

RESOLUTION REGARDING CRITICAL RACE THEORY TEACHING

To Be Passed by the Beaufort County, NC School Board

Critical Race Theory Introduction to Social Studies Curriculum

Whereas a new Social Studies Curriculum that includes elements of Critical Race Theory has been adopted by the NC Department of Public Instruction as the course of study in the NC Public Schools.

What is CRT and What Students will be Taught about CRT

Whereas Critical Race Theory is the idea that the United States is a fundamentally racist country and that all of our institutions including the law, culture, business, and the economy are designed to maintain white supremacy. In order to maintain a culture and system of white supremacy, other races, particularly the African-American race, must be discriminated against and suppressed. Critical Race Theory essentially characterizes our system as one of “oppressors” and the “oppressed.”

Whereas Critical Race Theory introduction to Social Studies curriculum includes plans to have educators and administrators in our North Carolina public school system emphasize race and how racism is inherent and prevalent in our society and in our country as a whole – whether intentional, unintentional, direct, subtle, incidental, or systemic. And by emphasizing it and teaching it to our children, they are indoctrinating them to focus on race and to see their lives in terms of race.

Whereas teaching Critical Race Theory in the North Carolina public schools is not a product of any bill or policy adopted by the NC General Assembly or by an executive order issued by the Governor. It is a policy that was initiated, embraced, and adopted by teachers themselves.

Resolution

Therefore be it resolved that the People of Beaufort County prohibit the adoption of Critical Race Theory and associated Marxist approach to K-12 education and request that Social Studies teachers emphasize the Principles of Liberty that are enshrined in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Our children need to be taught America’s unique history and how our founding principles of freedom, a government of laws and guarantee of natural rights has enabled our country’s growth and prosperity. (Recommended curriculum and objectives are attached.)

Specifically, we ask that

- Beaufort County prohibit the adoption of Critical Race Theory and associated Marxist approach to K-12 education by adopting the specific standards in NC bill 324 (see below),
- Training in any aspect of Critical Race Theory and its implementation to our teachers be halted immediately,

HB 324 prohibits teaching the following principles:

- “One race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex.

- “An individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously.
- “An individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly because of his or her race or sex.
- “An individual’s moral character is necessarily determined by his or her race or sex.
- “An individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex.
- “Any individual, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress.
- “The belief that the United States as a meritocracy is racist or sexist or was created by members of a particular race or sex to oppress members of another race or sex.”

The Beaufort County Board of Education hereby adopts the contents of HB 324 as official policy of the Beaufort County Schools and authorizes and directs the Superintendent and Principals, in conjunction with the School Improvement Teams in each school, to develop a plan to enforce this policy, which shall include a “challenge procedure” whereby a parent or student may challenge the failure to adhere to this policy.