

David Crockett High School Class of 2026

Letter to the Washington County School Board

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“To Chairperson Mrs. Buchanan;

The David Crockett High School Class of 2026 wishes to formally address Washington County Board of Education Member Mr. Ervin on the subject of his attendance during our final events. This includes (but is not limited to) the CTE and Top 10% banquets, graduation, and any other event meant to honor the class of 2026 wherein he would have interaction with our class and/or other students.

Our senior class, faculty, staff, and community have been greatly impacted by the actions of Mr. Ervin. We believe in creating a safe and welcoming environment for both students and their families. Mr. Ervin’s attendance would strongly diminish the effort in which we put into that environment. Furthermore, these events are meant to celebrate the accomplishments of our senior class and all of the excellent things they have done in their time at David Crockett High School. His attendance to these events reduces our celebration, as it puts all eyes on him. The students in the Top 10% have worked their entire high school careers to get to this moment. Our CTE program has grown immensely and has helped so many students become successful members of society. Most importantly, all 248 members of the Class of 2026 have put in the utmost effort to get to this place in our lives. We deserve a day focused on us and us only. While every other class has received their recognition, everyone would be looking at Mr. Ervin, waiting for him to act out in any way. Our students should be able to reflect on this day and see a happy memory; however, with Mr. Ervin there, we will look back and feel robbed of our defining moment.

In addition to the focus being taken off of us during some of our biggest moments, we also must take professionalism into account. Mr. Ervin, as a member of the Washington County Board of Education, is expected to be a role model for us. He is expected to uphold the highest standards in this community and be an example to all students and citizens of Washington County. Due to his shortcomings in this area, we request that he not attend our final events.

Along with professionalism comes publicity. Mr. Ervin attending these events would not only cause public uproar but would also cause protests, unwanted media, and other safety risks at our events and graduation. This does not only affect us emotionally, but it also poses a safety risk for students and attendees. On the note of publicity, our county has already seen backlash from not only our state, but the entire country. The attendance

of Mr. Ervin will bring even more attention to us and the negative light that comes with it. They will not see all of the amazing things we have accomplished in our four years at David Crockett. The view they have is that we condone such behaviors in our school system, once again taking away from our senior class.

In conclusion, the actions of Mr. Ervin have affected both the students and our community. Speaking on behalf of the Senior Class, we are uncomfortable with Mr. Ervin's attendance at our upcoming senior events and strongly advise that he should not be present during these important moments as they should be focused on the David Crockett High School Class of 2026.

Professionally,

David Crockett High School Class of 2026”