
From: gcolumbusnca
Sent: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 1:57 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Safety

School Safety:

I recently went to my granddaughter's high school for some business. I parked in an open area and proceeded to wander the property. I was the only person outside and wasn't sure where the main entrance was. After scouting the area, I finally found the entrance and walked right in. There was a group of students right inside the immediate area. I was able to proceed anywhere I wanted without question.

My point is: If I was an active shooter then right off the bat this would have been politicized. There's a superintendent that makes over \$300,000 a year. There are principles, assistant principles and other administrative staff in each school along with school police. Take charge of your areas and secure your buildings. I should never have been allowed to drift the property and walk inside without a challenge. When you look at the basics, this is more a local issue than a political national matter.

Eugene Columbus
Washoe Valley, NV

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8 Active, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

From: Linda
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 1:05 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WCSD teacher salaries: Increase needed to recruit / retain qualified teachers

Dear Board Members,

I am aware that WCSD has a shortage of licensed teachers in our classrooms. WCSD may wish for quality and innovative programs for students. No matter what the good intentions are, WCSD will Not be able provide quality education until all teacher's pay is substantially increased so we can recruit and retain excellent teachers.

Thank you for considering my comment in your decision making.
Linda Herrick
Washoe County Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jeff Bouma
Sent: Friday, February 10, 2023 6:50 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I am forwarding this comment in response to a nextdoor app discussion re: school safety in Washoe valley I hope it helps.

While I understand and appreciate the heightened awareness and fear of sick people accessing schools when they are in session, how is it any different from the risks children are exposed to going to the grocery store, a concert or any of the other venues crazy people have shot up?

While I agree that there should be reasonable security measures taken, such as fencing and limited access points that are monitored and that these should vary depending on the type of school and the age of the students, we need to accept that America is now a very dangerous place because of the choices we have made and the priorities we have. Like Dan, I grew up hunting and no one ever thought it was unusual to see a gun and dog in a truck on campus during hunting season. Buck knives were common accessories and we had fights between students both at schools and at weekend parties. But no one thought of actually using one to settle a dispute or grievance. The NRA was invited to school each year for an evening course on hunter and gun safety. But that was a long time ago. The guns have proliferated, attained almost a sexualized fascination amongst many insecure people and the NRA just isn't what it was. The result is we have more mass murders than we have days in the year. We can't get away from it because we chose to make this a huge part of our world. Other countries made different choices and don't have these issues, but that is neither here nor there. So what do we do with this world we created for our kids and grand kids.

One thing we should not do is put more people with more guns into schools, especially if they are also LEOs. As Uvalde and many other active shooter incidents have confirmed, armed officers at schools will not improve safety or deter a suicidal person from acting out. Police are now trained that their #1 priority is to finish your shift alive, all other considerations are secondary. That is a big shift from the days of "To Protect and Serve" and it shows in the statistics related to armed officers at schools. Rather than making schools safer, the result is usually more children being confronted, arrested and put into the system for minor issues that would have been handled between the teacher, principle, students and parents.

I don't have an answer, nor do I discount the fear that is now pervasive in a large part of our society. All I would like people to do is to consider that this society took decades to create. It is the result of a myriad of unaddressed, underfunded and misunderstood issues. And there is no single, simple solution to it. It is very complex and will require the adults to start acting like adults and discuss these matters in depth, backed up by scientific studies, research and lots of civil community support. Party affiliation and slogans won't do anything. In fact, I would argue that our addiction to tribalism, conflict, bumper sticker slogans and crime shows where everything is solved in 22 minutes of screen time is at the root of our inability to make progress on this and other crucial issues that are literally can mean life or death. We need to start with respect for others positions, a willingness to listen even when we disagree and to funding actual studies of what kinds of threats exist and how they can be addressed. We don't know that because, believe it or not, the Congress has precluded federal agencies from collecting this kind of data. And even where it is required by law, many police departments refuse to collect the data. So government and school officials are just guessing at the causes, effects and solutions because they lack the data to make informed decisions. I want solutions that will work. To date, we don't have any.

I hope folks will take this in that spirit because I am tired of seeing parents being afraid to send the kids to school, to the store or movies. I am sick of funerals and excuses and finger pointing. I am sick of politicians claiming that there is a simple solution to all of this. So I want to thank Sarah for providing the link to the public comments email and I will be

using it. I hope others will as well and will take the time to respond respectfully and thoughtfully. While that is not necessarily in vogue right now, maybe that will be a 1st small step towards a solution. At least I have hope that it will.

Let's be careful out there!

Jeff Bouma

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"You Deserve More"

From: Mon Bertolucci
Sent: Monday, February 13, 2023 9:02 AM
To: Mon Bertolucci
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Update What Is Happening Washoe School District And New WCSD Superintendent's Plans
Attachments: Rebuttal Ed. Cruade.pdf

BASED ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (SEE BELOW):

WCSD IS A TOTAL FAILURE

WCSD IS A TOTAL WASTE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS

YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE DOING

YOU ARE UNQUALIFIED

WHY DON'T YOU RESIGN TODAY?

From: Paul D. White <whitepauld@gmail.com> to School Board members and interested parents and taxpayers.

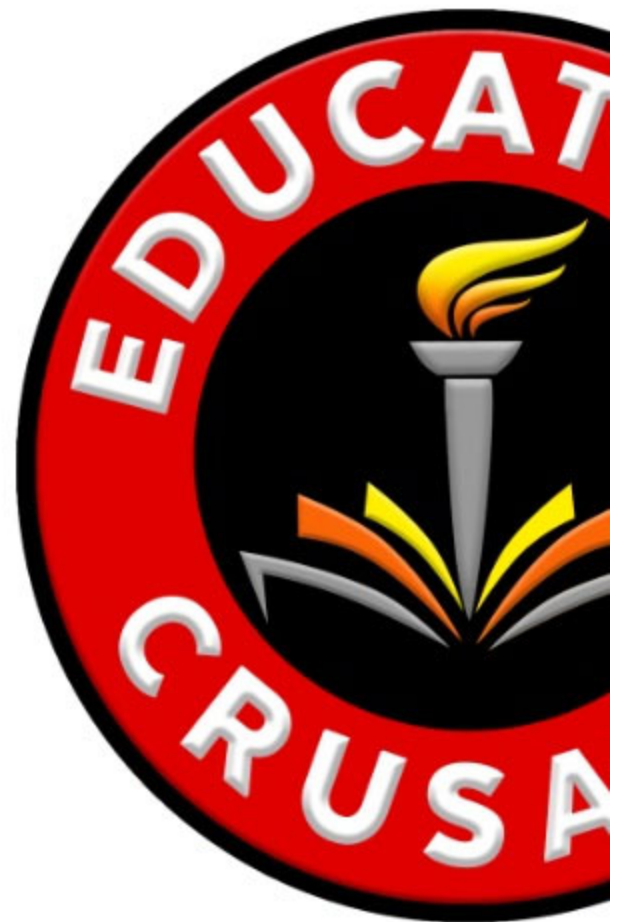
Please contact School Board members about concerns of information provided in email below. Please share with others.

Contact School Board members:

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9 Things We Learned About the

New WCSD Superintendent's Plans for Fixing Our Broken Schools

The following are 9 facts we learned last week about our new, **\$400,000 per year WCSD superintendent**. She shared this information in her "State of Education" speech that she presented at Herze Middle School. on February 2.

1) How is the Superintendent going to deal with up to 98% of our students failing their state and national tests?

"We are going to just stop testing them...and make up our own tests."

2) What hope did the supt. give for improving future student learning?

"We may NEVER get our students up to accomplishing at grade level... so we are just going to celebrate their relative improvement."

3) What did the superintendent say was her #1 Mission, to make sure our students get the quality education they need?

"I'm going to (memorize) the names and faces of all 60,000 of our students by the time they graduate."

4) How is the supt. going to deal with daily student assaults on teachers that have injured many of them so severely that they have not been able to return to work?

"I'm going to reflect on that problem." (?)

5) What did the supt. have to say about the fact that the past week's activity in our schools included: a stabbing, a gang beating,

a student's suicide/drug OD, and 2 gun-threat lockdowns in 3 days at one school?

Absolutely NOTHING

6) How did the Supt. respond to the DAILY issues of: student assaults on teachers, 40% in-school student drug use, violent fights, a 40% absence rate, and a functional illiteracy rate that ranges up to 98%?

ZERO specific acknowledgements or comments on any of them.

7) As a proclaimed highly trained education expert of 25 years, who is being paid \$400,00 per YEAR for what she knows, how is the supt. going to select her most important school goals?

"I'm opening an online chat-room for parents and the community, where they can talk with each other about what THEY think is important...and then I'll do what they choose."

8) Education Crusade has offered the supt. proven solutions that would IMMEDIATELY start to correct WCSD's problems with excessive student absences, out-of-control drug use, dangerously violent behavior, and low academic performance. She (and the School Board) have expressed NO interest in even hearing about these solutions. Did the supt. share this fact in her speech to the community?

NO.

9) The supt.'s closing words were: "WCSD schools are on the RISE!" Is that a true statement?

ONLY if the supt. was referring to the “rise” in absence rates, in-school drug use, teacher beatings, violence and gang activity, functional illiteracy rates, chaotic classrooms, and massive teacher resignations BECAUSE of her refusal to even acknowledge these issues.

(pdf version enclosed)

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From: Brian Erbis
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023
To: Public Comments; BoardMembers; Washoe311
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Student Walk Zone

Attn: WCSO, WCSO Board, and Washoe County

Some time ago, the WCSO Board extended the middle school student walk zone from 2 to 2.25 miles, significantly affecting a student's commute to and from school. As such, a representative of the WCSO Police subjectively declared the Arrowcreek Parkway corridor safe for adolescents to walk. As previously brought to the board's attention, there are several known factors, among them speed and lack of street lighting-which profoundly affect winter mornings travel. In addition, I wanted to inform the board and district of the conditions of the sidewalks on the roadway. During snowstorms, the sidewalks spanning Arrowcreek Parkway from Wedge Parkway to Thomas Creek are not cleared. The snow can lie for weeks, effectively obstructing the walkway. I have observed students with no choice but to walk on the shoulders of the roadway (in the street), which is cause for great concern.

In light of the declarations by the board and the county regarding the Arrowcreek corridor, it is only prudent that both entities bear the responsibility of clearing the sidewalks so that walking students can safely traverse them.