

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HARTFORD JOINT NO. 1

DEDICATED TO THE SUCCESS OF EACH STUDENT

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HARTFORD, WISCONSIN 53027

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Dear Hartford Jt. 1 Families,

The School District of Hartford Jt. #1 Board of Education is aware of community discussion around the implementation of Critical Race Theory (CRT) in our District. The following statement is intended to clarify the District's position on this matter.

Critical Race Theory is not a part of the Hartford Jt. #1 curriculum, nor are there any intentions of including it within the District's curriculum in the future. To clarify, Critical Race Theory is a philosophy, not a framework for curriculum and instruction. Our District complies with Wisconsin State Standards for our curriculum, with the goal of supporting the District's mission to meet the needs of all children and provide all kids with opportunities.

As a District, we believe in honoring individual strengths, accommodating varying learning styles, creating a safe and positive learning environment, providing a sense of belonging, and celebrating diversity. We fully support diversity of thought and encourage critical thinking skills in the classroom, even when topics are controversial in nature. Board policy states the *"Board will allow the unbiased discussion and proper educational use of controversial issues provided that their use in the instructional program meets the following criteria:*

- is related to the instructional goals of the course of study and level of maturity of the students;*
- does not persuade students to a particular point of view;*
- encourages open-mindedness and is conducted in a spirit of scholarly inquiry."*

We understand there are controversial topics that are sensitive in nature. Per board policy, *"in the discussion of any controversial issue in the classroom or in the course of professional duties, a teacher shall avoid expressing their personal opinion or persuading students to his/her point of view."* Additionally, *"teachers should encourage students to discuss controversial issues with their parents."*

Parents and guardians, we thank you for staying informed and involved in your child's educational experience at Hartford Jt. #1. Please know that we are dedicated to the success of our students. The Board is committed to making decisions that are student-centered and will maximize student learning. *Together, we will create an academically challenging environment and a desire for life-long learning.*

Sincerely,
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