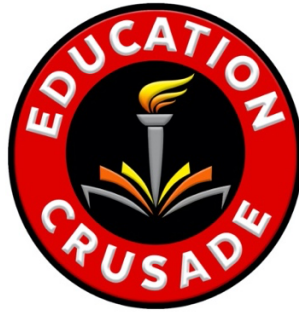


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9 Things We Learned About the New WCSD Superintendent's Plans for Fixing Our Broken Schools

The following are 9 facts we learned last week about our new, \$400,000 per year WCSD superintendent. She shared this information in her "State of Education" speech, presented at Herze Middle School. on February 2.

1) How is the Superintendent going to deal with up to 98% of our students failing their state and national tests?

"We are going to just stop testing them...and make up our own tests."

2) What hope did the supt. give for improving future student learning?

"We may NEVER get our students up to accomplishing at grade level... so we are just going to celebrate their relative improvement."

3) What did the superintendent say was her #1 Mission, to make sure our students get the quality education they need?

"I'm going to (memorize) the names and faces of all 60,000 of our students by the time they graduate."

4) How is the supt. going to deal with daily student assaults on teachers that have injured many of them so severely that they have not been able to return to work?

"I'm going to reflect on that problem." (?)

5) What did the supt. have to say about the fact that the past week's activity in our schools included: a stabbing, a gang beating, a student's suicide/drug OD, and 2 gun-threat lockdowns in 3 days at one school?

Absolutely NOTHING

6) How did the Supt. respond to the DAILY issues of: student assaults on teachers, 40% in-school student drug use, violent fights, a 40% absence rate, and a functional illiteracy rate that ranges up to 98%?

ZERO specific acknowledgements or comments on any of them.

7) As a proclaimed highly trained education expert of 25 years, who is being paid \$400,000 per YEAR for what she knows, how is the supt. going to select her most important school goals?

"I'm opening an online chat-room for parents and the community, where they can talk with each other about what THEY think is important...and then I'll do what they choose."

8) Education Crusade has offered the supt. proven solutions that would IMMEDIATELY start to correct WCSD's problems with excessive student absences, out-of-control drug use, dangerously violent behavior, and low academic performance. She (and the School Board) have expressed NO interest in even hearing about these solutions. Did the supt. share this fact in her speech to the community?

NO.

9) The supt.'s closing words were: "WCSD schools are on the RISE!" Is that a true statement?

ONLY if the supt. was referring to the "rise" in absence rates, in-school drug use, teacher beatings, violence and gang activity, functional illiteracy rates, chaotic classrooms, and massive teacher resignations BECAUSE of her refusal to even acknowledge these issues.