

PROPONENT TESTIMONY

DATE: June 22, 2021

TO: Members of the House State and Local Government Committee

FROM: Kara Molfetta

RE: Support for H.B. 327: Prohibit Teaching, Advocating, or Promoting Divisive Concepts

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee, I appreciate the members of this committee hearing proponent testimony on House Bill 327, legislation declaring that Ohio Prohibit Teaching, Advocating, or Promoting Divisive Concepts.

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Good Afternoon and thank you for the opportunity to have my voice heard today. My name is Kara Molfetta and I am a parent in the Lakota Local School District. I have raised 5 children, 4 of my children have graduated Lakota and my youngest has 4 years left. This past December my youngest child who is 14 years old came home and showed me a 9 page slide show shown to his advisory class that day titled "Why the LGBTQ+ Community should be more accepted in society". This slide show , along with the teacher, explained that there are more than 2 genders and it went on to explain them. It showed all the flags , it explained the difference between sexuality and gender identity. It stated that Christians are the most homophobic group around and that your parents can be homophobic too. I immediately that day pulled my son physically from the school building. He finished the rest of the year on Virtual learning which was a blessing in disguise because I got to see first hand with my own eyes what my son was being taught at Lakota. When I went into his class assignments I was furious. Article after article, and video after video teaching and encouraging his class to become activists. It was an almost 3 month assignment on becoming an activist and implementing their agenda. All articles were glorifying Black Lives Matter as some kind of savior organization here to save everyone from the racist white people. Tons of articles on transgenders and the LGBTQ community . These reading assignments are full of hate for white people. They teach black students that they are less because of the white students and that they do not have an equal opportunity in this country because of whites. It teaches that America is a systemically racist country and talks heavily about white supremacy. It teaches students to disrespect law enforcement and to judge each other based on the color of their skin and not the content of their character.

Lakota Local Schools denies that they are teaching CRT, because the don't technically call it that but every single bit of the content being shoved at our children is CRT. I have met with teachers, curriculum directors, principals, the superintendent and I have spoken several times at school board meetings. I have made copies of everything I have viewed and even brought in my son's Lakota laptop to them and they all deny, lie and pass the buck. I have lost all respect for our school system .

What is happening to our children is criminal. They are being taught how to be hateful and racist. They are being taught to hate their country and to show disdain for law enforcement . These are OUR children and this is not how we have raised them. The Department of Education has absolutely overstepped their bounds with our children. They are no longer being prepared to become productive, self- sufficient contributing members of society upon graduation. Instead they are being taught to be hateful, racist agitators. CRT is causing division among students who were once friends and now they are seeing each other as rivals. CRT is racism being taught

to children who are NOT racist. It is breeding racism.

Our educators should be teaching our children to treat each other with dignity and respect regardless of our differences and leave the rest to the parents. America is not a systemically racist country, We will never eradicate racism because there will always be hateful people so we need to teach our children to have a backbone . Please save our children and their future .

I implore you to do the right thing by ALL children in the state of Ohio and pass HB 322 and HB327. Thank you very much for your time.

Kara Molfetta