

Anti-chemical advocate thanks Williamson school board for listening



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FRANKLIN — Familiar parent activist against chemicals used in Williamson County Schools, Daniela Kunz is again driving attention to the issue.

The Franklin resident spoke during public input at the county school board meeting Monday to tell them about a documentary screening at Carmike Thoroughbred Cinema of “Unacceptable Levels.”

Kunz through her organization Parents for Students Safety was able to facilitate the showing of the film last week, which explores the use of chemicals and how our children are born pre-polluted into this world with over 200 chemicals in their bodies. The film also discusses ways to protect and avoid such exposures to children.

Also at the screening, Dr. Karoly Mirnics, associate director for The Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Research on Education and Human Development, discussed the impact of chemicals on the developing brain and creating change in the marketplace. There were about 65 parents at the showing, Kunz said.

“The event sold out, but it would have been so much better if you could have been there too, since you are the community leaders that determine how chemically safe our students’ learning environment will be,” she told board members Monday.

Her organization plans to offer more events.

Kunz became a familiar face at county school board meetings last year when she fought for the removal of certain disinfectants at her son’s school to either be removed or used more carefully.

She has thanked school officials for their efforts to change practices.

