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Annwyl Kirsty Williams

Ysgrifennaf yn dilyn y Ddadl a gynhaliwyd ar 4 Tachwedd i ystyried y ddwy ddeiseb ar ddysgu hanes Cymru a gyflwynwyd i sylw'r Senedd gan y Pwyllgor Deisebau. Derbyniodd alwadau'r deisebau hynny gefnogaeth eang a thrawsbleidiol gan Aelodau megis Siân Gwenllian, Delyth Jewell, Suzy Davies a Neil Hamilton, a oedd yn cytuno bod angen dynodi corff cyffredin o wybodaeth am hanes Cymru.

Gwnaed yr un argymhelliad gan y Pwyllgor Diwylliant, y Gymraeg a Chyfathrebu yn dilyn cynnal ymchwiliad ac ymgynghoriad trwyadl.

Byddai dynodi corff cyffredin o gynnwys sylfaenol yn sicrhau y bydd gan ddisgyblion Cymru ddealltwriaeth greiddiol o ddatblygiad y Cymry fel pobl dros y canrifoedd, a hynny mewn modd a fyddai'n caniatau digon o hyblygrwydd i athrawon lunio meysydd llafur a rhaglenni astudio fyddai'n adlewyrchu nodweddion lleol.

Croesawn y ffaith eich bod yn eich ymateb i'r Ddadl wedi pwysleisio, unwaith yn rhagor, bwysigrwydd astudio hanes Cymru, â hanes pobl o leiafrifoedd ethnig, o ran gwireddu uchelgais a bwriad y cwricwlwm newydd.

Yn wyneb y dystiolaeth o ddiffyg sylw cyfredol i'r agweddau hyn o hanes mewn llawer o ysgolion, mae'n briodol eich bod wedi penodi Dr Charlotte Williams i arwain gweithgor a fydd yn rhoi cyngor ac argymhellion ynghylch themâu sy'n ymwneud â chymunedau a phrofiadau pobl dduon, Asiaidd a lleiafrifoedd ethnig.

Er mwyn sicrhau cysondeb galwn arnoch, fel mater o fyrder, i sefydlu gweithgor tebyg yng nghyd-destun hanes Cymru, a fydd yn rhoi canllaw i ysgolion ar ffurf corff cyffredin o wybodaeth a chyngor ar ddysgu hanes Cymru yn effeithiol a llwyddiannus, ac i ystyried yr adnoddau y bydd eu hangen i gefnogi a chynorthwyo athrawon ac ysgolion.

Yn gywir,

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(Rceived via email)

Annwyl Eryl,

24 November 2020

Re Ymgyrch Hanes Cymru

Thank you sharing with us a copy of your letter to the Minister for Education, Kirsty Williams MS regarding the campaign for Welsh history in schools dated the 10 November 2020.

The Committee shares your interest in, and passion for this area of public policy. As you are aware the Committee undertook an extensive inquiry in this area during 2019 following a poll of the public held in 2018. Over 2,500 people took part in the poll, reflecting the significant public interest in this topic, and which has been further reaffirmed by the petition and the debate on 4 November, which you reference in your letter.

Since March the Committee's work has been largely focused on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on areas within its remit. The impact of the pandemic has been widespread and has meant that the Committee has had to balance and re-prioritise its work programme. This situation is likely to continue into the Spring 2021 term, and while it is difficult to be too definitive at this stage, we are hopeful that we will be able to at least seek an update from the Welsh Government on its progress in implementing the Committee's recommendations on teaching Welsh history as part of the Committee's general scrutiny work.

As things stand, Senedd elections will also take place in May 2021 and therefore Senedd committees are beginning to think now about Legacy work. While no firm decisions have yet been made there may also be opportunities to consider these issues as part of our Legacy work.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.