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Parents, grandparents, and community members that support our public schools, please get involved. The school board election is in less than 4 weeks! There is an organized movement in Kiel that is trying to take over the way our public schools operate. Most people believe, like we did, that there is a safety net to keep a school board from making major changes to academic standards set by the state. This is not the case. The DPI has confirmed that a school board has a right to adopt their own academic standards. Mr. Olm, who currently sits on the board, is aligned with this movement. There are 7 school board members and if the 3 challengers are elected, the negative effects to our schools could be drastic. They will have the majority BOE vote and no one will stop their agenda. We should all be alarmed by candidates that want to "prioritize local values over state standards." Are you aware that at the annual meeting, this group moved and voted to pass motions that they mistakenly thought were binding? Are you aware that they voted to have themselves come into the schools and review the curriculum taught to YOUR kids? Candidate Mike Joas seconded this motion. Who are these people and what are their credentials? It will take a lot less effort to win this election than it will to fight against this after the damage is done. This group is already recruiting candidates to run for the Spring election next year! We want our children to have a real world education-not a watered down/redacted education leaving our students woefully in the dark about historical as well as current events. If you want your children's education to be modeled on the best practices in education based on research and experience, we urge you to talk to your friends, families, parents, and neighbors about why it is so important to vote on April 5th for the 3 incumbents, Tony, Dan and Phil. We are endorsing them because we are a group of parents that have been regularly attending board meetings, and we are extremely concerned about our children's education. We are concerned about the negative attitude and lack of respect this group projects towards our teachers and our school administrator. We are worried our teachers won't stick around. We want our teachers to be focused on creating relevant lesson plans and teaching our children for an ever changing world. We don't want them spending valuable time posting their lesson plans, only to have this group say you can't teach this! I don't like it! If a parent is opposed to public schools, there are private and homeschooling options. When Equity, Inclusion and Diversity have become dirty words, when social-emotional lessons have become something to target guidance counselors over, when an MOU that is really a code of ethics becomes controversial, we must stand up and say stop! We urge the community to start coming to board meetings and you'll see that this board and our administrators are really doing some great things! We need to stand for our public schools and our kids and we need to do it NOW. April 5th. Philip. Dan. Tony. Protect the education of our children and our public schools.