

Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers of students of the United School District

I am reaching out to you all in an effort to settle a couple of issues that have been discussed nationally and more recently, locally.

The first issue is sex education. A sex education bill was signed into law earlier this school year. The legislation enacted only applies to districts that choose to teach a comprehensive sex education curriculum. As of now the United School District does not and does not intend to teach a comprehensive sex education curriculum. Therefore, the law that was passed does NOT apply to our district. There is no discussion or intention of the district to implement a comprehensive sex education curriculum. We do offer a comprehensive health program, which has not been and will not be affected by this legislation.

The second subject that has become a local topic is Critical Race Theory (CRT). Again, the United School District has not been and has no intention of teaching CRT as a unit of instruction or lesson. This is a complex and complicated topic with various interpretations. There may at some point in time be a reference in a textbook or an excerpt in a class that someone may associate with CRT. Different perspectives, as long as appropriate and within a comfortable setting will be valuable. That said, there is no CRT being taught in an extensive way and no promotion of it will occur in United Schools.

Your school board has represented the community and I'm assuming that most of you will give them and our administrative team the benefit of the doubt with regard to both of the above complex topics.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 309-734-9413.

Respectfully Submitted,

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