

Speech school board 10/12/2023

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I identify as a Voter/a parent and a citizen.

I have spent some time looking at the Social Studies academic standards for 2023 and the Social Studies curriculum books laid in the Break room of the Dillard center. I want to thank you Karen I had 3 people come and check on me at least 1 said you sent them.

8 hours were spent at the Dillard center and I listened to the read aloud audio that came with the Social Studies standards 3 times and took notes. It takes about a full day to hear the standards read aloud.

After Hearing the standards I was concerned that vast parts of history had been dropped. I was glad to find that all the missing presidents, countries and inventors where still in the Books.

The constitution was presented in a good way with the bill of rights explained as our founding fathers would have. It even spoke correctly about the 2nd and 10th amendments.

There are 2 items I need to make you and the parents aware of.

In the hard cover book American Government Interactive on pages 16-17-18 the authors are confused. They describe a

republic and a democracy and then come up with something I have never heard of an “indirect Democracy”

It is as if the author just cannot say the words “Constitutional Republic” That term is never mentioned. It even has a paragraph marginalizing people insisting it is a republic.

Did we not say in the pledge to the REPUBLIC for which it stands? Did not Ben Franklin say it is a republic if we can keep it!

I clearly remember at least 3 of my history teachers had no problem Saying Constitutional Republic. At that time the teachers at least remembered WW2 or had their stories of service to tell. Even union teachers like Mr. Greenleaf and Mr. Christianson, Or Mrs. Laymen drilled it into us.

The second problem is in the hard cover “power to choose” page 265. This author Loves Keynesian economics Austrian economics is never mentioned. The laffer curve is mentioned but it is downplayed. The increase in revenue caused by a decrease in taxes sparking more effort by people is treated as if it is a problem not the answer to our economic situation.

These books taken in total are actually better than the ones I had growing up I hope you have a method of correcting

Mistakes and Omissions just as we do in aviation where we try to prevent a problem before it get in the news.

Have a nice evening. Thanks again Karen for answering my email about time limits promptly.