

Renewed call to Aragon

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This is from the bottom of the discussion thread on not believing educational experts:

Thanks for responding publicly, Sara.

Unfortunately when people only say things privately, it makes it appear that I am a lone wolf crying in the wilderness and have no support in the community for my opinions.

Some staff from Aragon can see these messages, and I need to counter the contention that my issues are only concerns of a minority. All too often I encounter parents who are fearful to speak up out of concern that it may negatively impact their children. After the kids graduate and move on, then the concern goes away, but unfortunately the motivation to act goes along with it. If we all remain silent, we can rest assured that nothing will change.

So, yes, I AM trying to foment a revolution! However, I am trying to make it a polite revolution which uses logical arguments, but keeps increasing the pressure until "the system" changes. I do not want to see the behavior which occurred at the Highlands math meeting last year where people were yelling things like "We pay your salary!!," although I can completely understand their frustration as you can tell from my own experiences above.

I am still waiting for a response from Aragon regarding the objections I made to them in our meeting about three months ago on the CPM precalculus book. In the interim I have continued to see the bad effects of that program.

I started by trying to discuss this face-to-face with them. They listened to my agenda, but said little in response, other than that they intended to see this trial through and to tout their years of teaching experience. I have now escalated this to NextDoor which unfortunately, due to illogical neighborhood boundaries that do not consider school district lines, has limited reach. Gordon Strause in our community works at NextDoor, and I continue to hope that he can address this problem.

I am still waiting for a detailed response from Aragon, but I have many other options to escalate this issue further (much further!), and, rest assured, I will persist in doing so until the "system" either finally changes or convinces me through logic, not appeals to years of experience or authority, that I am wrong!!