

ELGIN & D'ONOFRIO FOR WESTPORT SELECTMEN

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Our campaign would like to provide the town residents with updates from our campaign to address the topic of Critical Race Theory (CRT).

The Superintendent Thomas Scarice hired the New York University Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of School as part of his stated strategic plan, with intentions to have an equity study completed.

Many Westport parents formed a website to report their frustrations about the possibility of having politically motivated curriculums introduced into our public school system. Our campaign is based on the notion that the government needs transparency, to be inclusive and encourage civil debates.

Second selectman candidate D'Onofrio states "Our government has failed when people feel the need to mask their identity in order to speak. We need liberty, which includes

freedom of speech without fear of repercussions by mob. We do not need to agree with one another, but we need to unite to demand transparency and comradery.”

First selectman hopeful TJ Elgin added “the biggest issue here is not that an equity study was conducted, but that it was conducted in secrecy without input from parents or the Board of Education (BOE). We want to keep politics out of the schools and away from our children.” Mr. Elgin also stated “I assume that Superintendent Scarice and BOE Chair Savin attempted to hide this study due to its controversial nature, which ended up making our current elected officials appear unforthcoming.”

Lastly, first selectman candidate Elgin added “true racism, divisiveness, and inequality comes from the home, not the school, as our school teachers are equality advocates.”

The Elgin and D’Onofrio ticket will always vote in favor of freedom.