

Resolution 2021-10-07

Resolution of the Lakeland Jt. School District No. 272 Board of Trustees prohibiting the teaching of "critical race theory," its associated tenets, other race-based training, curricula, and methodology in public education.

WHEREAS, racism has no place in society and especially not in the Lakeland Jt. School District No. 272 ("LJSD" or the "District");

WHEREAS, "critical race theory" is a divisive ideology that assigns moral fault to individuals solely based on an individual's race and, therefore, is itself "perpetuating a racial caste system." and resurrecting Class Guilt;

WHEREAS, the District condemns the ideology of "institutionalized racism" and does not "perpetuate a racial caste system.";

WHEREAS, the laws of the United States of America do not require instruction in "critical race theory" in public schools (grades PreK-12);

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Idaho prohibits educational instruction in "critical race theory";

WHEREAS, the IDAHO CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE. IX, § 6, prohibits any "distinction or classification of pupils be made on account of race or color.";

WHEREAS, TITLE VI of THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance;

WHEREAS, the tenets of "'critical race theory" undermines the objectives outlined" in Idaho Code § 33-138 and "exacerbate and inflame divisions on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, or other criteria in ways contrary to the unity of the nation and the well-being of the state of Idaho and its citizens.";

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 33-139 prohibits the expenditure of public monies in education "for any purpose prohibited in section 33-138, Idaho Code.";

WHEREAS, the LJSD Board of Trustees has the legal authority to determine the curriculum taught in the District, Idaho Code § 33-118 and Idaho Code § 33-512A;

WHEREAS, the LJSD Board of Trustees expects students to receive their education only from the Board's adopted curriculum except where district policies 2340 - Controversial Issues and Academic Freedoms and 2425 - Parental Rights are applicable;

WHEREAS, Lakeland Jt. School District is committed to maximizing student learning and ensuring every student is growing every day in all environments;

WHEREAS, the Lakeland Jt. School District will not teach "critical race theory" or associated tenets, as prohibited by Idaho law in any of its public schools (grades PreK-12);

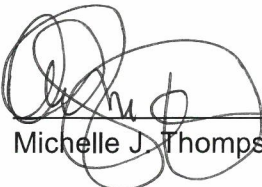
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 7th day of October 2021 by the Board of Trustees of the Lakeland Jt. School District No. 272: in pursuit of the aforementioned goals and objectives, does not support "critical race theory" or its associated tenets to include The 1619 Project as an approved curriculum in the Lakeland Jt. School District #272 and has an expectation of disciplinary action when a Person of Authority in the District has violated any of the preceding items;

ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2021, on motion of Trustee Grissom, seconded by Trustee Irons, on the following roll call vote:

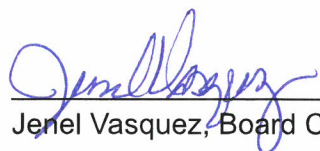
TRUSTEE BAIN: Y
TRUSTEE GRISSOM: Y
TRUSTEE IRONS: Y
TRUSTEE MAJOR:
TRUSTEE THOMPSON: Y

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Trustee Major

ATTEST:



Michelle J. Thompson, Board Chair



Jenel Vasquez, Board Clerk