



BASIN SCHOOL DISTRICT 72
Educating Today's Children for Tomorrow's World

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Dear Members of the House Education Committee;

On January 31, 2022, Representative Dorothy Moon addressed the Idaho State Board President, Kurt Liebich, in a House Education Committee meeting with disinformation about the Basin School District's Preschool curriculum. Moon said, "*I worked with one of those cohorts down in Boise County and I did see the curriculum that was being brought in and it was very much CRT.*" The last time Representative Moon came on the Basin SD campus was in 2019 to donate a step award to Basin Elementary School. When Representative Moon expressed concerns about the Preschool Development Grant B-5 (PDG B-5) funding last legislative session, our Basin Elementary principal spoke with Representative Moon directly. She explained that the Basin Early Learning Collaborative was part of the PDG B-5 project and that the collaborative was not using any CRT materials and resources. It was also explained that the program was able to select its own curriculum and resources based on the local community's needs. The Basin Elementary Principal has invited Representative Moon to come to the school to view the preschool curriculum numerous times, but neither Representative Moon nor anyone else has requested to view the district's preschool curriculum. Representative Moon did not meet with a Basin education cohort. As the leaders of this school district, I can confirm with great conviction that the Basin School District's preschool curriculum does not contain Critical Race Theory as alleged by Representative Moon. In addition, the district has not received any CRT concerns regarding their curriculum or negative feedback from the parents of preschoolers.

The Basin School District preschool program is the oldest continuous community-supported preschool program in the state of Idaho. All of the preschoolers who have started the program and finished as seniors in the district, except for one, have graduated and their Go-On rate is higher than the state average. We are proud of the preschool program, and we believe our community strongly agrees.

There are three school districts in Boise County -Basin SD (Idaho City), Horseshoe Bend SD, and Garden Valley SD. Superintendent Dennis Chesnut (Horseshoe Bend), and Superintendent Randy Thompson (Garden Valley) both have stated that they are *also* not teaching or using materials containing Critical Race Theory and they, too, have not had any contact with Representative Moon.

The Basin School District welcomes parents, community members, and State Representatives to view any of our curriculums before false statements are made to the public. These egregious claims further divide our attention away from our number one focus – the success of our students.

Sincerely,

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