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Honesty Lunch & Learn

Education Matters in Ohio

Reporter Roundtable
Welcome!

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We Are

Coalition
Nonpartisan, Statewide, Diverse Stakeholders

Pillars
Educate • Advocate • Build Community

Priorities
Statehouse • State Board of Ed • Schools

Resources
News, Info, Events, Programs, Organizing
State of Education

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Coming Up...

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

Vision
In Ohio, each child is challenged to discover and learn, prepared to pursue a fulfilling post-high school path and empowered to become a resilient, lifelong learner who contributes to society.

Four Learning Domains
- Foundational Knowledge & Skills: Literacy, numeracy and technology
- Well-Rounded Content: Social studies, sciences, languages, health, arts, physical education, etc.
- Leadership & Reasoning: Problem-solving, design thinking, creativity, information analytics
- Social-Emotional Learning: Self-awareness & management, social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision-making

Whole Child

One Goal
Ohio will increase annually the percentage of its high school graduates who, one year after graduation, are:
- Enrolled and succeeding in a post-high school learning experience, including an adult career/technical education program, an apprenticeship and/or a two-year or four-year college program;
- Serving in a military branch;
- Earning a living wage; or
- Engaged in a meaningful, self-sustaining vocation.

Three Core Principles
- Equity
- Partnerships
- Quality Schools

10 Priority Strategies
1. Highly effective teachers & leaders
2. Principal support
3. Teacher & instructional support
4. Standards reflect all learning domains
5. Assessments gauge all learning domains
6. Accountability system honors all learning domains
7. Meet needs of whole child
8. Expand quality early learning
9. Develop literacy skills
10. Transform high school/provide more paths to graduation

Ohio Strategic Plan For Education: 2019-2024
Ohio's Whole Child Framework
A collaborative approach to learning and wellness
Classroom Censorship
Anti-CRT
Teacher Shortage
State Takeover
Unlicensed Educators
Racism
Anti-CRT
Christian Nationalism
Hate Groups
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STATEHOUSE

National extremist agenda imported into Ohio

GOAL:
- 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 and staff
- Cast chilling effect on education
- Pass extremist legislation

More on Legislation Tracker

2024-25 State Budget
- SB 1 - State Takeover of Public Education
- SB 11 - Universal Vouchers
- SB 117 - Partisan Thought Centers at 5 universities

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 214 - Alignment of district values and staff values
- HB 240 - Chaplains as unlicensed school counselors
- HB 206 - Indefinite expulsion policy
- HB 235 - Restructure State Board of Education
- SB 162 - Education reform and de-regulation

Anti-LGBTQ+
- HB 8 - Forced outing of students
- HB 68 - Gender-affirming care and sports ban
- HB 183 - School restroom & facilities ban
- HB 245 - Drag show and gender expression ban

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Lawsuit to STOP State Takeover of Public Education

- UPDATE: On Oct 20, county magistrate denied a preliminary injunction; DEW is moving forward, Jessica Voltolini appointed to serve as interim director
- Background
  - Lawsuit was filed on Sept 19 by 7 members of SBOE, Democracy Forward, and Ulmer and Berne; suit was later amended and reduced to 4 plaintiffs: Dr. Christina Collins, Michelle Newman, Stephanie Eichner, Toledo Public Schools
  - Judge granted and extended a 2-week temporary restraining order

Next SBOE Meeting - November 14

- UPDATE: 2-day meeting is now 1-day meeting
- Will receive an update on the state superintendent search

Learn more at State Takeover
Local Schools

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Early Vote: Fri 7:30am-7:30pm, Sat 8am-4pm, Sun 1pm-5pm
Mail-In: Postmark ballots by Mon
Drop-Off: Now thru Tues 7:30pm
Polls: Open on Tues 7:30am-7:30pm

School Board Election Resources at honestyforohioeducation.org
- Candidate Research Guide
- Candidate List with Endorsements
- Voting and Election Info

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Megan Henry
Ohio Capital Journal

Ken Schneck
The Buckeye Flame

Howard Wilkinson
WVXU
Cincinnati Public Radio
Coming Up...

State Board of Education - Monthly Meeting
November 14 | 25. S Front St, Columbus, or watch on The Ohio Channel

Ohio Statehouse - Scheduled Weekly
House and Senate Education Committee Hearings | 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, or watch on The Ohio Channel

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- 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

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- 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
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