



Riley County Republican Party
3107 Harahey Ridge
Manhattan, KS 66502
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Riley County Republicans and Concerned Citizens,

Hopefully I got your attention with the subject line.... A few weeks ago, our School Board voted 4 to 1 to spend up to \$61,500.00 to begin introducing Critical Race Theory (CRT) under the guise of "Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning (CRTL)" into the school district. Mr. Darell Edie was the only "No" vote on the School Board. Two of the School Board members were absent, so we don't know how they would vote, but 4 was a majority regardless.

- "Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning (CRTL)" curriculum and resources teaches as foundational fact that:

--The United States is a systemically racist county.

--That all whites are racist oppressors and if they don't acknowledge this fact, then they are unrepentant racists.

--There is no other possible conclusion, so there is no discussion of alternate opinions or different historical analysis.

-The good news is that the motion that passed was legally flawed, and so is invalid. We have an opportunity for our voices to be heard by the School Board before this issue comes up again for a vote.

-Many parents don't understand why the School Board would be spending scarce resources on factually inaccurate and inflammatory social justice indoctrination of our children. If you are concerned, please attend the next District 383 School Board Meeting, Wednesday night, May 19th, at 6:30 pm at the Robinson Education Center, [2031 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan KS 66502](#).

-There is an open opportunity at the beginning of the meeting to have 3 minutes to express your opinion, but you need to complete a form and turn it in. If you don't want to talk, that's fine, just show up to support those that do. Link to [District 383 School Board of Education Speaking Form and Instructions](#).

-You can also email the School Board members to express your concerns and opinions. Also, feel free to send Mr. Darell Edie a thank-you note for his opposition to CRT. Link to [District 383 School Board Members Email and Phone](#)

-We had a good discussion during our Vista Coffee Talk yesterday and some other good points were

made about teaching Critical Race Theory (CRT) to students. Some are outlined below:

--There is no indication that CRT instruction improves anything, but there is quite a bit of information that indicates that CRT teaching is divisive and destructive to students.

--CRT materials are very expensive and divert resources from teaching foundational curriculum...history, math, reading, art, music, etc.

--The tenants of CRT are highly controversial and distract from more important local issues like the educational recovery from the impact of COVID-19.

--There has been no indication at all that race relations within District 383 Schools has been an issue.

--The School Board voted to approve introducing CRT training into our school system WITHOUT conducting an Economic Impact Analysis. This means that the Board did not know the ultimate cost (time, \$\$\$, staffing) of CRT nor what the negative impact would be on the other educational activities within the School District.

-Additional detailed information can be obtained from John Matta via email: jmatta50@gmail.com or you can call him at 785-410-8648.

-The actual agenda item documents and motion that were approved can be found at: [School Board Memo](#)

-The Our Manhattan Face Book page also has relevant information at: [Our Manhattan](#)

-Please feel free to share this information with all

-Riley County Republican Party Officers:

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