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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

School is back in session.

Children huddle together on sidewalks in the brisk morning air proudly showing off their newest sneakers and backpacks. They anxiously await a bus that will whisk them safely away to the nearest government-run indoctrination camp.

Once there, rogue teachers who drank the woke Kool-Aid will take attendance by addressing everyone by their correct pronoun, and the Pledge of Allegiance will be abandoned in favor of a lesson on what it means to be a good little social justice warrior. After snack time, the transgender coloring books will be passed out.

While this sounds like a bad dystopian movie script, it is all too real. School children all over the country are having to endure propaganda just like this in their daily routines. Reading, writing and arithmetic are no longer sufficient. Pornography is now considered acceptable reading material and math is now queer. That's right! Queer math is a thing.

These days, one could easily look at our public school system and feel defeated, dejected and depressed. Sometimes, we feel that way, too. But, rest assured, there is a whole lot going on--both publicly and behind the scenes--that should give us all reason to celebrate. Victories large and small are being won everyday on behalf of our children.

As you'll see in this edition of the CRE newsletter, we are winning.

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THE CURIOUS CASE OF A MAYOR AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT

Back in the fall of 2022, CRE organized and sponsored our very first educational forum on the hidden dangers of Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Experts converged on our small New England town to explain to a roomful of concerned parents and residents what SEL is and how it has infiltrated almost every aspect of public school curriculum.

In the weeks leading up to the event, CRE was hard at work creating flyers and generating awareness in the media. Ads ran in the local newspaper and volunteers distributed handouts to our city hall and public library, advertising the forum details. A few days before the seminar, CRE learned that Newburyport mayor, Sean Reardon, deliberately removed our flyer from the library. In addition, Reardon instructed that the flyer posted at city hall also be taken down.

Of course, we were suspicious. Why would the mayor do this? When asked about it, Reardon not only admitted to personally taking down our flyer, but then issued the following bizarre statement: "This local CRE group seems to only exist on Facebook. After reviewing their content on social media, it was not in line with the city of Newburyport's values of being an inclusive and welcoming community. This group has every right to hold their event but in the future, people should have a way to contact the group and ask questions about these types of events."

Not so fast, Sean. You can't have it both ways. You can't decide that the CRE Facebook page is not consistent with the city's values of being an "...inclusive and welcoming community," but then do the exact opposite of being "welcoming and inclusive" by ripping down our flyers. What sort of contradictory and hypocritical message does that send to Newburyport residents?

CRE immediately knew that the mayor had violated our first amendment rights to free speech and needed to be held accountable for his unconstitutional actions. As luck would have it, Massachusetts Family Institute (MFI) and the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) felt the same way and agreed to help CRE with legal proceedings.

In August of 2023, after months of negotiations, a settlement was finally reached between mayor Reardon and Citizens For Responsible Education. The settlement, in part, revised the city's posting policies to recognize that flyers advertising local events are, in fact, protected by the US Constitution and cannot be taken down simply because someone disagrees with them.



Newburyport Mayor, Sean Reardon

In addition, Reardon agreed to post a public statement acknowledging his actions on the city's website for 14 days and CRE was awarded \$10,000. Complete details of the settlement can be found in the official press release located on our Facebook page.

While Citizens For Responsible Education is celebrating our hard-won victory, we also recognize that there are many like-minded groups among us--parent cooperatives, child advocates and other non-profit organizations--that have similar stories of being mischaracterized or censored. Parents may be afraid to speak out about something going on at school for fear of being ridiculed or dismissed. We know exactly how that feels, which is why the importance of this legal victory cannot be overstated.

We encourage those groups to take a stand. Defend your rights as a parent to advocate on behalf of your children. Don't let the establishment diminish your voice. This settlement is not just a win for CRE, but a massive victory for parents and children all over the country.

It has recently been suggested by a few characters in our city that CRE doesn't deserve a seat at the table when it comes to having conversations about our failing public schools. We would remind them that CRE is not going away and recommend that a seat at the head of the table be reserved for us going forward. Of course, those who don't like our message don't have to listen, but censoring opposing viewpoints is never the right answer.

Just ask the mayor.



ACCESS TO PARENT & STUDENT OPT-OUT FORMS

Parents, are you looking for a way to unenroll your children from certain aspects of their public school curriculum that you find particularly objectionable or offensive? Well, you're in luck! We have just the resource for you.

The Pacific Justice Institute (PJI) is a non-profit organization that has created a series of Parent & Student Opt-Out forms for just about every state in the country. Not only do they advocate for parental and student rights in the public school system, but they also provide legal counsel for business owners and are fierce protectors of individual religious freedoms.

For more information or to download curriculum opt-out forms for free, please visit:

<https://pacificjustice.org/>

CRE ANNOUNCES NEW 'PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN DECLINE' FORUM ON OCTOBER 26, 2023

Citizens For Responsible Education is proud to present our next community forum entitled, **"Public School Education Is In Decline In Massachusetts...and What WE Can Do As A Community To Fix It!"** Please come and join us on the evening of **Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the Newburyport, MA Elks Club** where we attempt to tackle the giant elephant in the room: Why are Massachusetts public schools consistently underperforming?

Scheduled to speak at the event are Jamie Gass from the Pioneer Institute, an expert in education reform, and Ann Marie Banfield, a parental rights advocate and spokesperson for achieving academic excellence in public schools. Each esteemed presenter brings decades of practical experience with them and we are honored to have them share their combined knowledge with us. A question-and-answer session will follow both presentations.

Please note that although this is a FREE community forum that is open to the public, pre-registration is required to attend! Interested parties may register ahead of time at our website, www.citizensforresponsibleeducation.org. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible to secure your spot. For questions, please feel free to contact us via e-mail at: citizensforresponsibleeducate@gmail.com. Donations are greatly appreciated!



Jamie Gass of the Pioneer Institute



Ann Marie Banfield, parental rights advocate

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