

MONTROSE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



DISTRICT RESPONSE TO HILL-MCCLOY HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY

February 21, 2020

Montrose Community Schools continues to work with our staff, students, and community to ensure it is an inclusive place where everyone can feel comfortable to learn. In this case, the teacher attempted to avoid disruption and controversy by limiting the topics that students could choose for a writing assignment. Unfortunately, although well-intentioned, the teacher was too restrictive. We have spoken to the teacher and all of our staff about valuing the opinions, beliefs, and rights of all of our students. This has been a learning opportunity for everyone involved. Last week, communication was sent to all instructional staff reminding them of district policy related to covering controversial topics.

Montrose Community Schools remains committed to its responsibilities to safeguard, nurture and develop our students. We have policies and procedures in place to investigate and address allegations of unlawful harassment, discrimination, or bullying. If you are aware of unlawful harassment, discrimination, or bullying, please report any complaints to our Compliance Officers Mr. Grant Hegenauer (ghegenauer@montroseschools.org) or Ms. Rhonda Barber (rbarber@montroseschools.org).

We appreciate the trust and confidence that our families place in Montrose Community Schools and we will continue to work to maintain that trust.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Moore'.

Linden A. Moore, Ph.D.
Superintendent