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Subject : Strongly object to disinvite of Bree Newsome

As a parent of an Asheville Middle student I am deeply disappointed by the move to disinvite Bree Newsome to speak to the students at the school. This is not a time to teach children to turn a blind eye to controversy. This is also not a time to show kids a lack of respect for an individual standing up and speaking for what they believe is right. We are a Caucasian family with three sons and it disturbs me that this is a strong African-American woman who is not allowed to shine and serve as an example to our kids, both as a person of color and a woman. I have always been proud of the education my children are getting at the Asheville City Schools but am ashamed of the decision by the board. The decision on whether our kids should hear her speak should be left up to the parents. If parents object, then they can keep their children out but it is a disservice to the other students who do want her message heard.

Please reconsider your decision.

Regards,

Meredith Singer