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From: Matt Lankford <mattlankford22@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2022 5:10 PM
To: Leigh, Hayley
Subject: HB-1287 Curriculum Transparency

Good afternoon friends,

I am sorry to say that I just missed the deadline to give oral testimony. I would have loved to tell my story of the last 500 plus days. I challenged my son's ninth grade Honors English 1 curriculum in September of 2020. I am still waiting to address the BOE about the "dirty books" being taught in my son's class.

Now you may ask, what does this have to do with Curriculum Transparency? I would have saved a great amount of time knowing the curriculum before the start of his school year instead of finding out as the curriculum was already in progress. You see, with Curriculum Transparency I could see what the 11th grade class curriculum is while my son is now in the 10th grade.

Transparency protects everyone. It protects the children, informs the parents before their child takes the class, protects the teachers (no surprises or hidden agendas), protects administration by holding the system accountable, and it protects the BOE as well as the citizens of the county from lawsuits. Transparency should help eliminate secrets and hidden agendas so everyone knows upfront what students are being taught.

In my opinion, I have found many inappropriate books and videos for the students of Somerset County. It is like pulling teeth to get information. I have enclosed a letter from our Superintendent that shows my case in point. He quotes a citizen over \$38,000 for a copy of the curriculum. I have attached the letter.

If you are interested in checking out the "Dirty Books" in Somerset County, just look at Matt Lankford on YouTube.

I am for complete Curriculum Transparency.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Tyler,

I have reviewed your September 20, 2021 Freedom of Information Act request for any defined in the letter, regarding nine specific and expansive topic areas related to the the Somerset Public Schools.

First, as the table below illustrates, you have asked for any and all documentation tha 6 different formats, and in many different folders/binders/servers/emails maintained Schools. If this description of your request is incorrect, please send me further corres scope of your request.

Format of the Requested Information
<u>Lessons</u> Lessons plans, Instruction manuals, Instruction handbooks, Other teaching materials, and Supplemental material used to instruct students, teachers, staff, or parents Proposals from outside contractors

Content of the Requested Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1619 Project • Howard Zinn's "A People's History of the United States" • The Black Lives Matter Organization and/or curriculum • Marxist Ideology • Critical Race Theory • Gender Identity & Trans-Genderism • Anything sexuality related by grade level • Anything related to "white fragility" or anti-white content • Equity education

Third, in the absence of any clarifying information about the scope of the information will need more than the two hours allotted by statute for "free" public record searche for example, any and all documentation that addresses sexuality at the k-12 level, and related to equity education at the k-12 level

To address the time issue we have calculated the cost based upon the amount of stan resources that need to be examined and/or "touched" by the Instructional Supervisor work. Looking for and reviewing K-12 materials will take an incredible amount of time Using the contractual hourly wage of \$40.00 per hour we anticipate this request taking or 40 hours per week. That does not include the review of supplemental materials tha that will need to be examined. All total we anticipate this request taking 1000 hours o hours taken away we arrive at 998 hours times \$40.00 or a total of \$39,920. Before be need 50% of the monies and the others 50% would be due at the time of completion.

If you would like to narrow the search please let me know. Otherwise we will begin w

Sincerely,

John B. Gaddis
Superintendent of Schools

