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Regarding CRT and the Disgrace that is Chris Arend

1 message

Albert Qian <albert.qian@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 10, 2021 at 9:00 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Members of the board, citizens of Paso, and witnesses from the general public—today, you witnessed a silly game played by Paso Robles Joint Unified School Board members, led by Mr. Chris Arend himself.

Instead of addressing documented staff member attrition and the lack of funds to run school buses for our children, the school board has instead decided to discuss, debate, divide and pass a ban on critical Race Theory, a piece of curriculum that is not currently taught in our county.

Much of this happened for no other reason than Mr. Arend's ongoing assault towards people of color, started by his rambling treatise against systemic racism. The irony in his essay and his actions are thick as molasses. While trying to decry systemic racism, he upheld it with his own vote—and for what reason? Was it to cozy up to the most extremist of fears, to please an electorate that is afraid of their history, or to gain the notice of a party that's on life support? All so that he can ultimately build a personal brand so that he can showcase a "gotcha-owned-the-libs moment"—all on the backs of children and educators.

This is not education. This is political theater. And Mr. Arend has conned everyone along the way, taking a school board that's looking at him like deer in headlights.

Shame on you Mr. Arend and the school board for not doing what you were elected to do and stooping down to the lowest of lows. The best decision would be for all of you to resign, but you've sold out, so you wouldn't know the difference. And worse, our kids and educators will be the ones hurting the most from your irresponsibility.

Thanks,

Albert Qian

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CRT

1 message

Gordon Statler <gordon@statlerdesignsolutions.com>

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 5:30 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

I just heard of the vote to ban crt from being taught in your school district
BRAVO!!! thank you for standing up for our country, it's history and values!!!!

Sent from my iPhone



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Decision on CRT

1 message

Keri Akers <snippycat99@gmail.com>
To: info@pasoschools.org

Wed, Aug 11, 2021 at 9:05 PM

You did the right thing. Thank you.

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Theresa Braden <tlbraden@pasoschools.org>

Thank you

1 message

thelugs <nutnut@prodigy.net>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 6:39 AM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Thank you to 4 out of the 7 board members for standing up for our children and rejecting CRT and for desiring to make your own decisions about the wearing of masks.

Thank you Mr. Arend for standing tall, and thank you to your fellow trustee for taking the initiative of drafting the directive.

You are fulfilling the district's vision and objective by taking this stand.

Thank you,

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Ethnic Studies for Educators

1 message

'Karen Bishop' via Information Officer

<info@pasoschools.org>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 1:53

PM

Reply-To: Karen Bishop <karen_bishop@ymail.com>

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

Dear Board Members;

You may recall that I wrote in advance of the August 10th Paso Schools Board meeting to urge you all to vote against any proposed resolutions banning the teaching of Critical Race Theory in Paso Robles Schools.

I am a local resident, taxpayer, and parent. I am also professor of sociology who is educated in CRT and I regularly cover the theory in my classes. I watched the live Board meeting as one individual after another, (including Board members) spoke of Critical Race Theory with grave misunderstanding of what it is, what it implies, and the premises on which it is based. And yet, each Board member who spoke stated in one form or another (even those against the adopted resolution) that they did not want CRT in our schools.

Such display of misunderstanding reveals the very reason our Board members, administrators and school teachers need to be effectively educated in CRT. This would ensure that teachers are properly qualified to answer questions, facilitate discussions, and deliver age-appropriate curricula on its relevance. It would also ensure that administrators and Board members are adequately informed to make consequential decisions with the wisdom and forethought we expect of our representatives.

I am sure you each are trying to lead in the best way you know how. However, I am saddened for our fine community and disappointed in this misguided decision. I do not teach at Cuesta College, but I ask that you each enroll in the below class aimed at providing necessary ethnic studies preparation for educators. The quality of education that local children receive in Paso Robles can only benefit if our local educators and trusted educational Board members are the informed teachers and leaders we need them to be.

Cuesta College Fall 2021 class information:

EDUC/ETHN 210 CRN 74914 Tuesdays online 4:00-5:20 pm

The professors both have doctorates, one with an EdD and the other with a PhD. They have the expertise and the skills to help you gain a better grasp of the theory along with its relevance for potential age-appropriate applications and discussions. As a community college class, it is designed to deliver content intended for a wider audience beyond those destined for graduate school.

Please register today so you can more effectively lead our school district through future discussions and decisions on any related issues with adequate preparation. Our community and children will benefit from it.

Sincerely,
Karen Bishop
Concerned Parent
Paso Robles, CA

On Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 01:08:49 PM PDT, Karen Bishop <karen_bishop@ymail.com> wrote:

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.

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CRT Resolution

1 message

Marek, Debra <dmarek@bridgew.edu>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 9:10 PM

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

To Chris Arend & Paso Robles School Board,

Your resolution against teaching CRT and its principles is written with such clarity, quiet authority and grace; it is the single best description and refutation of CRT I have read. In precisely laying out what CRT is, you lay bare the actual path CRT takes to obfuscate as it imposes. The economy of this resolution makes each sentence more powerful.

Thank you. I have read the statement several times over to internalize the main points. This is life-giving to a weary populace. I hope many—all-- communities follow your example.

Most Sincerely,

Debra Marek



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congratulations

1 message

Ann Thurston <thurston.ann@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 12, 2021 at 9:10 PM

To: info@pasoschools.org

Congratulations for standing up to your beliefs. I think you made national news by voting down this insidious Critical Race Theory!