

Honesty Lunch & Learn

Addressing Political Violence How To Protect Honest Education & a Multiracial Democracy

Featuring: Over Zero



Welcome!

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Coalition

Nonpartisan, Statewide, Diverse Stakeholders

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Educate • Advocate • Build Community

Priorities Statehouse • State Board of Ed • Schools

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News, Info, Events, Programs, Organizing



Agenda

State of Education

Addressing Political Violence

Roundtable Discussion with Ohioans

Q&A

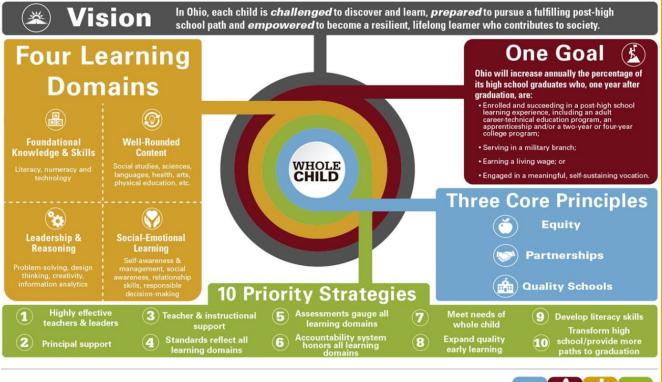
Coming Up...

Resources

State of Education

#EachChildOurFuture

In Ohio, each child is challenged, prepared and empowered.



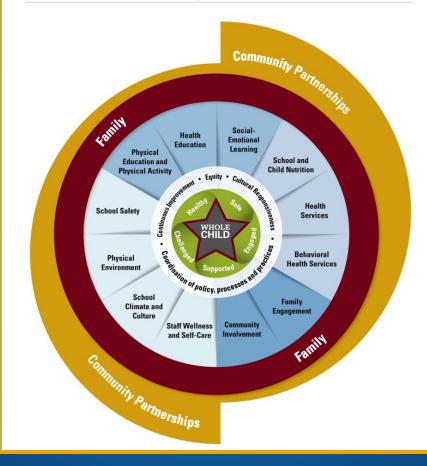
Ohio Strategic Plan For Education: 2019-2024

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Ohio's Whole Child Framework

A collaborative approach to learning and wellness





Statehouse

National extremist agenda imported into Ohio

GOALS

- Disrupt, dismantle, defund public education
- Create flight to privatized education
- Distract from REAL education issues
- Perpetuate othering, discrimination, hate

HOW

- Weaponize race, identity, faith
- Villainize educators, admin, board members
- Cast chilling effect on education

Pending Legislation

Academic Standards & Curricula

HB 103 - State overhaul of K12 Social Studies Standards **HB 171** - Multicultural K12 Social Studies Curricula **SB 83/HB 151** - Higher Ed Destruction Act

Staff, Conduct, Governance

HB 206 - Indefinite expulsion policy
HB 214 - Alignment of district values and staff values
HB 235 - Restructures State Board of Education
HB 240 - Chaplains as unlicensed school counselors
SB 162 - Academic Intervention Services
SB 168 - Education regulation reform

Anti-LGBTQ+

HB 8 - Don't Say Trans / Don't Say Gay censorship **HB 68** - Gender-affirming care and trans sports ban **HB 183** - School restroom & facilities ban **HB 245** - Drag show and gender expression ban



More on Legislation Tracker

Statehouse Updates

UPCOMING SESSIONS & HEARINGS

HB 68 - Bans gender-affirming care for minors and trans youth in school sports

- House session to override HB 68 veto on Wed, Jan 10, 2pm
- Governor Press Conference on Fri, Jan 5, 10:30am
 - Ohio must provide multidisciplinary team to support adults & minors, including mental health svcs
 - Healthcare providers must report de-identifying info about diagnosis & treatment
 - Signed EO banning gender-affirming surgery for minors
- Governor issued HB 68 veto on Dec 29 after House & Senate passage on Dec 13

HB 183 - Bans trans indiv from school restrooms and facilities

 Hearing for sub bill on Wed, Jan 10, 9am in House Higher Ed Comm

PREVIOUS

HB 8 - Don't Say Trans / Don't Say Gay / Forced outing of trans students

• All testimony hearing on Dec 12 in Senate Education Committee; 2 committee votes cancelled

SB 83 - Higher Education Destruction Act

• Passed out of House Higher Education Committee by 8-7 vote on Dec 6

HB 171 - Multicultural K12 Social Studies Curricula

• Proponent testimony hearing for 3 invited witnesses on Dec 12 in House Primary & Secondary Education Committee



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House Bill 68

STOP OVERRIDE of HB 68 VETO

Ohio House to vote on override of House Bill 68 veto on Jan 10.

Tell House Reps to STOP the veto override and protect trans rights in Ohio.

TAKE ACTION: honestyforohioeducation.org

TAKE ACTION

Contact House Speaker Jason Stephens urging him to stop the veto override vote

- P: 614-466-1366
- E: rep93@ohiohouse.gov

Contact YOUR House Rep urging them to reject House Bill 68 and vote NO on the veto override

• Find your legislator HERE



SBOE & DEW



State Board of Education

Next Meeting: Mon, Jan 8, 2024, 10am

- Welcome NEW State Superintendent Paul Craft, Buckeye Valley Local Schools Superintendent
- Ohio Assessment for Educators Annual
 Data Review

Dept of Education & Workforce

Next Meeting: Thurs, Jan 18, 8am

NEW: Stephen Dackin, DEW Director

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Meetings held at DEW Building, 25 S Front St, Columbus Watch LIVE & archived meetings on The Ohio Channel

Honesty Welcomes

Samantha Owens (she/her)

Director of Programs Over Zero



Addressing Political Violence

TO PROTECT HONEST EDUCATION AND A MULTIRACIAL DEMOCRACY

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What is political violence?



Violence aimed at political ends: controlling or changing who benefits from and participates fully in political, economic, and sociocultural life.

Includes harassment, threats, intimidation, and violence.

TACTICS THAT PAVE THE WAY





Impacts of Political Violence

Beyond its immediate impacts, political violence has a "chilling" effect on society.



- Changes who feels safe participating in public life
- Decreases public participation in democracy, particularly among targeted groups
- Changes key institutions



- Justifies and normalizes violence as "protection" & revenge
- Justifies and normalizes state violence, crackdowns, and power consolidation
- Bolsters fame and increases recruitment of violent groups



It is not enough to address the violence. We must also address its impact and the narratives that make it more likely to occur.



Strategies for Responding to Political Violence

Strategies for Counteracting the Impacts of Political Violence



Turn down the temperature

Build a broader "we"

Set positive norms



Turning Down the Temperature

- Deny extremists and violent groups free publicity
- Keep people informed
- Be specific
- Reaffirm agency and foster positive collective action
- Make the community the "main character" of the story



Build a Broader "We"

- Appeal to overarching identities
- Appeal to "crosscutting" identities
- Build new identities based on things that matter to people
- Tie identities to values





Set Positive Norms

- Proactively set positive norms
- Engage "norm referents"
- Reaffirm norms in the face of trigger events
- Correct norm misperceptions
- · Be mindful not to signal a negative norm



Panel Moderator

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Nick Zingarelli Parent Advocate

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Statehouse - One Capital Square, Columbus

- HB 183 Sub Bill Hearing: Wed, Jan 10, 9am
- House Session: Wed, Jan 10, 2 pm
- Senate Session: Wed, Jan 24, 1:30 pm

State Board of Education: Monthly Meeting

• Mon, Jan 8, 10 am - 25 S. Front St, Columbus

Department of Education & Workforce: Bi-Monthly Meeting

• Thurs, Jan 18, 8am - 25 S. Front St, Columbus

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- Election Info HERE
- School Board Election Resources HERE

State of Education

- Track Actions Across US K-12 | CRT | HE | LGBTQ+
- Roots of Critical Race Theory Campaign HERE

Statehouse

- Honesty Legislation Tracker HERE
- Ohio Legislature Site HERE

State Board of Education

- Each Child Our Future Strategic Plan HERE
- Whole Child Framework HERE
- Education Resources HERE
- Anti-LGBTQ+ Resolution HERE
- Anti-Racism and Equity Resolution HERE
- Gerrymandering SBOE Districts HERE

Local Schools

- 2022 KIDS COUNT Data Book HERE
- 2022 KIDS COUNT Ohio Data Profile HERE
- Finding Unity and Common Ground HERE
- ACLU Ohio Student Rights Handbook HERE

Thank You

