



How Did We Get Here?

A brief overview of why KFEI was established

Welcome to Kirkwood for Educational Integrity (KFEI)!

If you have found this site it is likely that you are a fellow concerned parent or community member, or maybe even somebody who thinks we are a group of people who want to ban books and shelter children from the real world. We hope that once you have had an opportunity to review the information we share you will realize that the latter is not accurate.

Our goal is for this site to be useful for ALL. **It is our consistent aim to be respectful and factual.** The community deserves to know what is happening in our schools.

The founders of KFEI did not set out with the intent to form an organized group. We found each other over the past few years, as each of us had our own surprising experiences with the Kirkwood School District (KSD) and started asking questions.

The natural assumption when a family has a concerning (or even alarming) school-related experience is that it is a rare occasion or an extreme exception to the norm. *“Surely this is just a one-time thing that happened with my child, right?”* Sadly, conversations with many parents and our own children’s experiences have revealed that this is not the case, and it has become very apparent that **the lack of accountability to policy, the failure to follow approved curriculum, and the dismissal of parental rights are deeply rooted issues in KSD.** Our children and our community deserve better.

KFEI insists on accountability from KSD. **We are familiar with the curriculum and policies, and we have tirelessly sought answers from KSD leaders and worked toward productive solutions to no avail.** The issues at hand are not

matters of personal preference. They are matters pertaining to approved curriculum, expected practices, official policies and even laws.

Our conversations with District leaders have always centered around **respecting and protecting *all* students, maintaining neutrality when controversial issues are presented to our children, working toward positive solutions, and respecting parental rights.** Trust has been violated repeatedly and calls for answers and accountability have been dismissed.

So, here we are.

We are here to restore accountability, integrity and academic excellence to KSD. We are here to share information and to empower all parents and community members to be part of the solution.

There is *much* to love about Kirkwood and KSD. We want to build on those things and help all children thrive. The intent of KFEI is not to complain, to shame or to make people angry. The intent of KFEI is to inform and to protect the children of our District. It is critical that we work together toward restoring Kirkwood schools to a place of excellence and equality.

We invite you to join us and we are glad that you are willing to consider what is happening, what the implications are, and what you can do about it.

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