

White Bear Lake
Minnesota



**Dear Parent, Grandparent, and
Resident of White Bear Lake,**

I am writing this letter to you today as a concerned citizen and former parent of a White Bear Student. The White Bear Lake School District has instituted the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) into its curriculum. This school year both middle schools are under the jurisdiction of the International Baccalaureate Organization.

The superintendent and school board readily instituted the IB, but it is a program that is being challenged, questioned, and removed from schools by concerned parents across the nation. I got involved when several White Bear Lake parents approached me with their concerns about the IB program being immersed into their schools.

I am a former owner of two Sylvan Learning Centers, and an in-home tutoring service. I have seen young minds sharpen, self esteem improve, and academic gains be made, and confidence increase in students. These are skills they will need throughout life.

The IB program is a curriculum managed from Geneva, Switzerland and has a world view. To many parents that in itself is not a concern, but it is the way the IB promotes the UN's goals in its philosophy, and the fact that it does not promote love of one's own country that is disconcerting.

This is a case where you must seek out your own information and resources, so as not to be taken in by rhetoric of those supporting the IB program in our schools. Parents across the nation are ridding their schools of the IB program because of its inherent non sovereignty and overt globalist philosophy.

What's sighted as concerns with the IB program in our schools, besides its unhealthy affiliation with the UN is:

- **It is very costly. To start there are initial registration fees, *annual re-registration* fees, exam fees, on-going staff training, and additional staffing fees (IB coordinator salary in WBL is \$76,000), these are just some of the increased costs to support the IB program.**
- **Although the program promotes academic rigor, there are NO academic standards required to become an IB school or to maintain IB status.**
- **There is NO conclusive data that test scores or academic achievement is improved when the IB program is implemented in a school.**

- **The IB program is an all inclusive program infiltrated into a district's overall curriculum. There is NO option for families in Elementary School or Middle School if this program is implemented in your district.**

School administration and the school board will defend the IB program because they have already instituted it in our two middle schools. They do not want opposition to their actions and will "refute" any challenges against it. I have made my concerns to the superintendent and school board, and have published letters in the opinion section of the White Bear Press.

As you will note in the following websites, there is a growing national resistance to having an IB program in our schools. It is advisable that concerned citizens, especially parents and grandparents who have Students in the White Bear Lake Schools, visit the following sites for a better understanding of the IB program:

- 1) <http://truthaboutib.com> [*find White Bear Lake under the heading of "Active IB Protests," a half page down, and click to open*]. Also, <http://truthaboutib.com/youlearnedwhat.html>
- 2) [Myinclinevillage.com](http://myinclinevillage.com) and <http://myinclinevillage.com/2011/07/31/what-all-parents--students-should-know-before-enrolling-in-ib.aspx>
- 3) EdLibertyWatch.org [Minnesota based]

With this program already getting started in our schools, we need to become involved and voice our concerns. Parents should take the time to attend monthly school board meetings and be heard. With school board elections this year we need to be actively involved with those who will determine what type of education our students will receive. Parents need to take action, or the IB program will totally envelope the school curriculum of all our schools, and our students will have no other option.



"We need your involvement and support"

Please contact me with concerns and questions about this questionable program.

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