

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

District could be 'doomed'

To the editor:

Residents of the Kiel Area School District I am begging for your help!

Please, I implore you to vote on April 5. I fear that if any of the challengers win board seats, our district is doomed.

Brandon Gibbs, one of the leaders of the group behind the challengers' campaign, has openly encouraged the School Board and community to reject the terms diversity, inclusion, equity and anti-racism. I am terrified of a world—much less a community or school district—that would take his advice and reject these ideas. What happens to our children?

Ryan Harden, another leader, has written, "I don't think schools should take any federal money...." The federal government spends \$79 billion annually on primary and secondary schools. The school is making very difficult budget choices now. What happens if federal money goes away? There is a nationwide agenda to dismantle public schools—is that what's behind his statement?

Matt Piper has authored letters to the editor and the School Board regarding the "petition" that was "presented" to the board. The 837

"signatures" that I believe were garnered through fear. I believe that he riled up enough people with his boogeyman tactics that he was successful in scaring the board into stopping their work with GLEC—not work in teaching CRT, but work in identifying and opposing racism and harassment in our schools. KASD obviously needs help in that area, yet Mr. Piper and his pals injected enough fear in the community to put a pause on that help we so desperately need.

These are the people behind the campaign. The puppet masters.

If any of the challenging candidates get on the board, I believe KASD will be doomed. We will lose valuable teachers. Bullying will be even worse than it is now. State standards will not be met and we will lose funding. If we lose funding, our taxes go up and property values go down. Eventually the schools privatize. If these people want to send their children to a private school, let them—but leave my kids' educations alone.

Please vote on April 5. The future of Kiel depends on it.


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