**D49 Board Director Liu Sounds Alarm on Social/Emotional Programming of School Children. 9 Nov 2022**

More and more concerned parents across the country are showing up at their children’s school board meetings decrying overreaching curricula that focus more on toxic ideologies than improving the children’s failing academics. I am resolutely standing my ground to fight back the infusion of these ideologies into D49, which was one of the two great concerns of the stakeholders in the Nov 2021 School Board election.

I am working hard to inform and warn parents and stakeholders of the insidious Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curricula, nine of which have already been introduced into the D49 school district without board approval or notification to the parents.

Some of the board members have been attempting to silence me regarding these toxic ideologies. I was harshly criticized for opposing the contract renewal for our Chief Education Officer Peter Hilts who brought in Professional training, student activities and expensive surveys that are based on Critical Race Theory (CRT) concepts. I also felt the district needed new leadership after nine years of substandard student academic performance. I was falsely accused of operating out of a personal vendetta.

I was urged to back off, “get along” and “be united.” At first, they attacked me mostly via private emails with condescending remarks and attacks on my morals and character, along with berating and sarcasm. My fellow board member and I were blocked from proposing agenda items, isolated from discussions and information of new board business, and generally ignored in decisions. These violations of board policies are documented.

I was not deterred. I continued asking questions about district leadership regarding academic improvement and financial stewardship. The board just passed a board policy, BCA-E-1 that subverts CRS 22.32.103, which states “Each school director shall have access to all school records at all times.”

On 10 April 2022, the board hit me with an unannounced “surprise” trial. NO evidence of board policy violation was presented but the board found me “guilty” by a simple majority of 3-2, because “they could,” according to District lawyer Brad Miller. I was stripped of my committee assignments and office as treasurer. It was a mockery of justice and fair trials in The Land of The Free. During this process, the board members violated several board policies which I detailed in a correspondence in attempt to appeal the outcome. It is still unresolved as of 9 Nov 2022.

The FB post about Hitler that was escalated disproportionately was in my opinion an attempt to silence me from sharing the information about the harm of some SEL. The whole idea of the post was to NOT repeat history. Every murderous dictator in history has used children to advance their tyrannical and evil agenda, including Lenin, Stalin, Khrushchev, and Mao.

Although SEL began as a way to promote character development, some has evolved into an insidious weapon of behavioral psychology tool designed not to educate, but to transform children’s core values, attitudes, beliefs, and behavior. According to researchers, data is collected on children as a part of most SEL curricula. Parents are not made aware of this.

Our nation’s 2022 report card was dismal. The district’s language arts average was 45% while math is at 28%. This means 55% of the kid do not read at grade level and 72% of kids cannot do math at grade level. The averages for children of color are even lower. We are failing our kids. Our children deserve better than that.

Yet we spend great amounts of money and classroom time teaching SEL concepts. Reading, writing and arithmetic have become sidelined or impacted by toxic ideologies such as gender fluidity, social justice, collectivism, equity or equal outcome (mantra of socialism), and Critical Race Theory that promotes division between races, classes, and groups.

Since SEL was introduced into District 49 about nine years ago by CEO Peter Hilts, academic scores continued to stagnate and misbehavior persists or worsened. One cannot rationally conclude that SEL is key to improved academics or behavioral issues. In fact, one has to wonder if the tainted SEL programs may contribute to these problems. The deleterious effects of SEL have been the center of attention amongst nation’s copious reputable researchers and educators.

Intentional or not, the dumbing down of our children by transforming them into social justice warriors rather than focusing on academic skills is derived directly from John Dewey’s radical philosophy of education and the Marxist/Communist playbook.

In retrospect, I believe the over-the-top reactions to my post was more related to my harsh criticism of certain SEL programs. The outcry about quoting Hitler is in direct contradiction to the arguments of those who are against the CRT ban: “we must be allowed to teach the bad parts of history!!”

While my fellow board member Jamilynn D’avola and I have persisted in holding the administration accountable in maintaining laser-focus on academics, there have been numerous slanderous allegations made against me without evidence. The one that griefs me the most is my alleged “attack on teachers and principals.” I hold much respect and esteem for our hard-working and underpaid educators. However, I hold the administration responsible for the direction of the district and the academic performance of the children.

I resolutely stand by my unwavering commitment to the parents and children of this district. As an elected official of a strongly conservative community who was very clear with their views on CRT and academics, I will fight against these toxic ideologies and make sure our children get the excellent education they expect and deserve from Colorado schools.

Facebook post: "He alone, WHO OWNS THE YOUTH, gains the future." Adolf Hitler. PARENTS!! GET INVOLVED AND FIGHT LIKE YOUR CHILDREN'S LIVES DEPEND ON IT, BECAUSE IT DOES!

Fight back the Critical Race Theory (CRT) concepts that are deceptively hidden in many of the latest Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programs from CASEL.org. Not all SEL's are bad but some are insidiously programmed to do just what our destroyers intend. Message me for a list of well-documented research.”