



**Elizabeth de Neeve for Greenfield School Committee**

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This is a call to action for people who believe in the truth.

A new private Christian school, Providence Christian Academy, would like to open this fall in Greenfield and is seeking approval to operate from the Greenfield Public School Committee. The approval is currently tabled until a soon to be officially scheduled special virtual meeting on July 31 at 6pm. If approved, Greenfield Public Schools will be providing transportation for these students.

Massachusetts law declares that there are no specific requirements for curriculum in private schools. But by law, the School Committee is also tasked with assessing private schools for thoroughness and efficiency of instruction and to approve or deny them regardless of religious beliefs.

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/law.../advisory/100207privateschool>.

I am calling for action because this private school is using a controversial creationist curriculum called Abeka, which is associated with nationally-funded right-wing Christian groups and teaches students a very different view of the world from what's taught in the rest of Greenfield's public and private schools.

For example, they teach that slavery was merely economic in nature:

<https://www.theguardian.com/.../right-wing-textbooks...>

Because of this kind false information, many more examples of which can be found throughout the curriculum, I do not think it can be considered thorough and am withholding my approval.

Because I made a statement at a meeting by simply reading some published reporting about the hate speech and misinformation included in their curricula, the committee and I are being targeted directly and personally by Liberty Counsel.

<https://lc.org/.../072023-greenfield-schools-unlawfully...>

They are a right-wing law firm that is dedicated to exploiting loopholes and grey areas in our laws in order to force Christian nationalism on our nation's schools and erode students rights.

They have been designated a hate group. And They have their sights set on Greenfield.

Learn more about them here.

<https://www.theguardian.com/.../liberty-counsel-law-firm...>

Action steps to take:

- Make public comment at the soon to be scheduled special virtual school committee meeting July 31 at 6pm and on August 9 at the John Zon community center at 6pm.

<https://www.gpsk12.org/gps-district/committee-meetings>

- Write to the school committee: SchoolCom@gpsk12.org  
- Write a letter to the Education Secretary's office asking them to change the law so that school committees are not forced to their job for them:

In order to get correspondence to the Education Secretary you must go through Kate Donaghey.

Kate.donaghey@mass.gov undersecretary and chief of staff  
Mark.Reilly@mass.gov undersecretary and chief operating officer  
Tom.moreau@mass.gov assistant secretary for policy and planning

-Write to your local legislators:

Senator Jo Comerford Jo.Comerford@masenate.gov  
Rep. Blais Natalie.Blais@mahouse.gov  
Rep. Whipps Susannah.Whipps@mahouse.gov

-Tell your friends and neighbors by word of mouth and on social media

Write to the Providence Christian Academy:  
info@myprovidencechristianacademy.org

Support me and this awareness by listening to Talk the Talk during their morning or afternoon segment. Air date will be released soon.

<https://whmp.com/podcasts/shows/talk-the-talk/>

Educate yourself about what is at stake. School Committees are at the front lines of the cultural divide.

<https://theintercept.com/.../25/liberty-counsel-data-breach/>

If you are a Christian who disavows hate speech and homophobia, we need you now! Please step forward and speak your truth.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for doing this tremendous work with me.

In Truth,  
Elizabeth de Neeve



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