

**Subject:** Keith Ellison

**From:** Rachel Marshall Schoenfelder <rmarshallschoenfelder@rwps.org>

**Date:** 2/20/2025, 2:05 PM

**To:** Joshua Fuchs <jjfuchs@rwps.org>

**CC:** Bob Jaszczak <bjjaszczak@rwps.org>

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Rachel Marshall Schoenfelder



**Subject:** Re: Keith Ellison  
**From:** Bob Jaszczak <[bjaszczak@rwps.org](mailto:bjaszczak@rwps.org)>  
**Date:** 2/20/2025, 3:14 PM  
**To:** Rachel Marshall Schoenfelder <[rmarshallschoenfelder@rwps.org](mailto:rmarshallschoenfelder@rwps.org)>

Good afternoon Rachel.

On Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 2:05 PM Rachel Marshall Schoenfelder <[rmarshallschoenfelder@rwps.org](mailto:rmarshallschoenfelder@rwps.org)> wrote:

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Red Wing Public Schools  
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Red Wing, MN 55066

Phone: 651-385-4502  
Email: [bjaszczak@rwps.org](mailto:bjaszczak@rwps.org)



**Subject:** Speaker for next week  
**From:** Boelman Reed <boelman29@gmail.com>  
**Date:** 2/20/2025, 3:32 PM  
**To:** Joshua Fuchs <jjfuchs@rwps.org>

Josh,

I hope that you find that bringing in Keith Ellison as a speaker is the most indoctrinated thing you can do. This is appalling to say the least. Why not bring in someone that doesn't have a liberal agenda that you support? How about you bring in local African Americans to speak on Black History Month instead of pushing your agenda on our community through your personal beliefs. Sickening to say the least. I will also be emailing the school board.

Thanks for nothing

Reed.



Speaker

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**Date:** 2/20/2025, 3:38 PM

**To:** Bob Jaszczak <bjjaszczak@rwps.org>

Bob,

I hope that the email I just read that states Keith Ellison will be the guest speaker next week at is not true. Our school should not be a platform for Indoctrination from him. Why can't we bring in local African Americans to speak to our school about these topics and not someone who is here to push an agenda? I hope that this doesn't happen, [REDACTED]. I was also told that you were told by the school board that this is a bad Idea.

Thanks

Reed





**Subject:** Rep. Keith Ellison Accused Of Domestic Abuse By Former Girlfriend : NPR

**From:** Joseph Ellingson <jellingson55026@gmail.com>

**Date:** 2/20/2025, 6:01 PM

**To:** jjfuchs@rwps.org, jrbryant@rwps.org

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Sent from my iPhone



**Subject:** Fwd: Rep. Keith Ellison Accused Of Domestic Abuse By Former Girlfriend : NPR  
**From:** Jim Bryant <jrbryant@rwps.org>  
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**To:** Bob Jaszczak <bjjaszczak@rwps.org>

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**Date:** 2/20/2025, 8:36 PM

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**CC:** "l@lynnetorgerson.com" <l@lynnetorgerson.com>

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Lynne Torgerson  
Red Wing, Minnesota



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Joshua

I am forwarding an email to you.

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**To:** jmkoenig@rwps.org, tbjornstad@rwps.org, rmarshallschoenfelder@rwps.org, jrbryant@rwps.org, rjriester@rwps.org, jdtift@rwps.org, bjaszczak@rwps.org, kanderson@rwps.org

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Citizen

Rochester, Minnesota

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**From:** Terese Bjornstad <tbjornstad@rwps.org>  
**Date:** 2/20/2025, 11:59 PM  
**To:** Joshua Fuchs <jjfuchs@rwps.org>

I can't believe this. These crazies are coming out of the woodwork.

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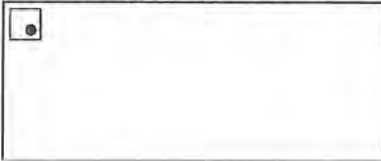
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Please let me know how I can support you.

## Jennifer Tift (she/her)

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**From:** Joshua Fuchs <jjfuchs@rwps.org>  
**Date:** 2/21/2025, 8:54 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Tift <jdtift@rwps.org>

It was only sent out to staff. So staff shared the information out to the public. It was shared with all staff, not just teachers.

**Joshua Fuchs**  
Principal Red Wing High School  
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The tone of this and the way she is talking about our students is VERY concerning to me. I would like to have an update on if there is anything we can do.

How does she have this information? (As inaccurate as it may be.)

This appears to be a group targeting school initiatives. It feels very much like what I experienced while making Covid decisions (threats and lies). I'm afraid it is only going to get worse, and we need to protect our kids.

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Rep from Pine Island. 😊

Terese Bjornstad  
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**Subject:** Student Safety

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**To:** Bob Jaszczak <bjaszczak@rwps.org>, Ryan Riester <rjriester@rwps.org>, Jeremy Koenig <jmkoenig@rwps.org>

Good morning!

I'm concerned about the letters we've recently received regarding Keith Ellison. One of the letters contained personal information about students. How do these people who aren't even from Red Wing have information to comment on our students? This is a breach of data privacy. We need to protect our students.

I believe AG Ellison is coming to talk to the kids about his journey to his current position. It's not a political speech. That would violate our school policy. I fully support bringing in speakers to inspire our students. Given the months of public comment asking for more black representation for our Black students, having a Black man of Mr. Ellison's stature speak is the right thing to do.

I am not planning to respond to these emails because they are from people who don't live in Red Wing. I do want to reiterate that I'm very concerned with the comments made about our students' gender identities that should be private. It feels very unsafe.

Thanks!

Terese Bjornstad  
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**Subject:** K. Ellison, et al

**From:** Vern Bunke <fthills@gmail.com>

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MN AG Keith Ellison's invitation should never have been offered, and now should be rescinded. Surely, there is one resident of Red Wing HS District that could speak to the public and present a heartfelt, respectful and hometown perspective of ALL Peoples regardless of color. Do you wish to slap your neighbors, friends and children in the face with this person's hateful words? There will be no honor in that for him, or for you, or for Red Wing. You will be no better than the Hamas terrorists. There is no greater good in this action to continue. UNINVITE Ellison.

Seek your forgiveness from the Lord God. If you're not a believer, read about Him in the Bible. You've heard of that?

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Respectfully but Adamantly Asked,

**Vern Bunke**

