for our campus. I believe the banning of Critical Race Theory being taught in K-12 would be a step in the wrong direction. Instead it should be allowed into our education to deepen our understanding of ethnic studies on campus. These studies are something we can take into the world with us to empathize with others and create a better future.



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Comments for 8/10 PRJUSD Board Meeting

1 message

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**Jennifer Hamm** <jensnews@hotmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 8:56 AM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

Public Comment to the PRJUSD Board Members,

As a parent of 2 students attending Paso Robles schools, I would like to comment on board agenda item H2, and voice my family's DISAPPROVAL of a ban on Critical Race Theory. Resolution 21-27 as written is an inaccurate representation of CRT and how it can be used in educational settings. My family and I DO NOT support Resolution 21-27, and I am increasingly concerned about certain board members' comments on these matters.

My 2 children and I are also in favor of going back to school full time for school year 2021-22, but with a mask mandate in place as long as necessary, to reflect current CDC guidelines on minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

I ask that you consider your constituents' feelings, as well as the broader emotional, social and physical health when discussing these matters.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hamm, a concerned Paso Robles parent



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Public Comment 8/10/21

1 message

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**Lauren Phelps** <laurenphelpsmft@gmail.com>  
To: info@pasoschools.org

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 9:01 AM

Please include this in the public comments for tonight's supervisor meeting.

Public schools have a responsibility to educate our youth with science and truth. I am a parent of two children in the district who is appalled and embarrassed this district is even having this fear-based discussion. CRT is basic education that must be included for this next generation to thrive, to find equitable, and peaceful ways to integrate our actual past with their future.

The school board has a mandate to ensure the truth is told and our youth have the actual information and critical thinking skills necessary to build a better, more peaceful world future generations beyond us. That is your mandate tonight. Get your fear-based beliefs out of the way of the truth to allow this generation to thrive in ways you cast even imagine is possible.

~Lauren Phelps  
1039 Samantha Dr.  
Paso Robles, CA  
93446



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## CRT Discussion During Today's Board Meeting

1 message

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**Carrie Yaple** <behindcastle@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 9:05 AM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Dear Paso Robles School Board,

My family lives in Paso and my children will be attending PR schools as they become of age.

Frankly speaking, today's discussion has no place in your board meeting. CRT is not, nor ever will be taught in your jurisdiction, so to place a discussion centered around the theory is asinine. The only purpose of said discussion is to outwardly project the board's obvious biases, and alienate any students / parents / residents of a race other than white.

To the board members themselves: You need to do better, and become more aware in your current positions. This falls nothing short of a circus, and you are all the ring leaders.

To the residents and especially parents in Paso Robles: It's time to use our voting rights to force change in this district. We are far behind other districts when it comes to equality, and that needs to change.

Sincerely,

Carrie Yaple & Carl Vanicky



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Critical Race Theory

1 message

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**Nora Espinoza** <nora.espinoza118@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 9:23 AM

To: info@pasoschools.org

I am a mother to 2 students in the district and I am emailing to reject the proposed resolution. CRT should be taught in Paso Schools.

Sent from my iPhone



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## CRT Public Comment

1 message

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**Kimberly** <kmdispenza@gmail.com>  
To: info@pasoschools.org

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 9:34 AM

Good morning,

I am a resident of San Luis Obispo County and I am writing to add my voice to the conversation on the "CRT ban".

Banning conversations about the racist and sexist origins of our country would be detrimental to society as a whole. It would be lying by omission to children who deserve an honest account of history and an understanding of the origin struggles we as a nation are attempting to overcome. It is preposterous to think our country owning slaves and openly discriminating against and committing acts of violence against people of color, women, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community hasn't shaped our culture and social systems and led to conscious and unconscious biases.

In order to steer our country towards equal access to opportunities and fair treatment for all, it is imperative that we educate our children on the adversities and atrocities some groups of people have faced throughout our history and continue to face today. As has been quoted by many people in many ways, "Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

I ask that you, the board, reject this fear based resolution to ban CRT, aka an honest discussion of history, and continue to deepen and expand upon the existing ethnic studies elective.

Kimberly Dispenza



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Email to reject ban on teaching CRT in Paso schools

1 message

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**kate White** <misskatedesigns@hotmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 9:56 AM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

To whom it may concern,

I understand that the board has proposed to ban the teaching of Critical Race Theory in schools.

I am writing to reject this plan and encourage a choice that further deepens and expands our districts education on a significant part of our country's shaping it's past, undeniably present, and therefor future.

I deeply believe that the disclosure of accurate information has the greatest potential to educate both our youth and ourselves. If we continue to form our curriculum with the current bias we will only be perpetuating and worsening a very deep issue that needs to be addressed and redirected.

I also urge this district to work directly with a wide verity of the local organizations in providing support, education, and community development.

This district is home to multiple ethnicities, and has a beautiful opportunity to support and nourish them.

Thank you for you time and consideration in this matter.

Best,  
Kate White

Mother of 2  
Paso Resident  
Small Business Owner  
Lover of Community & Our Planet



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## School Board Comment RE: CRT

1 message

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**Tracy Dauterman** <tracy.dauterman@gmail.com>  
To: Paso Robles Schools <info@pasoschools.org>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 10:06 AM

Dear Paso Robles School Board,

I'm writing in opposition of the proposed resolution to ban Critical Race Theory in Paso Robles Schools. Critical Race Theory is not being taught in our local K-12 schools nor is there a proposal for it to be taught in them. This ban is unnecessary and full of inaccurate representations of what CRT actually is.

According to EdWeek.org, "Critical race theory is an academic concept that is more than 40 years old. The core idea is that race is a social construct, and that racism is not merely the product of individual bias or prejudice, but also something embedded in legal systems and policies.

The basic tenets of critical race theory, or CRT, emerged out of a framework for legal analysis in the late 1970s and early 1980s created by legal scholars Derrick Bell, Kimberlé Crenshaw, and Richard Delgado, among others.

A good example is when, in the 1930s, government officials literally drew lines around areas deemed poor financial risks, often explicitly due to the racial composition of inhabitants. Banks subsequently refused to offer mortgages to Black people in those areas.

Today, those same patterns of discrimination live on through facially race-blind policies, like single-family zoning that prevents the building of affordable housing in advantaged, majority-white neighborhoods and, thus, stymies racial desegregation efforts."

CRT is an interesting theory for discussion in scholarly circles and colleges, it isn't being taught nor is it proposed to be taught in our local schools. Please set your personal political beliefs aside and approach this from a non-partisan standpoint. Is banning a theory that isn't even taught here really necessary? I think we all know it is not.

Sincerely,  
Tracy Dauterman



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Vote no on CRT

1 message

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**Marion Hart** <marion.w.hart@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 10:19 AM

To: info@pasoschools.org

To whom it may concern,

I understand you're still entertaining a ban on the teaching of American History through the lens of Critical Race Theory. Please vote NO!!

I cannot tell you how important it is to expose students to the whole of American and World History in the classroom. As a 7th generation SLO county resident and an educator, we must to equip our students to think critically about the world—whether that is the relationship of the United States with other countries, or the relationships within our borders.

By banning a pedagogy, you're enforcing a system of censorship.

I'd ask you to remember that first term, "critical", refers to **critical thinking** rather than being critical. What can be more important than critical thinking and reflection on their country in order for young people to develop a more robust relationship with their state and nation. By limiting something that isn't even currently being used, you're hamstringing our younger generations and creating useless and harmful limits to speech and ultimately creating citizens whose patriotism is more fragile.

A system that allows for critical reflection is a healthy system.

**Please vote NO to any ban on the use of critical race theory in classrooms.**

Sincerely,

Marion Hart

Sent from my iPhone



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## in support of critical race theory

1 message

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**Jesse A. Vestermark** <jvesterm@calpoly.edu>  
To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 10:35 AM

Critical thinking is crucial to democracy's survival, and teaching students that the US has made mistakes--and continues to make mistakes--on race issues is extremely important. Children who will be molding a future society based on justice and compassion need to understand our flaws--and theories on how to fix them. How are we to become better humans if we pretend everything we've done is right?

Nazis and those they ruled weren't allowed to criticize Nazi doctrine, which was very much based on race, among other hateful prejudices. Fascism, hate and genocide are the end results of a society that doesn't turn a critical eye on its own practices.

Critical Race Theory should be taught in schools.

**Jesse Vestermark**

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Cal Poly is in tithini, the Place of the Full Moon. We gratefully acknowledge, respect, and thank yak tityu tityu yak tithini, Northern Chumash Tribe of San Luis Obispo County and Region, in whose homelands we are guests.



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Public Comment on School Board Meeting 8/10/2021

1 message

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**Rosemary Wrenn** <rosemarywrenn@gmail.com>  
To: info@pasoschools.org

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 10:38 AM

I am writing regarding item Agenda item H.2 on tonight's (8/10/21) Board Agenda. I am a K-8 educator and currently serve as a professor in teacher preparation at both Cuesta College and Cal Poly SLO. This letter represents my personal and professional assessment and not that of my employers.

I urge you to support option #4 - "Do nothing unless CRT inclusion in the curriculum is mandated by the State of California."

The proposed resolution relies on inaccurate assumptions and flawed logic. It legislates for an eventuality that is unlikely to materialize. CRT is not being taught in the K-12 schools, nor is there any movement for this to be true in the future.

I would remind the board of your existing PRSB Philosophy, BP 0100 states the beliefs that:

"5. The success of our democracy depends on our students being literate and productive members of society

6. Our public schools are a primary setting for instilling the value of citizenship"

And that

"Students will leave our schools:

5. Prepared to preserve our democracy as responsible participants"

In order for young people to become literate, productive, responsible participants in our society, they need to learn to analyze and critically question the systems and policies at the core of these United States. They need to see how they and the groups to which they belong contribute to the progress and democracy we hold dear.

The way in which the concept of critical race theory is represented tonight is extremely troubling. The proposed resolution is riddled with inaccurate representations of what critical race theory is and how educators use it in designing learning opportunities for

students. It is a blatant attempt to suppress academic freedom as defined in your own BP 6144, which states

“Academic freedom is defined as the right and responsibility to study, investigate, present, interpret, and discuss all the relevant facts and ideas within a field of study.”

Adopting a resolution like the one presented here, denies students the opportunity to consider the full spectrum of information available and is a dangerous threat to democracy. It limits their ability to become fully engaged citizens.

This board has a fiduciary responsibility to the students, families, and educators of the district to make decisions based on fact. This resolution lacks that quality and that is why I urge you to support option #4: “Do nothing unless CRT inclusion in the curriculum is mandated by the State of California.”

Dr. Rosemary Wrenn, M.Ed, Ed.D.  
she/her/hers  
(805) 709-8674



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## CRT discussion

1 message

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**sarah hibble** <sarah.hibble@gmail.com>  
To: info@pasoschools.org

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 10:45 AM

Stop fear mongering by misrepresenting CRT. Teach real history, even the ugly parts.



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Public Comment re: Resolution 21-27

1 message

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**Jessie Murphy** <messiejessie@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 10:48 AM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Dear PRJUSD Board Members,

I am a resident of San Luis Obispo County and a mother of two elementary school kids, ages six and eight.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Resolution 21-27 prohibiting the teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT).

This resolution inaccurately represents CRT, a framework that is not currently being taught in the district (nor are there any plans to add it to the curriculum). The resolution describes CRT as a "divisive ideology" that assigns generational and racial guilt for past conduct and policies. This is an intentional caricature meant to distract the public and take attention away from addressing real problems in our schools and in our society.

Schools should teach truthfully about America's complex racial history, including the impacts of systemic racism. Systemic racism describes how laws and institutions, whether intentionally or not, work to the detriment of people of color. Learning about systemic racism – within our neighborhoods, in our schools, and in our workplaces – is the first step in healing our divisions and is the key to building the promise of a just, multiracial, democratic society.

This attack on CRT is intended to rob us of our history and the knowledge to solve our biggest challenges.

Systemic racism is real.

Our kids deserve an honest education about race in this country.

I urge you to reject this resolution.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jessie Murphy



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Reject CRT Ban

1 message

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**Sarah Rell Florez** <srflorez@calpoly.edu>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 1:02 PM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

Hello,

This email is regarding the proposed ban of CRT in school. I believe that the board should reject this resolution, because it is not grounded in research and is in blatant opposition to what scholars on diversity and inclusion recommend. This is not what our community needs. Please continue to deepen and expand upon the existing ethnic studies class.

Thank you,

Sarah Florez



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## From a PR Parent - Vote NO on Proposed CRT Ban

1 message

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'Karen Bishop' via Information Officer

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 1:08

<info@pasoschools.org>

PM

Reply-To: Karen Bishop <karen\_bishop@ymail.com>

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

Dear Board Members:

I am a parent, resident, and taxpayer in Paso Robles. My 20-year-old attended Paso Robles High School. I am also a tenured full professor of sociology and have taught in California for over 20 years, and for multiple colleges and universities in other states prior to that.

Banning the teaching of Critical Race Theory will undermine our young people's ability to develop needed critical thinking skills. Such skills represent the essence of a quality education where students learn our society's history as well as how to **question assumptions** in how such history has been framed. When students arrive in college classrooms, it is painfully obvious to us as professors whether or not they have had the opportunity to develop such skills in their K-12 educations. When they have not, they are disadvantaged from the outset, and have to catch up to the level of their classmates who come to college better prepared.

Future generations need to be prepared for the growing pains we are experiencing as a society. We need our future leaders to be wise, thoughtful, and courageous so they will be ready for whatever challenges emerge. We will only get that by adequately preparing our young people for those roles **now**.

Banning the teaching of Critical Race Theory would betray the mission with which you have been entrusted by our community. For the sake of our children, **please vote no on this Ban** and any other similar resolution.

Thank you,

**Karen Bishop**

Concerned Parent

Paso Robles, CA



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Oppose resolution 21-27

1 message

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**Carlye Peterson** <carlye\_peterson@cuesta.edu>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 1:10 PM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

Dear Paso School Board,

Please consider this opposition to resolution 21-27 at the board meeting today, 08/10/21. This comment can be read at the meeting and should be considered part of the public commentary.

Please do not ban Critical Race Theory in Paso schools. I urge the Board to reject this fear-based resolution. This resolution misrepresents what CRT is and how it is taught. Banning topics is dangerous.

Please continue to deepen and expand the existing ethnic studies elective. Our children deserve to experience difficult discussions about race and American history. Our children will benefit from exercises in critical thinking.

Please oppose Resolution 21-27.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peterson



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Critical Race Theory

1 message

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**Regan Smith** <reysmith006@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 1:18 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

To whomever it may concern:

Critical race theory is simply history; and having a good grasp on history is essential in order to fuel an equitable, prosperous present and future. I am a brown, partly Black woman who grew up in a place that desperately needed history of race relations to have been taught. Growing up I was a victim of hate crimes, I have the physical and mental scars to prove it. If critical race theory had been a part of our curriculum, people would have confronted their prejudices and biases. Knowledge is power, and knowledge is enlightening. It opens eyes. It is human nature to look inward, and that skill is important to strengthen before adulthood. I urge you to reject the resolution and continue to deepen and expand upon the existing ethnic studies elective.

Thank you,  
Regan Smith



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Public Comment Agenda Item H-2

1 message

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**Raleigh Delk** <raleighddelk@sbcglobal.net>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 1:26 PM

Reply-To: Raleigh Delk <raleighddelk@sbcglobal.net>

To: Pasoschools Info <info@pasoschools.org>

As so many others have explained more thoroughly, restricting Critical Race Theory based on misinformation is a threat to education. It is a clear example of a moral panic being used to push back against social justice and maintain white supremacy, a decades old tradition. From the Satanic Panic to the moral panic over gang violence and now QAnon, the tactics are similar. This argument will go on and on until the board starts accepting the historical facts of systemic oppression.

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Aug 10, 2021 Board of Education Paso Robles Joint USD, Resolution 21-27, Prohibiting the Teaching of Critical Race Theory

1 message

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'STEPHANIE ALLEN' via Information Officer

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 1:38

<info@pasoschools.org>

PM

Reply-To: STEPHANIE ALLEN <ruby92052@aol.com>

To: info@pasoschools.org

To: [INFO@PASOSCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:INFO@PASOSCHOOLS.ORG)

To The Paso Robles Unified School District Board Members

I write to urge all School Board Members to vote against Resolution 21-27, which Prohibiting the Teaching of Critical Race Theory in Paso Schools.

I was initially heartened to read the language as stated in Paso Robles Joint USD, Board Policy, Academic Freedom/Controversial which Issues a high bar for the Board's responsibilities to ALL of its students and the community.

To quote your document: "Academic freedom is defined as the right and responsibility to study, investigate, present, interpret, and discuss **all the relevant facts and ideas within a field of study.**"

As an adult I have continued to learn more and more (certainly more than while in school) about the complexities of our American History. The more I learn, the more engaged I become in the workings of our Democracy. The more information I have about these complex facts of our history, running the spectrum from that which we celebrate to that which I deem morally wrong and bankrupt, the more I am committed to my responsibility to uphold our Democracy. All knowledge about the TRUTH of American History makes me a better citizen.

I was born during the rise of the Civil Rights Movement of the 20th Century. That Movement is woven into the fabric of my life - reminding me how vital it is to make sure education is available to all American citizens. There were times we acted from fear and greed and caused such destruction, pain and even committed rampant murder. We, as a nation, must continue to strive to be better, wiser, more humane.

Ethnic studies (according to the definition CalPoly course catalogue is the "interdisciplinary study of the ways that race and ethnicity are created by both historical processes and American institutional formation - specifically social, political, economic,

legal and cultural institutions.” Critical Race Theory is (according to the American Bar Association) is a practice of interrogating the role of race and racism in society that emerged in the legal academy and spread to other fields of scholarship. For me, the key word here is “interrogating,” asking questions. In addition, neither Critical Race Theory nor Ethnic Studies sets out to shame anyone but rather **ensure our students fully informed. This educational discipline gives our students the tools to come to educated and informed and moral decisions to make up their own opinions about how race and ethnicity operate in our society.**

**We have a duty to give our students these tools.** Let’s commit to educate our students of all ages oabout the robust and nuanced history of racism in all of our schools.

With concern and respect,  
Stephanie Allen  
Resident San Luis Obispo County



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## CRT: Public Comment // Leave the Children out of our Culture Wars

1 message

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**April Worley** <april@bignimb.us>  
To: info@pasoschools.org

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 1:49 PM

Dear esteemed school board,

Do our children not read *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* and *Diary of Anne Frank* in public school to shed light on what can happen when fear and propaganda gain speed amongst an uninformed public leading to horrific policies rooted in racial hatred?

We do not read these books and think, "WOW! All Germans are BAD!" We read these books and remark upon the horrors of war, the sickness in hating our fellow man, and how policy/politics is not immune from the biases of the human beings who create them. Jim Crow, women's voting rights, drug laws, redlining, gerrymandering, forced sterilizations, Native American reservations, Japanese internment camps, the list goes on.

We support our teachers, and we trust they can deliver challenging information in a way that will not expose students to supposedly damaging or self-demoralizing ideas. After all, why would they? Doing so would be against their ethics as educators.

CRT has nothing to do with "racism," "white guilt," etc., and everything to do with the truth so we can come together and work toward a more just future with boldness, not censorship.

Our children do not care about these silly culture wars we adults are waging, they just want a better world! In order to support them in this mission, we must be truthful with them.

Patriotism is weakened when blinded. Let the light in—watch us grow, together.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
April  
Mother of an Atascadero High School student

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April Cole Worley, MPP

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Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Public comment on ban of CRT

1 message

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**Ki-Lin Baribeau** <kilinbaribeau@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 1:51 PM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

Hello,

My name is Ki-Lin Baribeau, I am a recent graduate of Atascadero High School and I disagree with the proposal to ban teaching Critical Race Theory in the Paso Robles Schools. Denying CRT from young people is the same as teaching them that racism is a thing of the past. It is not. CRT helps us understand that racism is woven into our society in many ways that are overlooked unless they directly effect you. Banning CRT in Paso schools is a step backwards, please reconsider and take a step forward for us all.

Sincerely,

Ki-Lin Baribeau



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Critical Race Theory

1 message

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**stephen heraldo** <stephenheraldo@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 2:05 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

To whom this may concern:

We live in an era where we are divided as a people and forced to choose to be one or the other. Politics has become increasingly binary and misinformation is used to divide us. The current battleground is the classroom - specifically how history is taught. Somehow history and facts have become politicized and there is fear mongering to discredit Critical Race Theory. The racial issues that continue to harm this country will never be processed and work through if we can't even agree to acknowledge the issues at a basic level. Some want to sweep it under the rug and ignore it because it doesn't directly benefit themselves - but in actuality continuing to ignore truth and the current issues negatively impact us all. I implore the PRJUSD to consider actually understanding what CRT is (not just regurgitating the fear mongering that's in Resolution 21-27) and give students the opportunity to learn US History based in truth and multiple perspectives.

Concerned SLO County Resident,  
Stephen Heraldo



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## CRT agenda item

1 message

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**Susana A. Lopez, Ph.D.** <salopezphd@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 2:08 PM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

Hello Paso Robles School board members,

I email once again very disappointed that this ban on CRT continues to be part of the discussion. CRT is not being taught at the high school, therefore this is not necessary. I read the resolution and it is flawed in many ways, including the sources it cites. Please focus on issues that need to be addressed such as transportation. Please vote no to this unnecessary ban. Vote yes to teacher freedom and accountability.

Thank you!

Dr. Lopez

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Susana A. López, Ph.D.

Licensed Clinical Psychologist

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## Public Comment: agenda item h.2 - CRT

1 message

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**Joe Doe** <firefirexgentrifier@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 2:11 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

It's been said so many different ways, at so many of these meetings, by so many people. And continues to be a point of passion and priority. Now more than ever, it's vital to show all communities how important it is to be honest and do the right thing - especially in a classroom setting. Critical Race Theory is vital but to potentially remove the opportunity to learn CRT from the table completely is outlandish and unacceptable.

Paso Robles needs to be on the right side of history. How can anyone have pride in a city that wants to keep their head in the sand rather than progress? The school system is already at risk of losing so much all the time in regards to funds & support -- taking away something like CRT shouldn't even be on the docket still. There are PLENTY of other things for the board & community to be focused on.

Banning a pertinent path of education is embarrassing and irresponsible.



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Resolution 21-27

1 message

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**Anthony Pangilinan** <aepangilinan@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 2:12 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

To whom it may concern:

This email is to voice my opposition to the proposed resolution(21-27) banning Critical Race Theory and its underlying facts. While we all know that no one is trying to teach actual Critical Race Theory at lower level schools, this misguided agenda is attempting to conceal the roles that race and racism play in our country's murky history and present. Instead of hiding the pillars of racism, hatred, and fear that uphold the United States, it's educators' jobs to bring them to light, in order to break them down and rebuild a country whose so far empty promises can be fulfilled. Reject this resolution and start teaching real history.

Sincerely,  
Anthony Pangilinan



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Agenda item H.2- Critical Race Theory

1 message

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**Courtney Haile** <courtneyhaile2@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 2:14 PM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

To the Board of Trustees of the Paso Robles Joint Unified School District:

I am disappointed to see your Board continuing to entertain a ban on the teaching of Critical Race Theory. I reiterate what many have expressed — Critical Race Theory is taught in graduate and law school, and any ban or action against its teaching to children is not only silly — but racist. The nationwide hysteria around CRT is deliberate and coordinated. As someone who attended high school in SLO County, it is embarrassing and troubling to see this rhetoric in our own backyard.

I urge you to REJECT the proposed resolution, any memo to teachers with guidance on CRT, and continue to deepen and expand upon the existing Ethnic Studies elective.

Thank you,  
Courtney Haile,  
San Luis Obispo



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Comment for School Boarding Meeting 8/10/21

1 message

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**Chase Parker** <chaseparker805@outlook.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 2:16 PM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

Hello Members of the Board, hope everyone is having a great afternoon so far.

Paso Robles schools do have some current issues, but Critical Race Theory does not seem it should be top priority. It would seem that starting the year with very limited buses for children to get to school or a potential school closure would be more pressing and yet these for some reason are not taking precedent.

We are here entertaining and wasting time on a political issue, because let's be real, that's all this is, politics.

Former president Donald Trump ignited a fight over Critical Race Theory and advocated banning it in K-12 schools. Some states have banned or are in debates to ban CRT, and there is a clear political side pushing this.

I ask that you keep your politics, and pettiness of wanting to 'win' or be 'right' at home and focus on getting children to school, educated, and set up for success.

Thank you,  
Chase Parker



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Re: Resolution 21-27 prohibiting the teaching of Critical Race Theory

1 message

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Katie <herzog.katie@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 2:36 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Hello,

I am a local parent writing to strongly urge that you REJECT the proposed resolution to ban Critical Race Theory in Paso schools. I find it puzzling that the same culture who values FREEDOM also fights to suppress academic and intellectual freedom which is a cornerstone of our democracy. Ethnic Studies in Paso should be expanded, not censored, and Critical Race Theory should absolutely be a part of the curriculum. Feel free to teach the pros and cons and let the students debate, just don't censor. This is AMERICA. CENSORSHIP IS UN-AMERICAN. Discussing racism IS NOT RACISM.

Resolution 21- 27 absolutely misrepresents Critical Race Theory. It is blatantly incorrect in its definition and assumptions. In a public institution of education it is disheartening to be presented with such a mal-informed document; if it was scrutinized by a competent teacher it should not receive a passing grade. Our students deserve intellectual and academic freedom. Our students, teachers, and board members deserve facts. Our students, teachers, and board members deserve the TRUTH. Starting with a factual definition of Critical Race Theory!

Sincerely,  
Katie



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Public comment on CRC

1 message

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**David A** <david.anastasia@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 2:53 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Critical Race Theory is not being taught in k-12 schools and therefore does not require your attention at this time. Please stop wasting our time and money with this ridiculous charade and return to the items you should be discussing. I do not support passing this resolution.

David Anastasia



Theresa Braden <tibraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Agenda item H.2

1 message

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**Nancy Anastasia** <nancy.anastasia@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 2:58 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Hello.

I cannot believe that once again there is a ban CRT resolution being proposed on the agenda! Do you not recall the early summer meeting, where this proposal was met with an overwhelming response of opposition from the public whom you serve?! So I ask: why are some of you still hung up on this resolution, wasting resources and time on something that isn't in the curriculum? CRT isn't taught at any elementary, middle or high school level nor is it being added to the curriculum. So the only place where this resolution fits albeit ridiculous is one where you propose based on your own agenda & ideologies. After reading & researching primary and other complementary and some contrary sources and reading your resolution many times over it is clear that the writers/contributors of this resolution inaccurately represent CRT. But more alarming to me, is that this board led resolution controls explicitly what an educator can say, which is to speak disparagingly of CRT. Wow! I cannot stand for this! I strongly stand against controlling what and how my kids think. I stand against telling them how or what to believe. I stand for academic freedom!

And lastly, stop being a bad example to our students, our board meetings are starting to mirror the fragile, tantrum throwing, fear mongering mindset of a certain political party, this further divides our community.

Sent from my iPhone



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## CRT

1 message

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**Ella Kahan** <ellakahan2@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 3:01 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Hello,

I am Ella Kahan, a high school student and SLO County resident. I'm emailing to tell PRJUSD to reconsider and reject banning Critical Race Theory. In addition, I believe that the school district should expand upon the existing ethnic studies class(es).

Basing the ban off of fear of racial divide shows misinformation. As a student, I believe that learning about ALL of the history behind our country stops bad parts of it from being repeated. It would be dangerous for Germany to ban teaching the Holocaust, so likewise it would be dangerous for the USA to ban teaching the history slavery and racism.

Furthering my example, I am a daughter of a Jewish father and the Jewish side of my family does not resent all Germans. They resent the perpetrators; the Nazis, Hitler, etc. Therefore teaching CRT in America will not make kids hate certain races, only the actual perpetrators of racism.

Thank you for your time and I hope you consider my opinion.

Ella Kahan



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Critical Race theory Comment for tonight's agenda.

1 message

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**Erin Cuarenta** <erincuarenta@hotmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 3:05 PM

To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

I am writing in regards to the attempted ban of critical race theory in Paso Robles schools. As a community member, teacher and parent in SLO county I am opposed to this ban and urge all members of the board to vote no as well as learn more about how resolutions such as these are inherently racist and create larger divides in the community.

Thank you for your time.

Erin Cuarenta

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Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Public Comment: Agenda Item H.3.

1 message

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**Brianne** <brianne.leatherman@gmail.com>

Sat, Aug 7, 2021 at 12:12 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Cc: Brianne Leatherman <brianne.leatherman@gmail.com>

To be read as public comment regarding agenda item H.3.

Dear School Board Members,

I am writing today as a parent of two elementary students in the Paso Robles Unified School District in support of enforcing the indoor mask mandate at our elementary schools for all students and staff.

Unfortunately the transmission rate of the Covid-19 Delta variant is extremely high and both adults and children are getting sick at alarming rates. In order to ever get through this pandemic we must all do our part to stop the spread.

Our children managed to wear a mask during in person learning indoors and outdoors last school year and did so easily. It is the school district's duty to provide a safe learning environment for all students and mask wearing indoors has proven over the last 18 months to limit the spread of this disease.

We all want what is best for our children and allowing partisan politics and opinion commentary disguised as fact to control our policy in schools is not doing our students, teachers or community justice. As the decision makers you have a moral obligation to follow science based facts from medical professionals, period.

Please uphold the responsibility you have accepted by being on this school board and provide our children and teachers with the safest learning environment possible by following legitimate science backed health data and enforce the indoor mask mandate so we can have full time in person learning for all students.

We had at least one school close last school year due to a covid outbreak, my child was attending Winifred Pifer at the time and was directly affected by this closure. Fortunately we already had distance learning mechanisms in place and it was an easy transition. This year that will not be the case and any school closures will cause an unnecessary burden on parents, teachers, school administrators and most importantly our students.

Our children deserve better than this and if wearing a simple mask indoors only for a few hours a day can provide them the learning and social interaction they need to thrive then

we as adults need to provide this as safely as possible for them.

Please do the responsible thing and enforce mitigation efforts that include indoor mask mandating.

Thank you,  
Brianne Leatherman



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Public Comment for 8/10 School Board Meeting - Masks

1 message

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**Carlin Byrne** <carlin.byrne@gmail.com>

Sat, Aug 7, 2021 at 12:49 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Cc: Adam Byrne <adam.byrne@yahoo.com>, Carlin Byrne <carlin.byrne@gmail.com>

Hello,

We have an 8 year old at Virginia Peterson and want to stress the importance of children wearing masks when they return to school. This age group is not vaccinated and masks have been proven to be the next best defense against COVID. The risks of getting COVID far outweigh the inconvenience of wearing a mask. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the Children's Hospital Association show that in the last week alone (report published on 8/5) there were 72,000 new cases reported in children, that is 19% of the total number of new cases nationwide. As of July 29<sup>th</sup> the US reported a total of 358 child deaths from COVID but stated that only certain states were reporting child deaths, so the number is actually much higher. I am happy that number is low but it's still higher than it should be. I am not an infectious disease expert but the people issuing recommendations at the CDC are and we need to trust them when they make statements based on science, research and data. If they are saying it's still best to wear masks indoors, we should follow their expert advice. This is not a political issue. The vaccine was developed under a Republican and distributed under a Democrat. I'm thankful that our child goes to a public school and that we have separation of church and state. So, our choices regarding school policy are made based on science and facts and free from superstition and religious dogma. Our town wants to get back to normal and the fastest way to do that is to continue wearing masks until all children have the opportunity to be vaccinated.

We appreciate you putting the safety of our kids first. Having happy & healthy kids should be our main priority. Thank you, Carlin & Adam

Byrne



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Re: Against the 'Let Them Breathe Resolution'

1 message

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**Curt Dubost** <cdubost@pasoschools.org>

Sun, Aug 8, 2021 at 8:45 PM

To: anat.sommelet@gmail.com

Cc: Christopher Arend <carend@pasoschools.org>, Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

Anat,

I have as you've seen compiled a list of questions and answers . I proposed them from a position of advocacy looking for any defensible way to preserve / allow the exercise of parental choice. That is my personal preference and certainly that of the board and I believe the majority of the public. Defiance of an apparently legal mandate that would jeopardize the liability coverage of the district as well possible state funding ( plus be a probable crime ) is not to be taken lightly . I can honestly say we tried every defensible option and there is none. We have to require masks and support the kids whose parents opt out as best we legally can. The resolution to which you refer was passed in Cayucos and sent to all board members in the county hence its inclusion here as an option.

Curt

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 8, 2021, at 6:34 PM, anat.sommelet@gmail.com wrote:

Hi Curt,

As you can imagine from our discussion last week, I (like many others in the community) am completely against the 'Let Them Breathe' Resolution that is on the board's agenda for Tuesday. The statements made are, for the most part, outrageous. The citations used are mostly outdated, with studies or statements made prior to the Delta variant surge or citing data from before the Delta variant was the dominant form of Covid. They are also cherry picked, and /or are the opinions of a few rogue physicians or epidemiologists that are going against what the majority of their colleagues recommend. Yes, I actually read every single one of the citations.

The Delta variant now makes up over 93% of the cases in this country, and in our county, as Dr. Borenstein confirmed that our county's prevalence of the Delta variant mirrors that of the country. The number of confirmed Delta variant cases listed on the county's website is very underrepresented, as they only send a small fraction of samples to be tested for the variant.

That said, the Delta variant is a game changer. It is much more contagious, is causing more severe illness, and is affecting more children than the previous strains. This is why the CDC has changed its guidance. The CDC guidance referenced in the resolution is from July 9. It is now outdated, as the CDC has now updated its guidance to reflect the increased risk of the Delta variant. Please see the updated guidance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

The American Academy of Pediatrics also updated its guidance to reflect the increased risk with the Delta variant. Please see their updated guidance:

<https://services.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases/aap/2021/american-academy-of-pediatrics-updates-recommendations-for-opening-schools-in-fall-2021/>

Please make decisions based on the latest guidance available from reliable sources and go with what the majority of doctors and scientists are recommending, not the few outliers.

I am personally embarrassed to have officials think that this is what Paso Robles believes. I will also email the board so that they are aware of my opinion as well.

Thankfully, in CA, we have a mask mandate for K-12 schools that we must follow. I am extremely disappointed that the board is not wanting to support simple safety measures to keep our students healthy. I am also shocked that our board wants to vote on a resolution that is based on outdated and misconstrued data, designed to mislead the community. Like many, I sincerely hope that it does not pass, for the well-being of our students.

Thanks again for everything that you do in these very challenging times.

Sincerely,  
Anat



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Board Meeting Public Comment

1 message

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**Pam McMullin** <plakritz87@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 12:07 PM

To: Paso Robles Schools <info@pasoschools.org>

Agenda Item H.3

Masks have been mandated by CPDH. It is ridiculous that this is even a discussion at all, let alone considering the legal ramifications. Masks are the bare minimum. Let's discuss going above and beyond the bare minimum. That's a discussion many parents would love to have. Let's do MORE for our kids.

The "Let Them Breathe" resolution is a parent led mask waiver. Mask waivers should be reserved only for the children who really need them as deemed by their doctor. The resolution just makes masks optional and is not taking the safety of our children into consideration.

In regards to the Sample Letter to Refuse. They have the option to refuse masks and vaccines. All decisions have consequences and the consequence here is that their children stay home. I took that option last year. I am not asking for "special" accommodations. I am asking for the bare minimum, anything less is unreasonable.

Thank you,  
Pam McMullin

Central Coast Psychological Association  
PO Box 3951  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-3951

August 8, 2021

Dear School Board Members:

We are a group of local psychologists that feel compelled to share our experience about the mental health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students.

We have watched recent meetings across the county and heard parents voice concerns about mask wearing. In particular, several parents stated that students will be at an increased risk of suicide due to wearing masks at school. Given our expertise in this area, we thought it would be helpful to inform the board (and community) that we have not worked with a single client who has reported increased suicidal thoughts as a result of having to wear a mask. Similarly, a study of over 11,000 people in the UK found consistent mask wearing had no association with poorer mental health. In fact, the researchers found that people who adhered to face-covering guidelines actually had better mental health than those who did not (Altshul., D. et. al, 2020).

This does not mean the pandemic has been easy on students. Overall, we have seen a drastic increase in students reaching out for mental health services. They often share that their depression and anxiety stem from the difficulty of being away from their friends or the fear of people they know getting sick and dying. In fact, many of us have heard students express increased fear and concern from the idea they may have to return to school with peers who are NOT wearing masks.

As an organization that promotes science, we also strongly recommend that you follow the guidelines put forth by organizations like the American Academy of Pediatrics, the California Department of Health, and the CDC and require masks for all students over 2 years of age.

We know you agreed to be on the board to create the best possible learning environment for the students you serve. We imagine you take parents' concerns about possible suicide very seriously and this may make you concerned about requiring masks at school. We hope you will take our expertise about mental health into account as you consider these parents' claims. Generally, we expect that many students will report symptom improvement as they are able to return to in-person education with proper precautions.

Please know our organization is here to help support the mental health needs of our community as we navigate these difficult times.

Respectfully,

Stacy Hutton, Ph.D.

Laurie Ferguson, Psy.D.

Susana Lopez, Ph.D.

Kristin Campos, Ph.D.

Joel Schwartz, Psy.D.

Julie Daggett, Ph.D.

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Tammy Dobbs, Ph.D.

Deidre D'Orazio, Ph.D.

Michael Reiger, Ph.D.

Erin MacIntrye, Psy.D.

RE: Agenda Item H (Action ITEMS) 3. Return to Full In-Person Family Guide with Clarification of District Position on Mask Mandate

Dear Board of Trustees,

I am a Speech-Language pathologist in the Paso school district. I am also the parent of two children who are too young to be vaccinated. I would like to express my strong support that students, teachers, staff, and school visitors be required to wear masks on campus.

I am concerned about the resolution brought forth by the board because it is misleading and inaccurate. I can imagine community members reading this resolution, thinking that it makes a cogent argument against mask use. However, digging deeper into the citations reveals that much of the evidence comes from opinion pieces, outdated research, and unrelated information. Opinions, even when brought forth by experts, offer the lowest form of evidence for an argument. The research studies that are cited in the resolution are terribly outdated (from August to November 2020) and do not reflect the current knowledge of Covid-19. These citations say nothing about the Delta variant and therefore do not help in making an informed decision about mask use. Other citations have nothing to do with Covid-19: one pertains to adult second language learners; others are about N95 masks rather than masks worn in schools, and yet another pertains to adults and not children. Again, this "evidence" does nothing to help us make informed choices.

A more accurate summary of the current evidence shows that San Luis Obispo County currently has a substantial transmission rate of COVID-19. The CDC updated its guidance on August 5, due to the Delta variant, and now "recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status." In addition, there have not been any credible studies citing negative effects of wearing masks for individuals over two years of age.

I believe that effective education occurs when individuals with expert knowledge pass their understanding on to students/ those with less information. Since I am not an expert on epidemiology, I must rely on credible sources as I try to keep my family safe from COVID-19. Thus, when the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, the California Department of Health, and the San Luis Obispo County of Health all issue guidance that students over the age of 2 should wear a mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status, I follow their advice.

**I sincerely hope the Paso School Board will also trust the experts and require masks for everyone at school.** I implore you to ensure our students and staff have the safest possible experience at school in the midst of this pandemic.

Sincerely,  
Simone Huls, PhD CCC-SLP



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Re: Public Comment RE: Covid Protocol & Masks

1 message

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Tracy Dauterman <tracy.dauterman@gmail.com>  
To: Paso Robles Schools <info@pasoschools.org>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 1:30 PM

Edit: updated numbers from today reflect an average case count of 86/day, not 98. (The 98 figure is from covidactnow.com as of yesterday and the 86 case count is from emergencyslo.org as of today.)

\*If someone can update this number in my letter before it is read tonight, I would appreciate it. All of my points still stand. I just want to make sure I am using the most up to date and accurate information.

Thank you.

On Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 6:11 PM Tracy Dauterman <tracy.dauterman@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Paso Robles School Board,

With the emergence of the delta variant of the Coronavirus, we are seeing a spike in infections. Just 3 weeks ago, we were averaging 34 new infections per day. Two weeks ago, it was 55 infections per day, and this past week it jumped to an average of 98 new infections per day. With only 51% of the local population fully vaccinated, we are on track to have a massive outbreak in San Luis Obispo County in the upcoming weeks.

In areas where no mitigation efforts are implemented, combined with vaccination rates similar to ours, children are being infected and hospitalized at rates not seen before. It's clear that we are not dealing with the same threat we faced just a few short months ago.

This variant is more infectious and causes worse outcomes in children, yet it seems we have fewer safety measures in place and political pressure not to enforce masks which are a valuable mitigation tool. With cases on the rise and the majority of our school children not vaccinated, what will be enforced to ensure that children are protected from exposure at school?

I am aware of the measures the state is calling for in classrooms, but I am dismayed by the fact that you have not yet announced exactly what will be happening in our classrooms with school starting next week. Will it be safe? What should we expect?

Other districts throughout the state have announced their plans including universal masking, improved ventilation, frequent testing, sanitization, etc. What protocol will be in place to keep our students safe here?

There are plenty of parents who want to see reasonable safety measures in place to keep our children learning safely in-person. Without those measures in place, we will see more exposures, more

quarantines, and less in-person instruction. Additionally, there is also the possibility of serious illness and even death.

Please remember you were elected to non-partisan offices. I humbly request that you set your political biases aside and put our children and their education first. Enforce the safety measures and protect the children you were elected to serve.

Sincerely,

Tracy Dauterman



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## 8/10/2021 Board Meeting - Face Coverings

1 message

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**Lyndsey Barnhart** <lyndseybarnhart@gmail.com>

Sun, Aug 8, 2021 at 9:12 AM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Cc: carend@pasoschools.org, dkbaker@pasoschools.org, Chris Bausch <ccbausch@pasoschools.org>, lgannon@pasoschools.org, tjgearhart@pasoschools.org, jmreed@pasoschools.org, newilliams@pasoschools.org, laaiello@pasoschools.org, Kelly Ward <kdward@pasoschools.org>, cthompson@pasoschools.org

Hello Board Members and Staff,

Our family has been part of the Paso Robles School District for six years. Currently we have two daughters that attend Kermit King. Both of our girls have always loved school and never once didn't want to attend. Sadly this year they don't want to return due to the mask mandate. Standard masks make it hard for them to breath, give them rashes behind their ears, and irritate their skin.

We are aware that your hands are tied due to the state's mandate. However, we are here to request you consider options of the types of face coverings you allow on campus. Last year gaiters and clear shields weren't allowed. Gaiters wrap around the head like a bandana which helps with kids that are uncomfortable on the ears. Clear shields are worn like a crown or a pair of glasses and drape down the face to cover droplets and cover the entire face while still being able to see the face.

We are hoping you consider allowing options for children to choose what works for them. Masks don't work for everyone. In a time that we don't have options please give our kids something.

Attached you find images of the three facial coverings I've mentioned above.

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Sincerely,  
Lyndsey Barnhart

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3 attachments

Kids mask.jpg  
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**kids gaiter.jpg**  
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**IPCS**



**kids face shield.jpg**  
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Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## No MASKS!!!

1 message

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**Jackie Pointer** <jackiepointer74@gmail.com>  
To: info@pasoschools.org

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 8:36 AM

**Dear Chris Arends,**

**I am calling about Item H.3 on the August 10th board meeting Agenda. I support the "Let Them Breathe" Resolution. Please DO NOT issue mandates for masks or vaccinations. Give individual families freedom to choose what is best for their own children. Thank you.**

**Jackie Pointer  
1521 Via Rosa  
Paso Robles, CA 93446  
224-715-6404**



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Let Them Breathe!!

1 message

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**Suzanne Petrie** <petriesuzanne@hotmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 10:23 AM

To: info@pasoschools.org

To Paso Robles School Board,

I wish to lend my utmost support to allowing school staff and students the right to choose if they wish to wear a face mask and or get the emergency shot. It should be OUR choice what we do with our health and as in years past as well as years ahead, we will always have infectious diseases amongst our school population. Masks do NOT work and they are harmful most especially to students.

Please vote to LET THEM BREATHE!!!

Thank you,

A concerned citizen

Sent from my iPhone



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## Public comment for August 10

1 message

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**Heather Nguyen** <heathernguyenphotography@gmail.com> Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 2:58 PM  
To: info@pasoschools.org

I know I speak for all parents when I say our children deserve to learn in a safe environment. However, the Mom's of Liberty and the "Let Them Breathe" Resolution have made it clear that is not a priority. Instead of giving our unvaccinated children safety, they would like all precautions removed and masks not be used. I am also very troubled by how many opinion pieces are listed in their citations. Not only is that very unprofessional but shows their lack of research. This makes me and my family feel very unsafe. Their reasoning is that healthy people are less likely to have complications with Covid. However, the Delta variant is hitting children much harder than other types. One common example I am seeing this past couple weeks is that very healthy people are dying of covid. The past two days alone I saw two news stories of fitness enthusiasts die from covid after not being vaccinated (Wade Morris and John Eyers). Before these people die, they often say they regret not getting vaccinated, like John Eyers did. We give everyone the freedom to choose their own healthcare.

During last year's school year, my daughter's class was exposed to covid at Pifer. Her class was moved to distance learning. A couple days later the entire school closed because of the spread. Luckily, because the children were in masks, my daughter did not become positive. Masks work. Arkansa is currently going through another large quarantine because of the Delta variant. Please keep our community safe by not allowing the "Let them breathe " Resolution in.

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**Heather Nguyen**  
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Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## NO MASKS

1 message

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janet murray <janetmurray3@sbcglobal.net>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 8:02 PM

Reply-To: janet murray <janetmurray3@sbcglobal.net>

To: "cdubost@pasoschools.org" <cdubost@pasoschools.org>, "jigaviola@pasoschools.org" <jigaviola@pasoschools.org>, "tlbraden@pasoschools.org" <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>, "bpawlowski@pasoschools.org" <bpawlowski@pasoschools.org>, "carend@pasoschools.org" <carend@pasoschools.org>, "ccbausch@pasoschools.org" <ccbausch@pasoschools.org>, "jmreed@pasoschools.org" <jmreed@pasoschools.org>, "lgannon@pasoschools.org" <lgannon@pasoschools.org>, "tjgearhart@pasoschools.org" <tjgearhart@pasoschools.org>, "dkbaker@pasoschools.org" <dkbaker@pasoschools.org>, "newilliams@pasoschools.org" <newilliams@pasoschools.org>

I am writing today as a concerned parent of two vibrant, smart, compassionate kids who attend school in the district. My daughter attends Kermit King and is starting 4th grade and my son is entering 6th grade at Lewis. I do not think masks should be mandatory for our children. I can go on and on about all the FACTS and reasons why they are not necessary but I'm not going to do that because I respect those who feel like a mask is a good decision for them and their family members. With that being said, allow masks to be a choice. Those who want to wear a mask should have that option just as much as those who do not want to wear a mask should have that option as well. I understand these last 18 months has been difficult for many but it's time to allow our kids to go back to school in a normal setting. This has all gotten way out of hand and our youth is suffering.

Respectfully,  
Janet Scoglio

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

## Public Comment on Agent Item: H.3. Approve Return to Full In-Person Family Guide with Clarification of District Position on Mask Mandate and Consider Possible Adoption of "Let Them Breathe" Resolution (8/10/21)

1 message

Darcy Kristy <darcyfaye03@msn.com>  
To: "info@pasoschools.org" <info@pasoschools.org>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 7:47 AM

### H.3. Approve Return to Full In-Person Family Guide with Clarification of District Position on Mask Mandate and Consider Possible Adoption of "Let Them Breathe" Resolution

Good evening,

Tonight I ask that you vote YES and adopt the "Let them Breathe" Resolution that was also adopted by Cayucos in addition to other districts in California. By voting yes, you allow students and parents a choice. Studies and statistics show that hospitalizations and deaths are extremely low for all students.

The California Department of Health said themselves that almost all school infections of COVID-19 came from adult to adult transmission. So why then, would we continue to mask our children? I ask that when you vote tonight, that you put politics and feelings aside and think about the children. That you weigh the risks of masking versus the risks of COVID-19 in children. Statistics and data show that masking children causes mental, emotional, and physical damage to children.

An entire school year went by last year with millions of students attending school unmasked, unvaccinated, not socially distanced, and the numbers of infections, hospitalizations, and deaths didn't rise. Thousands of students in this county continued to gather all last year with the same encouraging results. All summer long, students have lived normal lives. And now they are expected to return and sit in a classroom all day long with a mask on? And that's expected to not affect their learning, mental, and physical health?

I applaud you all for considering the "Let them Breathe" Resolution. Putting this on your agenda shows your integrity to follow the science and listen to your community. Please vote Yes to approve the resolution. Please join other districts in California, as well as most of the states in this country and vote to make masks in the classroom a choice.

Thank you,  
Darcy Kristy  
SLO County resident and mother



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## 8/10/21 Board Meeting- Face Coverings

1 message

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**Morgan Aanerud** <morganaanerud@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 9:17 PM

To: cdubost@pasoschools.org

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Hello Board Members and Staff,

I write to you this evening as a concerned parent of a 6 year old boy, Oliver, almost a First Grader at Kermit King. Oliver is an incredible young man. Being our oldest, he braved his first day of kindergarten last year without his mom or dad being able to escort him to class for the very first time, without either of us helping a single day in his class, we missed a traditional back to school night, class cupcakes on his birthday and unfortunately that list can go on and on. That doesn't sit well with me and I sure hope it doesn't sit well with you. Here are a couple photos I found while going through his Kinder stuff. Cute because he's cute but so upsetting that I can't see his face. This isn't right and it isn't fair.



**Kermit King**

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Today we recognized 3 LEAP Stars that have demonstrated excellence at school and home. We are proud of Aiden, Oliver and Hannah for helping make our community and school family a beautiful place to learn and grow! Keep LEAPing Frogs! 🐸



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## TRAINING PROGRAM



I'm hopeful this school year will look different but we need your help. Please allow some of the normalcy I referenced above to return. I understand currently your hands are tied with mandates, the scare of lawsuits, and all the technicalities is intense for all, but please make a fair decisions out all of these things moving forward. In regards to mask enforcement, my first choice would be to not require the kids to wear them at all. Let us sign a waiver. The next best thing would be to please consider giving options on face coverings (ie: gaiters or face shields). Please allow our children to take them off at all times while they're outside. Please consider hosting classes outside as much as possible. And most of all, please do away with the mask mandate in its entirety as quickly as possible. Our kids are counting on you.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Morgan Aanerud



Theresa Braden <tibraden@pasoschools.org>

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## CRT and masks

1 message

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**Scott Compston** <asdumoon@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM

To: cdubost@pasoschools.org, tibraden@pasoschools.org, jjgaviola@pasoschools.org, bpawlowski@pasoschools.org, carend@pasoschools.org, ccbausch@pasoschools.org, jmreed@pasoschools.org, lgannon@pasoschools.org, tjgearhart@pasoschools.org, dkbaker@pasoschools.org, newilliams@pasoschools.org

Hello district school board members.

I am writing in the simplest of forms to make you all aware if my child will be forced to wear masks and be taught CRT. If these are passed and adopted to the district rules, my child will no longer be attending schools in our district. We will pursue a private education for their well being and education. Simply as that.

Thank you for your time. Parent's of two in our district.

Scott compston



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## School Board Meeting; Masks and CRT

1 message

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**Apex Fire Control** <ap.apexfirecontrol@gmail.com> Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 11:47 AM  
To: "cdubost@pasoschools.org" <cdubost@pasoschools.org>  
Cc: "tlbraden@pasoschools.org" <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>, "jgaviola@pasoschools.org" <jgaviola@pasoschools.org>, "bpawlowski@pasoschools.org" <bpawlowski@pasoschools.org>, "carend@pasoschools.org" <carend@pasoschools.org>, "ccbausch@pasoschools.org" <ccbausch@pasoschools.org>, "jmreed@pasoschools.org" <jmreed@pasoschools.org>, "lgannon@pasoschools.org" <lgannon@pasoschools.org>, "tjgearhart@pasoschools.org" <tjgearhart@pasoschools.org>, "dkbaker@pasoschools.org" <dkbaker@pasoschools.org>, "newilliams@pasoschools.org" <newilliams@pasoschools.org>, Beth Weleba <mbethgood@gmail.com>

First, thank you for reading and considering the views and opinions of our community parents. I will do my best to keep this short as I'm sure there are an abundance of us speaking out on the current issues.

Mask Mandate: Freedom of choice.

While we can all agree that every stage in a child's development is unique, just as every child is special, the continued social development is extremely important for all of our children's current and future mental health status.

Boston's children's hospital, which remains at the forefront of research and innovation during the covid-19 pandemic states that "Child hospitalizations for self-harm and suicide attempts stayed steady in 2020, even as hospitalizations for almost all other reasons fell by about half compared with 2017-2019. Studies conducted elsewhere have found that rates of depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation and planning increased in children during the COVID-19 pandemic."

I ask that you please fight alongside us for the freedom of choice! Regardless of the age of our children, they should NOT be mandated into wearing masks! Evidence has shown that masks do HARM in children psychologically and physically. It should be a families choice as to whether wearing a mask is their priority, or critical to them and/or their surroundings.

Critical Race Theory: Does not belong in K-12. Period.

CRT promotes the exact thing it stands to "prevent" as it begins from the assumption that racism occurs in all interactions. CRT holds that the most important thing about you is your race; that the color of your skin is who you are. Not your behavior, not your values, not your environment. Your race.

Values and morals will be taught in my home by myself, and my husband. Character is important. Work ethic is important. Honesty is important. Compassion is important. Respect is important. Community is important. I will not allow this dangerous academic theory to make my child feel that they are a bad person or racist because of their skin color. As I would not allow them to judge anyone else by their skin color.

We should be teaching unity in diversity. FREEDOM AND ACCEPTANCE.

Thank you for your time,

Beth Weleba,

A concerned parent



Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

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## NO MASKS FOR CHILDREN

1 message

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holley pina <holley@holleyelizabeth.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 1:08 PM

To: cdubost@pasoschools.org, tlbraden@pasoschools.org, jjgaviola@pasoschools.org, bpawlowski@pasoschools.org, carend@pasoschools.org, ccbausch@pasoschools.org, jmreed@pasoschools.org, lgannon@pasoschools.org, tjgearhart@pasoschools.org, dkbaker@pasoschools.org, newilliams@pasoschools.org

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider removing the mask mandate for the children of Paso Robles School District.

I understand that you have rules and another agenda to follow from the powers at be. Does that make this right, or acceptable? Our beautiful nation was created by people like you and I standing up for what is RIGHT, not by following unfair laws.

My son deserves to see the facial expressions of his peers, teachers and school staff. As a kindergartener, he will be learning phonics. Can you imagine learning the sounds of letters and learning to read without seeing the instructor's mouth?

I know your inboxes are flooded, and you may feel that your 'hands are tied'... but you DO have a choice. Please fight for what is best for our children, and let them breathe.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Holley Pina

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