

Rep. Allen: Education or indoctrination?

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What is your child being taught in school?

Earlier this year, a parent contacted me regarding a week-long calendar event in her child's school on Black Lives Matter. Concerned about some of the viewpoints, I submitted an open records request, and discovered what educators are really teaching our children in public schools.

In the [materials](#) provided by the Black Lives Matter Organization to the Madison Public Schools, one of the guiding principles is restorative justice, described as "Intentionally build and nurture a beloved community that is bonded together through a beautiful struggle that is restorative, not depleting."

As part of the BLM curriculum, students are encouraged to stage a protest for one of their weekly activities (see page 3 below). The photo on page 2 below, taken by Kenosha News photographer Dan Truttschel, shows the damage done by recent protests in Wisconsin. Is staging a protest how we should be teaching young, impressionable students to exercise their right to free speech?

Real restorative justice, as more commonly defined, is "a system of criminal justice which focuses on the rehabilitation of offenders through reconciliation with victims and the community at large." "Healing and reconciliation" is not the burning of people's businesses and homes.

There is no doubt in my mind that we need more communities to practice proper restorative justice in Wisconsin. " I look forward to listening and partaking in these discussions on the Speaker's Task Force on Criminal Justice that was announced last month.

Black lives do matter. However, Americans, and our school children, should not be forced to stand with an organization that actively seeks to divide us, one which encourages protests rather than peaceful communication, undermine American identity, indoctrinate our children and in reality hurts the lives of Black Americans in Wisconsin, and the United States.

To see the first expose discussing this curriculum, visit www.repallen.com.