

FRIENDS OF LOWELL FOUNDATION STANDS WITH FILMMAKER ELI STEELE AGAINST BASELESS ATTACKS

The Friends of Lowell Foundation stands side by side with filmmaker Eli Steele and Man of Steele Productions over the latest controversy and attempts to censor the documentary *Killing America: Can The Nation's Schools Be Saved?* The allegations of copyright infringement by the *M-A Chronicle* against Man of Steele Productions, resulting in a YouTube DMCA takedown of the trailer, are over the use of a heavily processed two-second clip (from a nearly two-minute original distributed to multiple media outlets of a public event) and are completely devoid of merit. This is clearly an attempt to censor both the trailer and the film itself. This attempt will fail.

This attack speaks to the very issue that Dr. Diana Portnoy Blum points out — families don't feel they have a voice in our public education system anymore (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMwHHjdF5j4&t=382s>), and when a film is produced to highlight the factually incorrect ideology that is foisted upon our students (e.g., “According to the U.N., Israel is an illegal state”), that perpetrators of this ideology continue to silence families and their critical role in their public participation in our public schools.