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> Dr. Hirsch,

> Sorry this is a long email.

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> [REDACTED] invited on the retreat for Unitown/Anytown in January. I had never heard of this program and I tried to learn about it by googling it. There was not much info out there. So I asked the contact at SUSD-Gary Griggs. He indicated it was a privilege to be invited and that it was a leadership retreat training. He said that they do not provide more info or sample curriculum to parents because they want it to be a surprise for the kids. This is a pretty vague description [REDACTED] four nights without [REDACTED] phone, I really felt like I needed more info. So Gary invited me to a teams virtual meeting. In the meeting someone asked a question about room assignments and it was mentioned that students would be assigned to their rooms based on the gender they identify with not their biological gender. If I had known that to start with, I could have saved a lot of time. I have some concerns about that arrangement. If the district wants to support those arrangements in retreats and they don't think it's an issue, they should be transparent. It made me feel like they were hiding something from me and as a parent sending my kid on an overnight trip, I should know these things. [REDACTED] This summer, you may be aware that some of the curriculum from that program was leaked out. If the curriculum that leaked is real. Wow, I am really disappointed in our district for not being transparent about what this program includes. Since, I don't believe everything I read on social media, I do look at it with a grain of salt. But I wanted you to know my experience and my input. If the district invites kids on a retreat with no phones or contact with parents, and there will be controversial subject matter, and they approve of said subject matter, they should have nothing to hide and be transparent with the parents. I have not brought this up in a PTO meeting or any other group meeting for that matter. As I'm not really sure beyond a school board meeting what the appropriate forum is for this issue? Plus I detest drama. I have mentioned my experience to my personal friends with kids in the district and if anyone ever asks me about this program, I will share as well. Thank you for your time, this has really weighed on me.

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