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in Salem, NH, with 2 children in SAU57.

Previously, I have appeared before this school board in a somewhat combative mode, fighting against mask mandates, social distancing and protesting the presence of obscene books in the library, but tonight I come with a spirit of peace and love. I just want to take this opportunity to explain my decision to remove my child from the SAU 57 public school system.

As I shared with Superintendent Palmer & Principal Barry, this makes me very sad and has devastated my son who is entering 8th grade this year. And if it wasn't for the fact that my daughter is a Senior at Salem High, I would've removed her as well.

My children have had many amazing teachers and experiences here in SAU 57, however, as a father who's greatest responsibility is the moral development of my children. I can no longer in good conscience send my son to school here.

It seems that SAU57 has adopted ideologies which completely contradict our Catholic faith.

It may very well be, that Salem & the good people who work here have become victims of pushed policies and principles from political and social organizations. Some of these policies and principles include;

- 1.) Sex education, as part of their health and wellness curriculum that teaches about contraception & homosexuality.
- 2.) Access to graphic, immoral, sexually explicit reading material in books and on-line
- 3.) The affirmation of non-truths:
  - There are more than two genders.
  - A person can identify as something they are not.

I understand that these issues have become political & controversial, but it doesn't change that they go against natural law and against obvious truth.

I will continue to pray for SAU57 as a community to grow in love and to open their hearts, minds, and souls to traditional learning and moral teachings.