



April 26, 2023

Dear Decatur Citizens,

My name is Chad Jones and I am proud to be the Superintendent in Decatur ISD. When I was hired almost two years ago, the school district had been going through turmoil and community trust of the board, the administration and the district was low. In talking with staff and community members, I sensed that everyone was tired of the drama and truly longed for stability. My goal was to rebuild the trust between the district and the community and to do that, I wanted to put our focus on the amazing things our kids and teachers are doing each and every day in Decatur ISD.

You are probably aware by now that a mass text message accusing Decatur ISD of teaching "WOKE POLITICS" was recently sent out. The message also stated that "We need to get back to basics and EDUCATE, NOT indoctrinate, our children." Decatur ISD teachers do not teach woke politics nor do we indoctrinate children. We teach the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) that are approved by the Texas Education Agency and these educators do it with a deep passion and genuine desire to make your children successful. Also, the text message was sent during STAAR testing week, which is one of the most stressful weeks of the year for teachers. Since receipt of this text message we have had numerous teachers and staff members upset and asking, "Is this what people think we do?" This is not where their minds need to be during this very important time of the year. We have also had community members contact us asking if we are going to respond to these accusations. When our district and teachers come under fire, I want every staff member and citizen of Decatur to know that they have a superintendent who will back them when they are unjustly called out as a group for actions or activities that are false and damaging to their personal reputations and that of Decatur ISD.

I am asking for each Decatur resident to reach out to a teacher and let them know that you appreciate them for all they do for our children. Teaching is hard and continues to get harder each and every year. We are blessed to have some of the absolute best teachers in Decatur ISD. We Are Decatur and I am proud of all of the amazing things we do...Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Chad Jones".

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