

I strongly oppose SB 732. While I do believe that some have their hearts in the right place when it comes to their desire to implement certain aspects of "equity" in our schools, equality, equity and welcoming environments are not being established. I have seen more division, more focus on what makes us different and separates us, more frustration and isolation than ever before. The constant discussion on the color of our skin, or sexuality, or gender, only furthers our focus on DIFFERENCES and is dividing us rather than uniting us. The language around "equity" is deceptive and divisive. What, for some, might be thought to be a great uniter and positive thing, is sadly far from that. This is will not make us all equal, or change the past, it is not helping with our present or setting the stage for a positive future. This is and will continue to divide us more. Please listen to those who are speaking that are not special interest groups, are not politically motivated, are not in elected positions, are not being paid by a business or have something to gain monetarily. We are the voices that have nothing to gain personally, but everything to lose if we continue down paths such as these.