

I need to take a brief pause to reflect on differences between men and women based on my personal experiences and observations when it comes to things that would be considered adversarial. This only applies to a small portion of the female population and not meant to be all encompassing. I am constantly being subjected to conflict between mothers of children with disabilities or disability specific groups.

It isn't enough to have separate agendas and move on but rather they fixate on finding ways to continue to attack and discredit each other, determined to prolong the animosity without any consideration to the impact it may have on any positive outcomes.

This single minded insatiable need for vengeance that never ends is the core of why there remains conflict between parents and school districts. It is such a frightening consuming hate that has become so prevalent and damaging to others and no amount of reasoning will change it.

As a man I will confront you share my thoughts and move on. Personally, I will retain my dislike of an individual but removing them from my life is enough and not wasting any more of my time dealing with that person seems to suffice.

I will not forget but do not pursue with the vengeance and single mindedness I have observed in mothers of children with disabilities. They will fight causes, individuals, and if all else fails turn on the person who was their best friend the day before with an unquenchable bloodlust. This wrath is transferrable to anyone who dares to challenge any agenda of a warrior mommy or mother bear defending her cub. Passing this on to generation after generation that the only way to achieve outcomes is to fight for them has created a toxic environment that is not in the best interest of anyone.

Seriously, this is so damaging to the outcomes sought after and is nothing but a self-serving need to vent anger without any consideration to the damage it is creating.

The fathers reading this are laughing at me and calling me a fool for intentionally drawing the ire from those they cringe in fear from but it needed to be said and here it is. I will not be bullied or intimidated for expressing my concerns over what others seem so willing to ignore. To put an end to the adversarial relationships between schools and parents this behavior needs to be openly acknowledged and addressed.

The fighting must stop. It is hurting the parent movement and harming children period. There must be zero tolerance for these displays of emotional outbursts. Despite the obvious reason behind the emotions it is not acceptable behavior. We would not condone it in any other arena yet justify it here. The next time you find yourself going to vent emotionally on someone take a deep breath, do a self-inventory and realize the one you are hurting the most is the one you profess to love unconditionally.

In reality it is clearly documented, non-emotional collaborative business that achieves the greatest outcomes and nothing else.