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It is unfortunate when people speak up for protecting our children, there is so much pushback. Our schools should be focused on educating our children; reading, writing, math, science, and history. Public education institutions shouldn't be pushing social agendas. Government continues to spend more, and our test scores continue to fall. Something is not working.

Many have concerns with Education Minnesota and the teacher's union, for failing to actually educate our children, but rather indoctrinate them with anti-American values. We need to be working to come together and treat people equally, not tear people down.

As an elected official, I have the job of doing what is best for the people in our state and nation. When we see something that is inappropriate, it is our job to say something and work towards a future where Americans are united. If Americans continue to live in the past, our future will not be bright.

Link to Education Minnesota's handbook. Go to page 13. Education Minnesota says we shouldn't be racist, yet call white people racist.

<https://educationminnesota.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2022-23-trainings-booklet-11-22.pdf>

Some have heard of myself asking individuals representing Ed. MN to leave my office. Within days of this happening, parents were reaching out to me with questions about what happened. They were told it was because I did not agree for cross subsidies for special education. That is absolutely not true. In fact, I said I do agree with them, but we should shuffle money around in the education spending to get it. I brought up the fact that we are spending millions on hiring

teachers of color and that would be one place we could take money from. Willie Jett, the new MN Education Commissioner agrees with me on this as well. We need to be hiring teachers based on their ability to teach and not their sex or color of their skin.

There are very inappropriate, pornographic, books being **used in our** education system. These are supported by Education Minnesota. This is child abuse, and there should not be pornographic material available to young children in schools. An individual that was in my office did not agree, and I asked them to leave. My office is my safe space, and you cannot stay there when asked to leave. Adults should be respectful and understand when we have reached an impasse.

Senator Eric Lucero had an amendment to ***remove pornographic books*** from MN schools. To make it look like they agreed, some Democrats voted yes, but then had a later amendment which removed the Lucero amendment, therefore, the Democrats did not accept the amendment. We have books in our schools that are not acceptable, very graphic and should be considered as child abuse.

Senator Lucero moved to amend the third Lucero amendment to H.F. No. 2497 as follows:

*Page 1, after line 4, insert:*

*"Page 127, after line 13, insert:*

*"Subd. 3. Material access for students. (a) Recognizing the difference between school libraries, school computer labs, and school media centers, which serve unique educational purposes, and public libraries, which are designed for public inquiry, a school library within a school site must **restrict all student access** to material that is reasonably believed to be **obscene or child pornography** or material harmful to minors under federal or state law.*

*(b) A school district, its agents, or its employees are immune from liability for failure to comply with this section if they have made a good faith effort to comply with the requirements of this section. (c) "School site" means an education site as defined in section 123B.04, subdivision 1, or charter school under chapter 124E."*

SF 1311 Lines 29.20 to 29.25

Ethnic studies will have to be embedded within all areas of study, by the education commissioner, when they come up for re-evaluation. This language also includes gender identity and sexual orientation. Many parents have spoken about how they are opposed to this. They want schools to teach our children to get along and not teaching them to hate each other.

Local control by school boards and superintendents would solve many issues that parents have with this language.

Section 1. [120B.025] ETHNIC STUDIES.

*"Ethnic studies" means the critical and interdisciplinary study of race, ethnicity, and indigeneity with a focus on the experiences and perspectives of people of color within and beyond the United States. Ethnic studies analyzes the ways in which race and racism have been and continue to be powerful social, cultural, and political forces, and the ways in which race and racism are connected to other axes of stratification, including stratification based on gender, disability, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, and legal status.*

SF 1311 lines 19.8 to 19.11

This bill will remove language from law that is protected by the constitution. Students have the freedom to exercise their religion. This language will prohibit the free exercise of religion. This is an attack on Christianity. The 2 links on the bottom are State and Federal Supreme Court cases stating removal of this language **violates students Constitutional rights**. (We successfully added an amendment on the Senate floor to protect this, one Democrat voted with us, but this could come back from conference committee with our amended language removed).

*(a) "Eligible institution" means a Minnesota public postsecondary institution, a private, nonprofit two-year trade and technical school granting associate degrees, an opportunities industrialization center accredited by an accreditor recognized by the United States Department of Education, or a private, residential, two-year or four-year, liberal arts, degree-granting college or university located in Minnesota. An eligible institution **must not require a faith statement** during the application process or base any part of the admission decision on a student's race, creed, ethnicity, disability, gender, or sexual orientation or religious beliefs or affiliations.*

In *Carson v. Makin* (2022), the U.S. Supreme Court held that a state **refusing** to allow children to use a taxpayer-funded tuition assistance program to attend a private religious school **violated** their free exercise rights. This article includes a good overall description and a link to the actual decision:

<https://www.findlaw.com/legalblogs/supreme-court/scotus-again-extends-religious-protection-how-big-of-a-change-are-we-seeing/>

This 1992 MN court case (*MN. Federation of Teachers v. Mammenga*) upheld PSEO as not a violation of the religious clause in the MN constitution. The PSEO program has since operated successfully for decades in Minnesota.

Link to one page, of many, on Sourcewells education website. Page 2 states **MOM** and **DAD** also **BOY** and **GIRL**, are harmful language!

<https://mn.sourcewell.org/sites/mnsourcwellorg/files/2022-03/Recognizing%20and%20Addressing%20Harmful%20Language.pdf>

Here is a video from State Representative Walter Hudson speaking to the state of our public education system in MN:

<https://alphanews.org/gop-rep-says-dfls-education-agenda-will-start-a-race-war/>

We need to educate and protect our children. We need to work together. We need to treat all people equally and with respect. I will not stop fighting for our future, our children.

Sincerely,

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