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Dear Members of the Menomonie School Board,

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I was disappointed to see that the Gender Policy Plan was not put onto the agenda for the Nov. 8 School board Meeting. I know some say that you have too many meetings and concerns with the COVID issues and lawsuits. But I do note that somehow the solar project and the purchase of a piece of land was deemed important enough to talk about. I think we can "chew gum and walk at the same time". This is called the tyranny of the urgent at the expense of the important. In reality this gender Policy is very important for the safety and well being and education of our students. So, I implore you to at least bring to light what this plan actually says, maybe even publish it in the Dunn County News. It takes a little digging to find it. I notice as I talk to members of the community that they have no idea what this policy says.

Thanks to Brian Seguin, I was able to find out what kind of books are being used in the Knapp Elementary School library. I was disappointed, but not surprised. This is a quote affirming what we hope to have available for our young children:

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Why would our little children need to hear anything about "gender, gender and sexuality"? This program is designed simply to take away their innocence at as young an age as possible and to soften them to the idea that LGBTQ+ is anything but wrong and dangerous and harmful. Nothing of this order should be included in the curriculum or the library of SDMA at any level, but especially at such a young age.!! I'm asking you to review and remove it.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Josie Pillman