

A vocabulary lesson and a civics lesson, by Julie Anne Watko.

Vocabulary Lesson:

When a teacher takes a curriculum item and does this 👍, it is called "differentiation".

When a teacher takes a curriculum item and does this 🗨️, it is called "differentiation".

This is how opposite services 👍 🗨️ are called by the same name.

End of Vocabulary Lesson.

Civics Lesson:

Alexandria City has some of the least literate parents in the nation.

Many parents are not currently literate in English.

Some parents are not currently literate in any language.

When an illiterate parent hears

that gifted children will receive differentiation 👍

and that their own children will receive differentiation 🗨️

that illiterate parent thinks:

My child will receive the same services that gifted children receive 👍 👍

Hooray!

I know it's the same services 👍 👍 because it has the same name. 👍 👍

This is a misunderstanding of differentiation.

Opposite services 👍 🗨️ are called by the same name.

When I see you put on your scope of work:

"increase the credibility of the local plan" that promises this 👍 🗨️

I hear your intent to try harder and harder to trick people into believing

that the local plan promises this 👍 👍

even though you know that the local plan promises this 👍🗨️ .

Tricking illiterate parents is no way to run a local government body.

Shame on you

for increasing the credibility 👍👍 of this 👍🗨️

by taking advantage of parents' illiteracy.

Alexandria City has some of the most literate parents in the nation.

Some of us are here tonight.

We are not fooled by your local plan that promises this 👍🗨️ .

We know that you have not provided teachers with sufficient resources to achieve this 👍🗨️ .

What resources would teachers need to achieve differentiation? Clustering.

Put all students who demonstrate gifted behaviors in the same classroom.

Fill any remaining seats with Young Scholars.

Then, that teacher only has to do this 👍 .

This 👍 is achievable with the preparation time available.

This 👍🗨️ will overwhelm teachers and make them quit ACPS in greater numbers.

End of Civics Lesson.