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Numerous Violent Brawls at 3 WCSD High Schools Multiple Student Victims Hospitalized 4 High Danger "Code Yellow" Lockdowns ALL in 48 Hours?

<u>Deadly and Dysfunctional Campus Environments Worsen - Superintendent and School Police Downplay Seriousness and Withhold Information ... as Usual</u>

With firsthand information from students, parents, and staff members, Education Crusade learned the following unreported details about the violent brawls on March 9 and 10 at Wooster, Hug, and McQueen high schools.

WCSD (and the local media) continued their established policy of understating and refusing to report the details and severity of countless and increasing violent incidents. Add to that:

- The Superintendent's policy that threatens the employment of any staff members who tell the public what is actually happening at our schools
- A School Board that supports this policy, tells the community that elected them to office NOTHING about these violence issues (EXCEPT for Jeff Church), and refuses to overrule the Superintendent's refusal to allow our elected representatives to make unannounced visits to school campuses
- A School Police force that has repeatedly lied about and covered up countless crimes to support the Superintendent's desire for no transparency
- A Local Media that operates like a public relations firm for WCSD and refuses to challenge this dangerously dysfunctional school system And you see why incidents like the following continue to increase in frequency and severity.

WOOSTER HS

"Our teachers are scared to death. The White teachers are afraid to say anything to the Black or Latino students for fear of being attacked. ALL the teachers lock themselves in their rooms every period and pray to God that nothing happens. Our administrators and especially our principal are gutless cowards who would never protect us, and give the teachers NO leadership. Our principal should have been fired years ago, but the district office does NOTHING. I don't blame the kids, There is just NO punishment for those who break the rules and hurt others, and the problem is increasing." (Wooster staff member)

"The staff doesn't give a f - - k about the students. They don't like us. The kids say terrible stuff to female teachers and they are scared of us. There are actual fist-fights with male teachers. No one is learning anything, but it doesn't matter. **The teachers give us all "A's" anyhow.** "

"They have us locked up like a prison for 90 minutes each period, and when classes release, after everyone has been threatening everyone else on their phones, students come running out and start fighting. Thursday's fight was NOT a special thing. The fights have just steadily been getting bigger and more gang-related. There are lots of fights almost every day. They're getting more vicious, and students are seriously stabbing each other - mostly with pencils... for NOW." (Wooster students)

HUG HS and McQueen HS (reports from students, parents, and staff)

"The timing with the Wooster and Hug events is suspicious. Two "Code Yellows" in one day!"

(EC note: Hug HS sent out a communication saying that "two (?) student fights" were the cause of the "Code Yellow." "Code Yellow", a lockdown order that is declared when there are issues with life-threatening potential to the entire campus (e.g.: guns, knives, explosives, etc.), are definitely NOT ordered because in a school of 2000 students TWO sets of 2 students each decide to have a "fist-fight." Perhaps the "fist-fight" description was issued by the same WCSD Police who found a 9mm pistol on the Dilworth MS campus not too long ago, and a Dilworth teacher said the school police reported to the public that it was "a BB gun."?)

"WCSD made NO mention of whether the Hug brawl was a gang-related problem. Hug suspended about 45 (!) students. With that many students involved, it suggests that there had to be a certain level of "organization". And the timing with the Wooster and Hug events is suspicious. Rumor has it that students from Hug were involved in the incident at Wooster."

"This is just speculation at this point, but WCSD has neither confirmed or denied this. The school's messages to parents are always cryptic and useless. The suspensions are totally reactive on the school's part. They should have stomped on the gang BS right from the start. This is definitely blood on their (The Supt.'s and School Boards') hands."

EC: Superintendent Enfield needs to answer whether the large number of Hug students involved in the fight, included gang members living in areas that the Supt. was urged by law enforcement NOT to include when WCSD redrew the attendance boundaries for the new Hug HS.

"Can this situation with our schools be fixed?"

"Absolutely NOT, because there ARE NO RULES!

The school district has let the students get so out of control - the teachers have given up and don't care.

We're not learning ANYTHING. The administrators are totally the worst possible, and NO ONE can fix this."

(Wooster student)

"I urge EVERY parent and grandparent: Get your children OUT of WCSD schools immediately!" Your children are not learning OR safe. (WCSD career staff employee)

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