

Board of Education Members:

As President of WEA, our association is very concerned about the new program that was approved at the board meeting on Monday night. There was no information given to faculty members about this program. If the faculty is expected to use/follow this program, we should be aware of what we are expected to do. Too many times a program has been purchased and then the faculty has been told they will do it. If there is no buy in, the program will not succeed. This is what the Gateways site says they do.

We equip public school educators, leaders, parents and students to protect and promote religious freedom for all students. We also help educators teach about the Bible and Christianity as it relates to the curriculum. We show them how to do this appropriately and legally, within existing constitutional boundaries, current laws, and state academic standards.

Many educators have been told over and over not to bring religion into the classroom. What and how we have been teaching the curriculum as it relates to religion has been working. Why are we wanting to change this now?

As an association, we respectfully request this program not be used in the district.

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