

Fast forward to 2017 with the state Department of Education (NHDOE) under Frank Edelblut. In 2017, the commissioner expressed concerns with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) citing the prevalence of the term "climate change" in the new standards and claiming that his goal in criticizing the NGSS was to equip students with a "holistic" view of science and provide them with the best scientific training.

This intrusion on education isn't new; rather it's part of an ongoing attempt to regress education curricula by eliminating the inclusion of societal advancements, both scientific and sociological. Unlike the 2011 bill, HB 544 affects all children, not just those whose parents object.

To quote Commissioner Edelblut himself, "it's important that we make sure we haven't left out any content because we won't be serving our students well that way."

Karla Onate Melecio
Dover

Rye residents kept in the dark regarding TD Bank building problems

I am writing because I don't think the townspeople of Rye know what is going on with the old TD Bank building. At first we were told that the bank would solve the problem of crowding at the Town Hall. This was urgent because of COVID.

So what did the Select Board do? Instead of moving some town employees into the building they demolished the interior. Now the building cannot be used and we have no idea how much it will cost to make it useable.

The money from the sale of the trolley barn was supposed to be used to fix up the bank. What happened to that \$280,000? What was the plan when that amount was approved by the voters?

This is not transparency. The selectmen need to let the voters know what happened to make this so complicated.

Jane Holway
Rye

Critique of column is right on the mark

I applaud William Castle's response to Ken McCord's wacked-out letter decrying "American woke culture." Ken's letter is dumbest thing I've seen him submit yet.

I've backed away from submitting letters to the Herald because lately it takes too long for them to print them, or they just don't, or they idiotically "edit" them, so we'll "see" how this submission goes. Castle's letter is right on the mark.

McCord's ludicrous diatribes are repeatedly presented predominantly by the Herald like an endorsement, yet they are nothing but far right hysteria and nonsense.

McCord's citations of French "authorities" is the most ridiculous part of his letter: here comes the "erudite" conservative citing the same French who so opposed our Imperialist invasion of Iraq that his par-

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