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Barbers Hill Independent School District has received Houston media coverage regarding an issue that took place at our high school recently. One of my favorite radio shows is Paul Harvey, and the purpose of this message is to provide “the rest of the story.” It has become painfully clear that the media is biased and seeking to sensationalize in order to further their agenda.

Case in point, their COVID coverage from day one has promoted online instruction and has overemphasized the COVID threat to children. There is no doubt their coverage was politically motivated. Media officials have privately conceded to me that the path Barbers Hill ISD took was the best for children, and that online instruction has been an abysmal failure for many students in districts throughout the state. I doubt you see that stated publically. The most recent evidence of bias involves posters that were placed in celebration for Black History Month. We have scores of posters placed throughout the building in celebration for Black History Month, but the posters in question had campaign rhetoric intended to galvanize a political party’s base. Also, one poster was removed that had sexually explicit language taken from a rap song. Our high school staff received continual complaints the first day they went up and made the decision to take them down and replace them with more positive, unifying messages.

I support our high school leadership’s decision to try to take the politics that is dividing our nation out of the school. True to form, some media outlets have portrayed these actions as racist, which is 100% false. Black History Month is intended to bring appropriate and deserved recognition to African American leaders who have achieved remarkable accomplishments. It should not be used to promote either political party. Our high school leadership’s decision to promote unity should be applauded instead of being used by the media to once again push a politically-motivated message.

Even in the midst of a pandemic, our school district is one of the few in the state that has increasing enrollment. Families are seeking a district with high expectations and one of the best staffs in the state. I am extremely proud of how all of our staff responded to COVID by placing children’s needs first. It is unfortunate that our high school leadership has to deal with these distractions in the midst of a pandemic, but we will continue to do what we always do... focus on providing the best public school education in the state of Texas!

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