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LIBERTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #25 BOARD ADOPTS AND APPROVES CURRICULUM ADJUSTMENTS

The direction regarding curriculum and parental involvement received approval Monday evening

BUCKEYE, Ariz. – During Monday evening’s Liberty Elementary School District Board Meeting, members of the board voted to vault Liberty ahead of other Valley school districts on topics including Curriculum Development and Adoption (Policies IGA & IGD) pertaining to parental involvement and prohibited areas of instruction.

The LESD Board approved a policy focused on what will not be taught in classrooms. This includes Critical Race Theory (CRT), promotion of Equity of Outcome over Equality of Opportunity, racism, victimhood mentality, nor “values based” Social Emotional Learning (SEL). This does not include emotional stability, character education, and instruction aligned with the Liberty Core Values: Respect, Integrity, Accountability, High Standards, and Student-Centered; as outlined in the Strategic Plan. The District will also not promote any political ideology.

“Along with some of the outside noise of what should or should not be taught, we know how important the core subjects are,” said LESD Board Vice President Bryan Parks. “We need to get back to the basics in education, there is no place for destructive political ideology in our classrooms. Let’s spend our time teaching the basics; math, reading, writing, science and social studies without indoctrinating our children with political ideology.”

The Board voiced how they want to see more parent and teacher involvement procedures in curriculum development and adoption moving forward. This includes committees looking at multiple options for materials, having teachers pilot programs for an extended period of time, and receiving parent and staff feedback before being considered by the Governing Board. Based on the parent involvement philosophy of the District and the Board, the Superintendent and district staff will research and incorporate a variety of activities, strategies, and mechanisms into the District and site structures to provide active involvement and support from parents. The hope is that this effort will enhance the capacity of all students to reach their optimum potential.

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About LESD25

Founded in 1887, the Liberty Elementary School District No. 25 spans 285 square miles including rural and suburban settings. It has grown from a historic one-room schoolhouse, to seven kindergarten through eighth grade schools between Buckeye and Goodyear, educating more than 4,500 students. Each school is tailored to serve students based on their interests through unique signature programs. LESD25 prepares all students for success in high school and beyond with engaging and challenging learning environments. Through individual accomplishment, personal leadership, and contribution to their community, children flourish. Discover more at liberty25.org.

Inspire students to be lifelong learners and empower all students to reach their full potential

