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Dear School Official:

I would like to introduce you to a children's book I recently published entitled Calvin Didn't Know.

Calvin Didn't Know addresses African-American History in a very engaging, non-combative, fun manner. As the reader becomes more involved in the story, he discovers interesting facts about day-to-day inventions of African-Americans. The book is designed as a reader for upper elementary and middle school students and includes biographical material, a list of patent information, and a short vocabulary section. Discussions with parents, students, and fellow educators reveal that Calvin Didn't Know addresses an arena where there is, unfortunately, a dearth of material. Outside of simple biographies and biographical material, there is precious little to be found.

I believe the story would be a perfect fit for upper elementary and middle school programs. The design of the story is such that all youth will be enriched, however the information contained is particularly appropriate for African-American youth. As these youth are exposed to more and more achievements of those like themselves, their aspirations and consequently their possibilities expand. It is only through this expansion that we can truly give our youth the opportunities that they so richly deserve.

I have included several documents that will serve to more fully explain the book to those who have not had the opportunity to read it. These documents include a press release issued upon the books release, an overview of a research based, reading unit plan developed for seamless incorporation into the classroom, and information regarding the unit plan's alignment to NCTE and IRA reading standards and 5th, 6th and 7th grade TEKS.

There is much more that I would like to share with you in this regard. If you would like to reach me, I can be reached at the above addresses and number and I will follow up with a call to your office within the next two weeks.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

In the continued struggle for the salvation of our youth, I am ...

Stephen Randall