

Attendees: {30} One Year Anniversary Event @ The Alexander Hamilton Institute [AHI]

## Agenda:

\* Introduction & Welcome by Chair Woman Mary Kay Vatalaro- We appreciate and honor all who chose to brave the rain to attend, despite the gathering of protestors outside. That's the beauty of this Great Land- the right to express one's opinion and the freedom to assemble and protest as well. We welcome discussion and debate of all ideas, even if they conflict with our own. A few articles written after the meeting expressing opposing viewpoints are: <a href="https://uticaphoenix.net/freedom-to-read-rally-for-education-and-equality-draws-enthusiastic-community-support/">https://uticaphoenix.net/freedom-to-read-rally-for-education-and-equality-draws-enthusiastic-community-support/</a>; <a href="https://www.hamiltonmonitor.com/post/clinton-rallies-for-freedom-to-learn-love-contrasts-moms-for-liberty-at-ahi</a>. We disagree with the opinion that Moms For Liberty want to "ban books" & "...spread hateful imagery and rhetoric against the LGBTQ community." One of our goals is to protect young readers from age-inappropriate sexually explicit material. We are NOT against the LGBTQ+ community, we only ask that a book rating system and parent permission slips be utilized in school libraries to make parents aware of the material offered their children. A resource available to showcase this is the video: "Moms For Liberty-Library 101" video <a href="https://www.youtube.com/redirect?">https://www.youtube.com/redirect?</a>

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hTXZVOU14aGVNSVJtMjlsVDVXVEplZU5wUHpGaw&q=https://momsforlibertywc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/LIBRARY-101Event-Slides.pdf&v=Z-tl7L5oPL0\_\*Warning: EXTREMELY Sexually Explicit Material\* To assist
parents decide if material is appropriate for their child, we've created frequently updated
book lists for each district of said books available from K-12. [Emailed upon request.]

- \* 1st Guest Speaker: Dr. Mary Grabar is the renowned author of both "Debunking The 1619 Project" & "Debunking Howard Zinn". Dr. Grabar is a Resident Fellow @ the AHI. As an immigrant from a communist country, she fights to save America from that same Marxist destiny. Her goals are to continuously expose the corruption in education, fight Critical Race Theory, and stop America from becoming a Communist/Marxist country. Her books extensively detail how these ideals are eroding the very fabric of our nation, and feels passionately about preserving the truth, history & equality. Dr. Grabar does so by using facts to promote objectivity & neutrality to ultimately foster reasoned discourse & discussion.
- \* 2nd Guest Speaker: Wil Fiacco- (Indep) Running for NYS Senate. Mr. Fiacco's campaign goals include supporting parents' rights to fight against the sexualization of their children in schools. He agrees there needs to be more stringent & uniform guidelines for the material offered to children, with age appropriate ratings and parental consent prior to dissemination.
- \* 3rd Guest Speaker: Mike Fellows is a local business owner and parent homeschooler. During the COVID lockdowns he noticed serious issues with what his children were being taught (& NOT taught) in school. Some of his children were failing during the ZOOM phase. He decided to homeschool. With is mentoring, parenting & teaching all the children started to excel in their studies. With this new found knowledge regarding the deficiencies of the public educational system Mr. Fellows ran for school board. Unfortunately he lost, but used the experience to become a committee member of his political party to effect change there. Homeschooled children seem to become more balanced and well-rounded adults with the ability to digest information from a broad spectrum of sources. Many schools ranging from kindergarten through colleges/universities tend to be influenced by financial aid available from states & the federal government, thus the need to follow sexually indoctrinating & communist agendas. Parents have the right to decide what their children learn and their "money should follow the child" as to where they are educated {public/private school vs. homeschool}.
- \* Create a NYS Senate account to voice your support/opposition of a bill; sign petitions; follow issues, committees & bills; contact your senator: <a href="https://www.nysenate.gov/user/login">https://www.nysenate.gov/user/login</a>

Next Meeting: November TBA @ Alexander Hamilton Institute

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