

Transparency Triad

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Transparency Triad is a three-dimensional form of communication:

Schools to Parents – parents expect schools to be transparent regarding what they are teaching our children, and parents expect the emphasis to be on the 3R's (reading, writing, arithmetic) which are basic skills necessary for their children's success in the future. Parents should voice their concerns without retaliation when schools choose to teach concepts that conflict with their own beliefs and community standards.

School Board to Public – parents expect the School Board members to be transparent while maintaining school accreditation regarding education standards, and parents expect the School Board members to protect their children from divisive and indoctrinating education. Parents expect regular communication from the School Board that proves it listened to their concerns and took appropriate actions.

Superintendent to the School Board – the School Board members expect the Superintendent to have effective procedures to implement School Board policy and be accountable to make changes when procedures are not working.

Cherokee County needs an anonymous reporting system that will identify behaviors which are not consistent with community standards, track and trend the concerns or complaints in a report to the School Board Members, and provide accountability to the parents that the concerns or complaints were resolved.

“Be afraid of what we don't see – Bring it to light.” I feel that transparency in education is important to protect our children.