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I have had students tell me so, directly.

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On 09/26/2014 09:07 AM, Nic Garcia wrote:

Thanks Ken. One follow up:

You've been quoted or paraphrased as saying the students have been encouraged to walk out by teachers. Do you have any specific evidence you can cite to back up this claim?

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On Sep 26, 2014, at 9:03 AM, Ken Witt <ken@wittforjeffcoschools.com> wrote:

I am delighted to see the engagement of our students in civic dialogue, but I am disappointed that our students have been incited to leave their classrooms and participate in walk-outs when they should be getting the education this dialogue is about. It is my hope that they will research for themselves the charge given in the Colorado Constitution, Article 9 Section 15, for the board to oversee instruction, and hence the curriculum, and understand that review is an important part of fulfilling that responsibility. To ensure that the board fulfills that charge, it has been proposed that the board establish a curriculum review committee to provide input from parents and the community, in addition to many other inputs, including the school district. My goal is to ensure we have balanced and thorough curriculum. It was also proposed that the review committee undertake a review of the AP US History curriculum initially, because that curriculum was fundamentally changed last year, and so it is important that we ensure proper review of new curriculum occurs, not just a rubber stamp without consideration. There is no proposal that such a committee would have authority to make decisions, but rather to inform the board, along with other sources. The board of education has authority over curriculum, and the purpose of review is to enable informed decisions.

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On 09/26/2014 07:19 AM, Nic Garcia wrote:

Hi Ken,

CPR this morning reported that you would consider scrapping the entire AP U.S. History course if the proposed community panel found it was bias.

Can you confirm this? Also, I know you gave several interviews yesterday at Columbine. (I was at Lakewood).

If you want to send me some thoughts on the walkouts and -- specifically --

where you hope Jeffco goes from here, I'd appreciate. Going to put something up late this morning.

Nic

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