



The Fight for Fair Education Has Only Just Begun

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Santa Barbara, California: On March 6, Federal Judge Stephen Willson sided against Fair Education Santa Barbara in its suit to stop Just Communities' wasteful, prejudicial and in-transparent curriculum. While disappointed in this initial decision, Fair Education Santa Barbara believes as strongly as ever in the merits of our case. In the words of our lead litigator, Eric Early:

"Litigation is like a 12-round boxing match. These are long fights and this is just the first of many battles. As any boxing fan knows, the fighter who wins the first round often loses the entire fight. Yesterday's ruling – which was purely on technical issues -- is just a temporary setback:

1. The Court **did not** address Just Communities' unlawful discrimination and its indoctrination of Santa Barbara's teachers and students, because those issues **were not** before the Court on the motions ruled on yesterday.
2. The Court instead ruled on the technical issue of "standing" and is requiring Fair Education Santa Barbara to provide more identifying information about the people being harmed by Just Communities' discriminatory indoctrination programming.
3. The Court also determined that the state law claim requiring Santa Barbara Unified School District to submit the Just Communities' contract for public bidding to other providers – which the District has failed to do -- is a state court matter. Thus, Fair Education Santa Barbara expects its injunction request based on the bidding requirement to be ruled on by the state court in a future proceeding.

All told, the fight has just begun and continues while these preliminary pleading issues are resolved."

All of us at Fair Education Santa Barbara remain committed in our mission to "Ensure that public education funds are spent so that each and every student receives the knowledge, critical thinking skills and character to succeed".

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