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Who should you trust? The administration that talks about providing students with the best quality education possible, or the State of Texas that says WOCCISD is failing, based on the criteria by which all school districts are judged across the state?

OP-ED

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[A New School Year at West Orange – Cove](#)

By J David Derosier “The West Orange-Stark Mustangs have gone to the state championship game four straight seasons. They are picked as one of the top teams in Class 4A, Division 2 again this season...” was the opening paragraph on a local radio station website article recently. “Welcome to the...”

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34 You, Ron Cowling Sr, Conan Thomas and 31 others



[J David Derosier](#)



[Ashton Alston Knox](#) To the author of this article, please email me at askn@woccisd.net. Some of your points are true, many are misleading, and several are completely false. I am interested in discussing the Texas public school rating system and how to interpret the available data. I would also like to provide you with accurate information concerning the academic improvements outlined by the bond.

[The Orange Leader](#) This post was emailed to the author of the opinion piece.



[Ashton Alston Knox](#) [The Orange Leader](#) Thank you.



[Robyn Hamilton Lyons](#) [Ashton Alston Knox](#) get em lol I know that you would never ever be associated in any way to a school like they are saying not would you your boys to be a part of it! Therefore I know this is all a bunch of mess. Why do ppl do these kind of things???



[Derrick Jones](#) Nothing he said is false or misleading. The numbers he provided are available via the TEA website. Please feel free to provide proof when you attempt to discredit. And for the record, emotional responses do not sway me, if anything, they will be crushed with logic.



[J David Derosier](#) sent you an email at 7:20 this morning. have not heard back from you.



[Ashton Alston Knox](#) [J David Derosier](#) I work more than full time, have 2 young children, and am in a doctoral program, so it's going to take me more than 24 hours to generate the response required for this particular article.



[Tami Barnes Wallace](#) WOCCISD has some of the most dedicated, hardworking, AMAZING teachers in SE Texas! Area schools should not have been part of this criteria, Harvey wreaked havoc on our community.

[Terranesia Guity](#) WOW!



Mike Gregory I don't know how it is now, but when i went there in '08 all they cared about was sports and the athletes got a free pass in every class



Derrick Jones **Mike Gregory** It is still the same. It is a sad day indeed when a child goes from passing 3.5 years to NOT even graduating. Go figure.



Mike Gregory im not surprised. Athletes get to sleep during class and the people who actually want to learn have no chance because they put sports coaches in place of teachers



A'kiya Walker They still care about sports that's how it was when I was going there in 2006



Mike Gregory its ok to care about football i guess, but don't make it priority over education for the rest



Brenda Carol Waldrep i989 when i was there drugs in every class room
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Mike Gregory Brenda Carol Waldrep yep that too



Derrick Jones The numbers are available via the TEA website. You all act as if this isn't true. Lmao at all of the dissenters



Roderick E Smith Sr. **Derrick Jones** in the hood when we don't believe you don't we check paper work? So how would 1 go check this paper work? 2nd if this article is true then why the parents don't know their kids can't read or write but are Friday/ Tuesday/ Thursday/ Saturday morning Stars?



Derrick Jones **Roderick E Smith Sr.**
<https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/cgi/sas/broke>
r...



Roderick E Smith Sr. **Derrick Jones** last question. Tell me when to shoot



Roderick E Smith Sr. How much does a tutor cost?



Derrick Jones **Roderick E Smith Sr.** Less than a pair J's. Go figure.



Roderick E Smith Sr. That and my kid is on the blitz every Friday night tho.



J David Derosier i have posted on this page how to find the direct back ups for the numbers in my article. Feel free to do the homework.



J David Derosier I see that a lot of people are wondering where the statistics came from that are quoted in my article.

The Texas Education Agency created a website that contains the data. Here are some steps to find out more:...[See More](#)



Carter Drake It's all in the hands of the school board and the leaders they hire! The educators (teachers) do their job plus some...



Robin Bonham I know 3 years ago when my children attended that school, the teacher would give my daughter 100's on spelling test. Words weren't spelled right and one word wasn't even the spelling word for the week. I did confront the teacher and within 2 weeks my children were taken out of that school!!



Derrick Jones Robin Bonham Are you a product of WOCCISD as well? The correct spelling is SPELLED not spelt. Carry on though.



Roderick E Smith Sr. We have 4 state championships. BIG FACTS



Shannon King That has nothing to do with education. Nothing.



Roderick E Smith Sr. True its football season and this is a distractor



Leslie Carmody Education is more important that championships. If they are going to request funding they should but it towards educational tools and computers. Thing to help the kids for the future. It's a mighty big world out there with tremendous opportunities!!!



Roderick E Smith Sr. True but we have Newton Friday.



Roderick E Smith Sr. ... If this orange leader article is right, you as a parent should feel horrible. But then again sports is life in the Fruit..



Leslie Carmody I am a parent and let me tell you this. No one can take away your education!!! But get hurt on the field or court or track and your career is over.



Roderick E Smith Sr. **Leslie Carmody** true. Only if they sent report cards home or mailed them. Then parents would have a heads ups. Then again sports is life in the Fruit



Leslie Carmody Unfortunately and it's sad.

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Deven Peveto Michael I cannot afford more taxes...



Mandy Campbell State titles are all they care about



Jason W. Burch State Championships come before an Education...everyone knows that... 😄



Amber Brantley I graduated from there. I moved into a different school district when it was time for my kids to start school.....



Derrick Jones WOCCISD has been in the sewer academically for quite some time. What amazes me is that those who continue to defend this atrocity act like they don't know it exists



Kayla K. Ellender Exactly!!
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Rick Bingham **Tiffany Sneed**



Bianca Garrett A lot of school hate us cause they ain't us! Facts! If I didn't have friends at the Orange Leader I'd protest!



Derrick Jones **Bianca Garrett** How can you protest the truth. Have your district administrators produce numbers to debunk what the state agency has produced. It is as simple as that.



Bianca Garrett **Derrick Jones** I've listened to a lot of numbers! As a matter of fact I'm on the education committee! I have a meeting coming soon! You know how I feel about grades and athletes but this article went a little to far!



Derrick Jones **Bianca Garrett** This article is the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Contact TEA and see if they provide numbers that dispel what is written. It is as simple as that.



Bianca Garrett **Derrick Jones** No problem! I got that info! The thing is how to move forward! Who the hell is he to say all these kids can't read! I will not have a label put on my kids by no man who puts out a papers twice a week! This was straight bashing! I would u...[See More](#)



Derrick Jones **Bianca Garrett** Personally know of several children, student-athletes, who have gone from passing for 3.5 years to failing to graduate. Go figure. This has been an observation of mine for

several years. EYE also know which teachers are unqualified and teaching on an emergency certification. If they are too dumb to pass the exam, they have no business teaching your child. Nothing more. Nothing less.



Bianca Garrett Derrick Jones facts



Bianca Garrett Just saying ! Why the article 😂

That is all 😂 Someone is salty! Let's sit down and make a solution overnight! Does he have

kids???? 😂😂



Derrick Jones Bianca Garrett EYE can only concern myself with my own. Hate to be selfish but it is what it is. Me personally, EYE believe IQ tests should be administered to determine if one can procreate or not.

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Bianca Garrett Derrick Jones hey I feel ya but I have several babies i have taken under my wings and we all about the grades! Calling our kids stupid ! Not cool!



Derrick Jones Bianca Garrett We had a member of the BOM in BISD label the children as 'just dumb'...go figure! EYE didn't get offended because ALL of mine read a minimum of 4 grade levels ahead.



A'kiya Walker The only thing they care about is football 🏈



Julie Mashaney I will include below this comment a few screenshots from the bond FAQ section on the WOS website.

Keep in mind there are rules that govern bond funds and their use in academics. It's not like we can pass a bond to pay teachers more. ...[See More](#)



Marissa Myers My son has had wonderful teachers from North to kindergarten and now 1st

grade at WOS Elementary. He is at the top of his class. He reads very well for a first grader. He also excels in math. I work for the district in the high school cafeteria. I h...[See More](#)



Bianca Garrett I will defend the good teachers and staff that we do have! We've had past educators that hate because of termination , theft, etc I could go on and on ! They create story after story! All stories aren't true!



Ron Cowling Sr NO NEW TAXES -- PERIOD!!!



Fred Barlow I second that!

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Paul Mashaney If paying more taxes would result in better academic performance leading leading to better employment and a reduction in poverty and crime, I am all for it. But I need to see results for what I am spending now before I vote to spend anymore.



Derrick Jones Paul Mashaney Exactly!
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Bianca Garrett There are bad teachers and good teachers! This happens at many schools! It's nothing new! I know we have issues and so do other districts! We just don't pay for our to be hidden!



Derrick Jones Bianca Garrett The good teacher bad teacher copout worn and dated. Hiring QUALIFIED teachers and PAYING them would be a start.



Marissa Myers I love WOS. Why is this article bashing our school? Yes, we have work to do, but this article is over the top. Smh. My son goes to WOSE and he reads just fine.. on another note, no we don't need more taxes.



Bianca Garrett



Derrick Jones This how a school is supposed to maintain a balance between athletics and academics. Take notes WOCCISD....kmsl

"89% of the class of 2017 received college scholarships!" THAT'S intimidating! <https://vimeo.com/218288762>
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Edna Karr 2017 Graduation in New Orleans
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Diztorsha Lavan [Dylan F. Bennett](#)



Charles Perry [Demetrius RaShun Perry](#)



Debra Schoenberg Munsell Priorities are misplaced.



Bianca Garrett I'm all about academics but get all the facts! I need to see statements from the school district!!!! I don't see any do this is mostly your opinion! You make the other school districts look like gold! I can pull for St. Mary's and Community Christian,...[See More](#)



Cathy Lyttle Drake [Jennifer Premeaux](#)
[Tippett](#)



Bianca Garrett 1st David Derosier I would like to see you sit with the superintendent and board and bring these numbers! Unless you are personally testing these kids and teaching these kids then you don't know 100% !

Next in my option the storm has had a big effect o...[See More](#)



Tammy Bo Brice Haney Jr. Brice Haney family in Quitman,Ms. His school
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Paul Mashaney It is not reasonable to accept the positive self-evaluation of a district that has been one of the lowest performing academically in the area.

I'll go with the state on this one.



Kayla K. Ellender This article speaks nothing but the truth! Finally someone shedding some light on the issues at hand in this district!!



Fred Barlow How can the district have the audacity to ask for a bond that will increase taxes when most of us flooded and still rebuilding our homes!?



Megan Wales [Amber Wales](#)



Clint Huckabay [Bianca Garrett](#)