

NEBRASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTIFICATION AND AGENDA

- Meeting Date:** Friday, December 3, 2021 9:00 AM
- Meeting Title:** State Board of Education Meeting Notification and Agenda
- Location:** The Graduate
Scarlet Ballroom
141 N 9th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
- Web Streaming:** Live web streaming will be available through the State Board of Education website: www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/
- Agenda:** Except for emergency items added at the time of the meeting, the agenda will not be changed less than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting and any changes will be immediately posted on the website. The Board will attempt to adhere to the sequence of the published agenda, but reserves the right to adjust the order of items if necessary and may elect to take action on any of the items listed.
- Interpreter:** If you need interpreter services or other reasonable accommodations, please contact the Nebraska Department of Education at (402) 471-5059 five (5) days prior to the meeting to coordinate arrangements.
- Website:** An electronic version of the agenda and support materials are available on the State Board of Education's Agenda page: www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/Agendas.html
- Lunch:** On Friday, December 3, 2021, if necessary, the State Board of Education may break for lunch at 12:00 p.m. The lunch will take place in Conference Room C at the State Office Building, Sixth Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Board may resume work on the agenda at approximately 1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
President Nickels
 1. Roll Call
President Nickels
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
President Nickels
 3. Announcement of the placement of the Open Meetings Act information
President Nickels
 4. COVID-19 Meeting Protocol
Commissioner Blomstedt

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Nickels

1. Public Comment

2. Written Public Comment

3. BREAK

4. Authorize the Commissioner to amend a contract with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFE) to extend staff partnership contracts until December 2024 (Item 5.3.A. pulled from Consent Agenda from 12/02/2021 meeting agenda).

Lane Carr

5. ADJOURNMENT

President Nickels

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, January 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at a location to be determined. As needed, a work session will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at a time to be determined.

The agenda contains a list of subjects known at the time of its distribution on November 24, 2021. A copy of the agenda reflecting any changes will be available for public inspection during the normal business hours in the Office of the Commissioner of Education and on the State Board of Education's Agenda

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Nebraska State Board of Education
Covid-19 Meeting Protocol

Meeting date/time: Thursday, December 2, 2021
Friday, December 3, 2021

Meeting location: The Graduate
Scarlet Ballroom
141 N. 9th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline and detail measures and protocols that seek to protect and ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the public in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. For the purposes of this protocol document, “attendee” shall mean any individual person who is attending the meeting, but not limited to: state board members, Nebraska Department of Education staff members, other State of Nebraska employees, hearing respondents, and members of the public.

Maximum attendance

Maximum attendance at the meeting is limited to the rated capacity of the meeting room. However in order to maintain physical distancing between individuals, the room will be setup with chairs spaced three (3) feet apart. Standing is not allowed in the meeting room. If the meeting room becomes full or crowded, members of the public may wait in the pre-function area.

Considerations for Attendees to Access Public Meetings

Attendees are asked to comply with the following directives:

- a. **Accessibility:** Members of the public are encouraged to maintain 3 feet of physical distancing between others when entering and exiting the room.
- b. **Masks:** Masks that cover the mouth and nose are recommended for all attendees. Individuals who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.
- c. **Hand sanitizer:** Use of hand sanitizer is strongly recommended upon entrance to the meeting room and after attendees touch their face, cough, or sneeze.
- d. **Physical distancing:** The meeting room will be arranged to ensure that all attendees are able to practice physical distancing with a space of at least three feet between individuals. Arranged chairs and tables are not to be moved. Attendees are encouraged to avoid shaking hands or making physical contact with other attendees.

e. **Personal questionnaire:** Attendees will be presented with the following questions on signage at the entrance to the meeting room and asked to self-identify responses of “Yes” or “No” to each question.

1. Are you experiencing, or experienced any of the following symptoms in the last 14 days?
 - i. Fever or chills
 - ii. Cough
 - iii. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - iv. Fatigue
 - v. Muscle or body aches
 - vi. Headache
 - vii. New loss of taste or smell
 - viii. Sore throat
 - ix. Congestion or runny nose
 - x. Nausea or vomiting
 - xi. Diarrhea
2. Have you been in physical contact with or in close proximity to anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
3. Have you traveled outside of the United States in the last 14 days?
4. Have you been in physical contact with or in close proximity to anyone who has traveled outside of the country, or who has been ill?
5. Do you have a temperature of greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit?

Should an attendee be able to identify a “Yes” response to any of these question, the Attendee should self-select to not enter the meeting room and leave the meeting venue.

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Identification

Please complete the following information to identify yourself. This information will appear with the text of your written public comment.

First name *

Nick

Last name *

Benes

City *

Norfolk

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

There is a limit of 750 words.

Written Comments *

There is a limit of 750 words (approximately 5000 characters with spaces.)

I am still concerned that the health sex education standards process appears to have been manipulated from the very beginning. How can I as a taxpayer and a parent of a current public school student trust the Nebraska Department of Education or the State School Board Members? I believe that the majority of Nebraskans overwhelmingly oppose development of these standards.

Signature

Please type your first and last name again. This will appear with your written comments and serves as your signature.

Signed,

First name *

Nick

Last name *

Benes

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First name *

Maris

Last name *

Bentley

City *

Plattsmouth

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I understand that the State Board of Education has formed an ad hoc committee to review the process involved in the writing of the health education/sex education standards because of the fiasco you created in the initial writing of these standards.

I wonder if all of you now realize how terrible and immorality-promoting these standards were and are? And that they were taken nearly verbatim from the Planned Parenthood allied organization called SIECUS (Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States)? And that you were duped by Deborah Neary and her accomplices to think that these standards are "evidence-based and age appropriate," when they are clearly not appropriate for children, and are based on "fake," biased research done by groups who have an agenda, a dog in this race?

I wonder if you will finally realize that Nebraska's parents and grandparents and teachers (of which I am all three) will not allow this issue and these despicable standards to be resurrected in any shape or form?

I wonder if you realize the deep distrust we now have of you, and of the Department of Education in general?

The fact that these standards actually made it into first draft form says quite a bit. It either shows your complicity and support for educational standards that are essentially grooming children for immoral, perverse, unhealthy sexual behavior, or it shows your ignorance about what goes on under your own noses. Which is it?

Either way, you look very bad to the majority of Nebraskans.

You should either publicly repent or resign.

Signature

Please type your first and last name again. This will appear with your written comments and serves as your signature.

Signed,

First name *

Maris

Last name *

Bentley

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First name *

pam

Last name *

mason

City *

kearney

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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i am greatly disturbed the direction of state board of education . esp when it comes to sexual and racial indoctrination. i beleive we need to start over with members who understand our values of God ,s values and promote a healing and learning environment and constitutional rights.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

pam

Last name *

mason

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First name *

Judy

Last name *

Rieken

City *

Clarks

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Dear board members,

I am writing out of concern for not only my grandchildren but all children. I am a Catholic, conservative who stands strong in my belief that children should not be taught sex education in schools. I was a freshman when I asked my mother how babies were made! She said if you're old enough to ask, you're old enough to know. This is a parent's responsibility. Every child develops differently and no one should know that child better than a parent. Parents should know what age is appropriate to tell their children about the 'birds and the bees'. Why is the government trying to push so many things such as CRT and sex ed? Can't children just be children? From my observation children from about 4th grade on up seem so stressed out these days. Stick with common courses as in the past. If there is a need to improve curriculum teach more courses on budgeting, money management, living within your means, etc. Race, gender, denomination, should not matter. EVERYONE was an equal. Why? Because that's what we were taught. If you broke that rule, you answered to your parents. And parents generally sided with the teachers. Many grads can not even count change back. Many have no desire to work. Get back to basics. Hard work, determination, responsibility and perseverance. Too many activities scheduled take away from family time.

Thank you,
Judy Rieken

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Judy

Last name *

Rieken

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First name *

Jean

Last name *

McGee

City *

Omaha

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I am writing to express my opposition to the new health standards being considered for implementation in the state of Nebraska. As a retired Nebraska educator, I am saddened when I see the basic core educational responsibilities of our public schools being watered down and new emphasis being placed in social issues instead. Unfortunately, I see an attempt to turn our K-12 schools into a bastion of the woke agenda, and a move to disregard parental responsibilities when dealing with issues of sex education and, even, the CRT push. I urge you to consider my concerns in your deliberations. Thank you.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Jean

Last name *

McGee

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First name *

Pamela

Last name *

Frecks

City *

Cambridge

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I continue to be amazed at the process taking place in the state of Nebraska to stifle freedom of speech. Each time I attempt to make the "voice of the people" heard there are more "rules or restrictions". You know the beliefs and desires of Nebraskans on this issue. Scrap the sex standards! They are an abomination!

Signature

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Signed,**First name ***

Pamela

Last name *

Frecks

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First name *

Penny

Last name *

Zauha

City *

Norfolk

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Please vote no to the CRT agenda being for ed on our schools. This is a personal preference that should be taught in the home only not in a public forum. Government is getting to involved in our personal lives not allowing us to make the best influence and choice for our families. School boards are working for the people not their own personal choice and agendas.

Signature

Please type your first and last name again. This will appear with your written comments and serves as your signature.

Signed,**First name ***

Penny

Last name *

Zauga

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First name *

Angie

Last name *

Palmer

City *

Elm Creek

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I am against comprehensive sex education or any sex ed that teaches LGBTQ+. This has no place in tax funded education. I am also against critical race theory or any other philosophies that label one race racist and other races as oppressed. History of slavery does not mean people today are racist. I also believe that our commissioner needs to be fired as well as any other NDE employee that pushed these policies. Those on the State Board need to resign as they were purposely dishonest to the voters of this state.

Signature

Please type your first and last name again. This will appear with your written comments and serves as your signature.

Signed,**First name ***

Angie

Last name *

Palmer

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First name *

Mark

Last name *

Schanbacher

City *

Kearney

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I reviewed some of the resources suggested for Equity and Anti-racism. Once again, it seems as though the prevailing message is one that differentiates on the basis of skin color and pits one race against another. While one of the contributors, Dr. Tatum, does in passing, acknowledge the importance recognizing individuality, the primary message is that a system of white superiority exists and that white people are inherently racists. This "educational" directive does far more harm than good and should have no place in a school curriculum. Adopt the approach that each child is a precious, unique gift from God worthy of respect regardless of race or ethnicity and you will significantly aid in the healing of our fractured society.

Signature

Please type your first and last name again. This will appear with your written comments and serves as your signature.

Signed,

First name *

Mark

Last name *

Schanbacher

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Identification

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First name *

Kathy

Last name *

Peter

City *

O'Neill

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I am writing again to ask you to get rid of anything that has to do with equity and racism. Children are being used as pawns with no regard to their physiological or psychological welfare. It seems as if those in higher positions who should be helping children are using them to promote their own agendas whereby throwing the children under the bus. Where is your compassion and sense of right and wrong?? Where is your love of God and his word where it says to protect the children??? Please find it before it's too late!!

Signature

Please type your first and last name again. This will appear with your written comments and serves as your signature.

Signed,**First name ***

Kathy

Last name *

Peter

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Identification

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First name *

Kelly

Last name *

Robinson

City *

Bellevue

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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From what I've been reading and hearing, the health sex education standards process seems to have been manipulated from the very beginning. It is unethical to teach children so young about sex and gender identity. No wonder kids are so confused these days. How can we even trust the Nebraska Department of Education or the State School Board Members? You all should not be having teachers talk about that, it should be up to the PARENTS!

Anti-racism.... In school? Whatever happened to love one another regardless of skin color. Everyone is equal. You're teaching children to go against each other.

What about allowing parents into classrooms to see and hear what the teachers are teaching their children? Or give the parents an opportunity to take their kids out of the class when such subjects are being taught.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Kelly

Last name *

Robinson

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First name *

Valerie

Last name *

Karsjens

City *

Ogallala

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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The public has totally lost confidence in the Board and the Commissioner. All the lies, all the obfuscation, and the demonizing of any and everyone who "dared" to disagree has removed all trust and respect necessary for the public to ever trust any decision you make.

Are there problems within the society that the school could help address as an adjuvant to parental authority? Yes. However, your solutions are on the same level as firebombing the house with the family still inside to get rid of a spider. Your righteous zeal or large donations blinded you to the damage that the teachings of Comprehensive Sexuality Education as presented in the 3Rs and by Deborah Neary's heroes, SIECUS, and to the absolute hatred and racism harmful to all races evident in Critical Race Theory. (Please don't make a fool of yourself or insult our intelligence by repeating "We are not teaching CRT" again.) Then when your group dissolved into shambles of finger pointing and admitting that none of you were paying any attention to the whole was laughable and pathetic. I will admit that you definitely have a disadvantage with Deborah Neary in your group, I can't imagine working with someone who is incapable of honesty about herself, her motives, or her methods and has almost a superhuman ability of ignoring facts and truth to the degree she has shown. Matt Blomstedt is on record as contradicting (lying) several times to what he knew and his part in the promotion of CRT. In fact, the joke going around social media is "How do you know Matt is lying? His mouth is open."

In short, there is no standard, no suggestion coming out of your membership that the majority of parents is going to respect. All of your reputations are ruined to the vast numbers of parents across Nebraska and our goals are centered on eliminating the Board and the Commissioner positions, if that fails then removing each of you through the vote, and above all to monitor and attend local school boards to make sure each and every one of them rejects all suggestions coming out of your office.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Valerie

Last name *

Karsjens

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Identification

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First name *

Mike

Last name *

Anderson

City *

Ashland

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Our schools need to focus on teaching our children reading, writing, arithmetic, and the History of our Country. The schools need to stay out of the arena of Sex Education and having anything to do with promoting racism within our community. We are one Nation under God so let's teach our children about how we received these freedoms we enjoy in this Country so that we can maintain them in the generations ahead.

Signature

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Signed,**First name ***

Mike

Last name *

Anderson

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First name *

Kim

Last name *

Johnson

City *

McCook

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I am still extremely concerned. The health sex education standards process appears to have been manipulated from the very beginning. An ad hoc committee has been created to work on process development for future health sex education standards. How can we trust the Nebraska Department of Education or the State School Board Members? The majority of Nebraskans overwhelmingly oppose development of these unnecessary standards. Equity and Anti-Racism resources are still being promoted by the Nebraska Department of Education. You are not representing Nebraska. You are representing only a very small minority. You made a commitment to do the right thing and abide by the majority.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Kim

Last name *

Johnson

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First name *

Holli

Last name *

Schiffers

City *

Plattsmouth

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I oppose all attempts by the NSBE to indoctrinate our children with racist propaganda. Terms like "equity" and "anti-racism" are disingenuous and meant to divide. We don't need further division.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Holli

Last name *

Schiffers

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First name *

Cheryl

Last name *

Zoucha

City *

Columbus

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Why is there continual promotion of this idea of 'racism'? I recently reviewed some of the resources on the NDE website (Courageous Conversations Resource). At first glance, these resources appear to be valuable, but as you begin to look at some of them more deeply, there is a theme that emerges - we are a racist people, and social classes create this 'racism.' These are Marxist ideas, and we as Nebraskans do NOT want these ideas infiltrating our schools. This was so obvious last spring when so many Nebraskans came together to fight the proposed health standards. Why are these ideas continuing to penetrate into our schools? Nebraskans are saying NO! Although there may be some who are racist, the truth of the matter is most Nebraskans are NOT racist, nor accept racist ideas. We believe in the right of EVERYONE to work to achieve their goals. Nebraskans resoundly are saying "stop this nonsense."

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Cheryl

Last name *

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First name *

Jared

Last name *

DeWispelare

City *

David City

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Please educate our children with core moral fundamentals. Lumping them all into the same way of thinking in a public school setting is unfair. Children come from different family structures, religious affiliations and beliefs that guide them through life. Parents ultimately have final say in many of the "suggested education platforms" whereby liberal rhetoric, CRT theories/"diversity" and gender identification is being portrayed as "CORRECT" by the public school system. Please stop and focus on right and wrong and that having differing opinions is "ok" and life goes on.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Jared

Last name *

DeWispelare

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First name *

Lora

Last name *

Rice

City *

Chapman

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I continue to watch the agenda of the Nebraska State Board of Education and with due respect, I am quite disappointed that the board continues to push the CSE and CRT standards even though they were overwhelmingly opposed by Nebraska parents and voters! I have completely lost faith in the honesty and integrity of the board as they deny parents the right to have a say in what their children should be taught. You are elected board members which means that you are to do what the majority of the people want! It seems you have forgotten this. Our children are precious and valued. They are not a social experiment. My own personal fear in this is that I have immediate family who will be hurt by your continued push of CRT! My grandchildren will look up into the faces of their mother and father and see color and divisiveness! Why do you continue to pick at the scab of racism? It can only be for your own personal monetary gain and THAT is exactly what our founding fathers did not want.
Step back from CSE/CRT or step away from the Nebraska State Board of Education!

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Lora

Last name *

Rice

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First name *

Shelly

Last name *

Benshoof

City *

Bellevue

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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As both a mother and a pediatric psychologist I am strongly opposed to the introduction of CRT and CSE into our schools in Nebraska.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Shelly

Last name *

Benshoof

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First name *

Marlene

Last name *

Schmidt

City *

Grand Island

State *

ne

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I believe that our education that you want to include in the education of our young vulnerable children is so wrong. Why are you being the devil working at their minds. Consider the ramifications that will happen if you pursue this . Parents have the right to say no to this and I will continue to support the effort to make sure it is addressed at the local level and state.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Marlene

Last name *

Schmidt

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First name *

Tami

Last name *

Kaiser

City *

Lincoln

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Nebraska State Board Members:

Until you rid yourself of the cancer within your ranks (Neary) no one will trust what you say or do. There are other members that need to open their eyes to what the parents and public have decided.

You should listen to all of the educated professionals (many more than Neary shoved at you) and follow real science. Liberal ideology is not science.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Tami

Last name *

Kaiser

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First name *

Connie

Last name *

Jackson

City *

Lexington

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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As a retired teacher, I would vote for whatever situation is best for our students and teachers. Whomever will research how most Nebraskans feel about sex education and racism and all that. We pride ourselves in being a conservative state and want to stay that way. As a Christian, I know it's important to recognize how God made us and intended us to be. It's not ok, in my belief, to alter that or to give our young people a choice. It shouldn't even be mentioned. I don't really care what others do in private, but please don't throw it in my face or in the faces of my grandchildren. As far as racism, I live in Lexington, where we have 30 some language dialects represented in our schools and community and we seem to get along very well. I didn't even know that I could have a racism problem until the news started throwing it at us so sometimes, the less that's mentioned on these subjects the better. Kids and adults seem to take care of that amongst themselves. So much for my opinion. Take it or leave it but I know that I speak for many.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Connie

Last name *

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Identification

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First name *

Carla

Last name *

E Butler

City *

Lincoln

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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American life has fallen casualty to a massive disinformation campaign. We can speculate on how this has happened, and why it has continued, but the purpose of the inaugural White Coat Summit is to empower Americans to stop living in fear.

The dark powers keep pushing masks and forced vaccinations with the experimental CV19 jab. Who cares if half of Americans already have natural immunity, and the science says they don't need the experimental jab? Who cares if there are cures that the medical community is withholding? Who cares if they are killing people by withholding that treatment? Who cares that big Pharma, the FDA and CDC withheld proven scientific treatments to force people to have an experimental jab that allows Big Pharma to have insane profits for a so-called vaccine that now needs a third booster shot? The vax is a scam, and they withheld real cures to sell a vax that was unneeded and is proven dangerous for many, but who cares?

I pray that you care.

International award-winning journalist and former Assistant Treasury Secretary Dr. Paul Craig Roberts says the evidence is clear Covid vaccines are not safe and effective. Dr. Roberts says, "So, why the push for overriding everyone's civil rights to vaccinate when you have information it doesn't protect. It doesn't reduce infections, and we have all these cases of illnesses caused by the vaccine. We also see Biden saying, quick, let's give it full approval. Why do they want to give it full approval? If they have to admit there are cures after all, they have to stop using the vaccine. This will affect the profits. This will affect all the inflated stock prices of the vaccine companies. They will all collapse. So, they are protecting the investment in the Covid deception."

Roberts also points out, "We have a government pushing forward with a policy that Pfizer's own internal documents show it is 120% erroneous. That is what needs to be explained. Why, when the information is now out, and not just on the internet, but in the presstitute media itself in the New York Times and in the Washington Post. We now know the vaccine (Pfizer) does quote, 'nothing to reduce the overall risk of death from Covid,' closed quote. The so-called 'breakthroughs' are concentrated among the vaccinated, not among the unvaccinated. Also, the vaccinated spread the virus as easily as the unvaccinated. This is in the internal (Pfizer) document that got out, and it's been in the New York Times and the Washington Post. It also says to proceed with vaccination is a huge serious mistake. It makes no sense. There are agendas that they kept secret. We know one of them is profit. One of them is control. Then the question remains, are there other darker agendas such as population control? Did they want a vaccine that makes women infertile? Did they want a vaccine that kills people in order to reduce population? We don't know. But given that they are pushing ahead to vaccinate the unvaccinated when they know for a fact it is going to do more harm than good, it gives a lot of credibility to the so-called conspiracy theories."

Dr. Roberts also points out, only a small number of the adverse vaccine reactions are reported. Roberts says for a more accurate number, multiply the 1.8 million European injuries and 18,000 to 20,000 deaths by a factor of 10. Roberts says, "You get 18 million injuries and 200,000 deaths in Europe. Do the same math in America, and you get a huge number, and that is only the United States and Europe. So, clearly, these potential numbers far exceed the exaggerated amount of Covid deaths. The fear generated this year of Covid makes people terrified, and it leads them to get the vaccine which has more deaths

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Carla

Last name *

Butler

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First name *

Lin

Last name *

Jurgena

City *

Lincoln

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I have yet to read how multiracial families will explain to their multiracial children why one parent is an oppressor and should be ashamed of themselves and their heritage and the other should be dedicated to making their spouse pay for all the misery they have suffered. Which side should the kids take? CRT is designed to divide human beings based on skin color, which no one has any control over. CRT's goal is to re-write history to make "whites" guilty of everything the black population suffered. Blacks owned slaves, too. The Democratic party has done more to keep the black population enslaved more than any other group for years. I believe this is one of the main reasons for the push to re-write or suppress history.

The sex education being proposed is disgusting and has no place in our schools. The books in the school libraries about pedophilia, transgenders, gays etc., have no place there. These should be discussed at home at an appropriate age.

If you persist on bringing this all into public schools, I hope parents will remove their kids and find other educational opportunities and/or legally remove any promoting this from office.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Lin

Last name *

Jurgena

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Identification

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First name *

Sandra

Last name *

Rucilez

City *

Kearney

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Please, do the right thing and fight against this pedophilia & racism. If not, then resign and let people in that truly care about our children and their future, everyone's future.

Signature

Please type your first and last name again. This will appear with your written comments and serves as your signature.

Signed,

First name *

Sandra

Last name *

Rucilez

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Identification

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First name *

Colleen

Last name *

Corey

City *

Omaha

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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The health sex education standards process appears to have been manipulated from the very beginning. Progressive groups were invited to give input, but not conservative family oriented groups. Since you put the standards revisions on hold, I think you realize that the majority of Nebraskans overwhelmingly oppose development of these unnecessary standards. Controversial equity resources are still being promoted by the Nebraska Department of Education. This is true since I see it on your Department of Education site under a tab called: Courageous Conversations Resources. I am not saying that certain sensitive topics are not important to discuss, but they are meant to be discussed at home so that the children can learn their family's values and not the teachers or government values. The teachers have a hard enough job and you are losing so many teachers and will lose so many more if new standards are put into place. If a difficult question comes up in class, the teacher should instruct the student to ask an adult family member since they are trained to teach the academic subjects in class that they studied to teach and nothing else. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Colleen

Last name *

Corey

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First name *

Jim

Last name *

Phillippi

City *

Smithfield

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Financial equity (i.e. in a house or a business) is something EVERY child should be taught. Social equity, on the other hand, flies DIRECTLY in the face of right to self-determination and, as such, discriminates AGAINST those that social equity purports itself to benefit. It not only takes away the hard work if those who strive to achieve but also the dignity and self worth of those who think they will, in some way, benefit from it. The benefit it provides is temporary, fleeting and hollow. I urge the Board to STOP this madness as it strips ALL citizens of the journey of the pursuit of happiness and therefore of one of our most sacred God-given, Constitutionally guaranteed rights!! Thank you for listening.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Jim

Last name *

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Identification

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First name *

Anita

Last name *

Lindgren

City *

Stromsburg

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I am writing as a concerned grandparent in regards to the material that is being introduced to our children, and that most likely is already being used in our schools. The sexual content has no place in the school and should be the responsibility of the parents to teach their children about this sensitive material. As a grandparent, I am appalled at what is being proposed. Let the children remain innocent for as long as necessary. This whole CRT and sex education proposals need to stop now!

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Anita

Last name *

Lindgren

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Identification

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First name *

Gregory

Last name *

Brown

City *

Kearney

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

There is a limit of 750 words.

Written Comments *

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Dear members of the Nebraska State Board of Education,

I am concerned that you are using your positions to promote a liberal vision of social engineering on the public school students in our state, and by doing so you are devaluing the core concepts of education (meaning reading, writing, math, and science). There is no need for our schools to promote transgender ideology, consequence free sexual activity, or racism camouflaged as antiracist diatribe.

I encourage you to review the works of Abigail Shrier, Kara Dansky, and Lisa Littman regarding the social contagion of transgenderism in order to understand the harm that can occur when transgenderism is promoted as a lifestyle option to impressionable children. I also encourage you to review the works of Martin Luther King jr, Allen West, and Thomas Sowell to understand how the antiracist theories of Nikole Hannah Jones and Ibram X Kendi are regressive and actually promote racism.

Overall, I implore you to focus your efforts on promoting ideology free and politics free education in Nebraska, and focus on the fundamental educational needs of our children in the areas of reading, writing, science, and math.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Brown, Ph.D. FACSM

These are my own opinions, and do not reflect those of UNK.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Gregory

Last name *

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Identification

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First name *

Nolan

Last name *

Rathe

City *

Lincoln

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I am a born and raised Nebraskan. That is now terrified at the thought of raising a child here in Lincoln. Fortunately for my own upbringing, the small town public schools I attended were not overrun with the current ideology that seems to have infected our educational system. Teachers didn't express their political leanings, hindering the critical thinking skills of the children they were entrusted to mentor and guide. They helped children learn real life skills. And taught us that words mean things, and when used incorrectly can cause a lot of harm. And that knowing our history was paramount to maintaining our freedom so as not to repeat the folly of our predecessors. But now I hear ridiculous calls for reverse racism and guilt/shaming people because of their skin color as victims and oppressors. Many of the CRT and CSE ideas and concepts that the members of the current board are not only allowing but championing are absolutely appalling. Action is louder than words, and the behavior of some members toward concerned parents has made it clear they are not fit to be trusted with our young people. Though God may forgive you for breaking our trust and mismanaging our youth, we as the parents and tax paying citizens of this fine city, do not have to. Please resign.

Respectfully,

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Nolan

Last name *

Rathe

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Identification

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First name *

Linda

Last name *

Bryant

City *

Panama

State *

Ne

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I do not understand why a board of education would attempt to sexualize children in an already oversexualized society. Children should enjoy being children with age appropriate sex Ed coming from their parents. In middle school and high school some sex Ed is appropriate, but it is subjective for every situation.

The gender identity education and promotion has caused so much heartache and so many children to question their sexual identity that would have never happened had it not been a constant topic of discussion, esp. in schools.

The critical race theory debate seems to be more about focusing on the color of one's skin instead of one's character. As a teen who witnessed the civil rights movement and the progress over the decades to the triumph of a black man winning the majority of votes to become the U.S. president, this CRT movement seems divisive and racist. There is opportunity for economic and career advancement for people of all colors who are willing to take risks and work hard...the American way, the American dream. Right now, there is so much opportunity, but not enough willing workers.

Let our schools focus on learning how to budget money, how to build a business, what it takes to be successful, work ethic and treating everyone with respect and kindness, let's focus on those positive outcomes instead of creating more controversy and division...that's not what you were elected to do.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Linda

Last name *

Bryant

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Identification

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First name *

Elizabeth

Last name *

Davids

City *

LINCOLN

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Frustration and disappointment continue with the NDE Board, Deb Neery in particular, considering her praise of the NASB that wants to characterize concerned parents engaging with local school boards as domestic terrorists and her completely political and self-interested participation in seeking to sway the proposed "health" standards towards unacademic, unscientific, inappropriate predatory grooming of our students through SIECUS- and Planned Parenthood-derived ideologies. NDE needs to address the incredibly divisive teaching of Critical Race Theory in Nebraska schools as well, which seeks to divide people into categories without nuance and based on external factors only and not on experience or character. NDE should remove racist and disgusting books like "Not My Idea: a book about whiteness", "Every Day", "Everybody Sees the Ants", and "Far From the Tree". NDE is responsible for the shaping of young minds of ALL Nebraskan public school students and should not discriminate based on race, gender, etc, so that means all students should have equal respect and treatment - which is far from what we see for conservative and moderate families.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Elizabeth

Last name *

Davids

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Identification

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First name *

Barry

Last name *

Denning

City *

Central City

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Your previously proposed health education standards we now know were manipulated from the beginning. The majority of Nebraskans overwhelmingly oppose development of these unnecessary standards. Please SCRAP and TERMINATE any work on these standards.

Also, please quit pushing CRT, Equity, and Anti-Racism resources on your website. Nebraskans are against it.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Barry

Last name *

Denning

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First name *

Leslie

Last name *

Sikyta

City *

Ord

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I am concerned with what the Nebraska State Board tried to approve this past year with the Nebraska Health Standards. Please do not require schools in Nebraska to change their curriculum. Children should be left alone to grow up slowly and not be provoked by sexual education. It is the parents job to do the educating in that area not the state. They should not be taught explicit material that pushes them into being a candidate for sexual abuse as experts feel like it grooms them to be that with the standards that were previously proposed.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Leslie

Last name *

Sikyta

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First name *

Jairin

Last name *

Drevo

City *

Lincoln

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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We do not want sex education, of any kind, given to any children below 7th grade...let alone the twisted perversion of sex including gender identity/fluidity and sexual preferences!!! I am shocked I even have to write to ask you this?!?! How disappointing and ridiculous. This topic of sexuality is addressed in the family, and must remain that way. I will not send my children to public school if these are adopted in the state of Nebraska. We would protect our children from your grooming and your exploitation and your experiments. Let's stand for truth!! Let's support parents and family life and values!! We are the HEARTBEAT of the nation...and while they can forget the principles this country was founded upon, WE CANNOT. We remind. We stand. Critical Race Theory is a theory that DIVIDES. It pretends that skin color determines whether someone is oppressed or the oppressor. It treats non-white people as children that are helpless and needy. Rather than that they are capable, intelligent, and strong!! How twisted is that?! People who are trying to be anti-racist are actually racist!! Saying that because of skin color a person is a certain way!! Stand firm in the truth, Nebraska!! We have always been different. We have always lived a little closer to the earth and to community and to family values. Why would we change that now? When the pendulum swings and this all turns into legal issues...do you want to be sued for assaulting children and perverting their innocence, and for advocating for racist teachings in schools?!

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Jairin

Last name *

Drevo

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Identification

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First name *

Stephanie

Last name *

McLaughlin

City *

Columbus

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

There is a limit of 750 words.

Written Comments *

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The health sex education standards process is very upsetting. I overwhelmingly oppose development of these unnecessary standards.

Equity and Anti-Racism resources are still being promoted by the Nebraska Department of Education against public approval of parents. Sexuality education should be in the hands of parents and children should not be subjected to ideas that go against family beliefs.

Signature

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Signed,**First name ***

Stephanie

Last name *

McLaughlin

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Identification

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First name *

Sue

Last name *

Rikli

City *

Kearney

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

There is a limit of 750 words.

Written Comments *

There is a limit of 750 words (approximately 5000 characters with spaces.)

Please STOP the writing of the "health" standards. They have been grossly inappropriate in so many ways. Simply discontinue the project as it is now. You are venturing into areas that were never intended to be overseen by state or government education. Go back to improving basic education. Leave these extra areas out of your consideration; leave them to parents. I know you do not see how this can be appropriate, but I pray you will have discernment and gain wisdom to change your view on what is appropriate.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Sue

Last name *

Rikli

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Identification

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First name *

Jennifer

Last name *

Bredehoft

City *

Omaha

State *

Ne

Written Comment

There is a limit of 750 words.

Written Comments *

There is a limit of 750 words (approximately 5000 characters with spaces.)

Please remove Critical Race Theory and proposed sex education from our school systems. Children need to learn about math and grammar not neo Marxism. Our schools should be safe and children should not be exposed to concepts that challenge the law of nature, creation, and purpose for life. Simple teaching imparts a sense of security for children. Parents are tasked with training their children up with moral and spiritual values/wisdom. CRT & Sex Ed go against all natural laws of human dignity common respect & truth.

Signature

Please type your first and last name again. This will appear with your written comments and serves as your signature.

Signed,

First name *

Jen

Last name *

Bredehoft

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Identification

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First name *

Judy

Last name *

Hoxworth

City *

Scott

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

There is a limit of 750 words.

Written Comments *

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I live as far west as one can be, and I am a grandmother who is about to witness her great grandchildren enter the school system! I also have two children and three grandchildren working to teach these precious children in the current system! I fear for their hearts and minds as it is obvious the current boards from local to state do not have their best interest at heart! You have awakened a sleeping giant in that the grandparents now realize they must answer the call once again! We are well aware of where each of you stand and I am just writing today to remind each of you...WE ARE WATCHING!

Signature

Please type your first and last name again. This will appear with your written comments and serves as your signature.

Signed,

First name *

Judy

Last name *

Hoxworth

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Identification

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First name *

Cheryl

Last name *

Willis

City *

Kearney

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Over the past several months, we, the people of Nebraska, have watched the covers ripped off of what has been going on in the State Board of Education. This has brought out extensive questioning, but seems to be landing on deaf ears. We want the SBOE to STOP! We do not want you writing CSE & CRT into curriculum requirements for us and our children to be forced to learn with. It is vile and wrong. We do not need an ad hock committee appointed to review things and try to figure out how to better maneuver CRT & CSE into teachers' daily planners to deliver what we have already said we don't want in the thoughts and lives of our children. Our trust in your way is broken, and we find no need to keep the SBOE involved. We will show up at our local meetings to have our input placed where we can have a hands-on involved presence. Please get out of the writing of health curriculum standards. We have been asking this of the you, SBOE, since the revelation of your ways was came to light. Please listen and respond to this. You were not voted in to be dictators. And you certainly are not representing us or our voice with your ways presently.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Cheryl

Last name *

Willis

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First name *

John

Last name *

Carey

City *

Lincoln

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I appreciate the opportunity to speak to the Board. I am a Nebraskan and US citizen by birth. I am not in favor of (1) teaching re-imagined philosophy of fluid gender in our primary and secondary schools. This simply goes against the science. There are better ways of therapy to address confusion and disorientation rather than normalize all manifestations and behaviors. (really? Hormone treatments? U gotta be kidding) I challenge any board member to describe the list of 16 and ever expanding genders that your recent proposal would expect of our elementary students. (2) CRT/I is simply racist - white is not bad, the white identity does not need to be erased. Democracy has proven to be fluid. Racism has been addressed thru US history. And issues continue to improve. Critical race theory is rather critical of race. We helped pull our grand kids out of public school as result of this kind of philosophy bubbling up in the Lincoln Public Schools and I might add I've spoken to parents in the Lincoln Roman Catholic Diocese who are now home schooling as a result of these concerns in their educational system.

Higher Education is now promoting cancel culture - that's a problem! That's Marxist!

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

John

Last name *

Carey

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First name *

Cora Charlene

Last name *

Martin

City *

Broken Bow

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I am opposed to the health sex education standards content and the creation process which looks to have been manipulated from the start. I feel these standards are totally unnecessary and inappropriate. I am opposed to the Equity and Anti-Racism resources that are available and promoted by the Nebraska Department of Education. These are not standards or ideologies that I want taught to my grandchildren or their friends and peers. I am opposed to the Nebraska Board of Education in general due to the lack of openness regarding your agendas and the disregard you have shown to the many, many Nebraskans that disagree with your agenda.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Cora Charlene

Last name *

Martin

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First name *

Joan

Last name *

Davis

City *

Norfolk

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I have strong concern and oppose the action of NDE and their pushing for sex education standards, which will serve mainly to increase the sexualization of our children! The increased focus on gender and multiple genders, pronouns, types of sex to be had, etc., is confusing to kids and plays into the hands of pedophiles and will inadvertently open the door to more inappropriate incidents among our most vulnerable individuals! Dump the sex standards! We don't need them! They will only harm our children.

Also, I vehemently disagree with critical theory and Critical Race Theory types of education, that inadvertently pits races against each other! Martin Luther King Jr. Quote: "Judge a man not by the color of his skin, but by the content of his character." We can continue to be aware and try to destroy racism, but will never rid our world of racism entirely because we live in a perpetually broken world.

Critical Race Theory IDEOLOGY actually creates more division, and suspicion among us and basically blames the white race for racism. This is hogwash. In the meantime, I agree that we should treat each other with respect regardless of their skin color or socioeconomic status. None of us had a choice on which race we were born into. We don't need to apologize for actions of our ancestors. We can learn from their mistakes! Teaching "theories" (and they are just THEORIES) will create more hatred and havoc in our society. Please reconsider your stance on these issues.

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Signed,

First name *

Joan

Last name *

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First name *

Xan

Last name *

Barber

City *

Kearney

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I am concerned about these so called health sex education standards being proposed for our children. I am concerned about the way the NE department of Education is handling these for our children. I do not want outsiders deciding what our children and grandchildren are being taught. Parents need to be the primary source of information on these topics. Parents and concerned citizens in our own state and at the local levels need to be the ones to decide what our children will learn from the public schools. Schools are meant to teach subjects that prepare our children to live life successfully as citizens and workers. These standards are over reaching, taking time and energy away from what really matters, reading, math, science, etc.

Our children need to be taught our history clearly without the bias of Equity and Anti Race theories. The current CRT materials create division, prejudice and ill will, not unity and pride and compassion for each other. Teach our children the value of our constitution, our form of government constructively, not deconstructively. Build up! Don't tear down! Teach our children the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights and the Constitution. Teach the value of having checks and balances with our three branches of government.

Allow schools freedom to teach to their children without influences from special interests. Protect! Recognize and acknowledge the consequences of teaching sex ed material in these "standards"; standards that are demeaning to the human spirit given to each of by our maker. Remove books from libraries that promote deviant sexual behaviors and relationships. Please Protect our children!

My sister and I both encountered dad's Playboy magazines as children. We both had problems growing up and as adults with relationships and behaviors. WHAT you propose is 10 times worse. Please protect our children!

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Xan

Last name *

Barber

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First name *

Cyndi

Last name *

Hartman-Splear

City *

Lincoln

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Equity and Anti-Racism resources contain clear links to the CRT agenda protested by parents. While looking at the curriculum, lower grades seem non-specific yet still easily could encourage teachers towards Anti-Racism discussions.

High School Multiple Perspectives are indeed subject to CRT possible interaction and need parental involvement in materials used.

Most of the lessons are biased brought to the classrooms from major U.S. Universities.

Not much digging is needed to link criteria to ED.Gov.ies. That Institute of EDU Science is needing a close look at.

Criteria linked with "ERIC" has material linked to the Gates Foundation.

Full transparency has yet to be learned by this board. You must represent the parents fully and Honestly and leave your subjective criteria to yourself.

Do not continue to try and indoctrinate our children..

Thank you.

Cyndi Hartman-Splear Splear

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Cyndi

Last name *

Hartman- Splear

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First name *

Jeanne

Last name *

Greisen

City *

Lincoln

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I would like to express my disapproval of the health standards that are being discussed to implement into our schools. These standards are inappropriate to be taught to these kids. In addition, it is not the role of the education system to talk to kids about such things. This is the responsibility of the parents. In addition, the health sex education standards process appears to have been manipulated from the very beginning. Planned parenthood has no role in writing education standards for our children and they were allowed to influence these writings in a deceitful manner. How can we trust the Nebraska Department of Education or the State School Board Members? The majority of Nebraskans overwhelmingly oppose development of these unnecessary standards.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Jeanne

Last name *

Greisen

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First name *

Sherry

Last name *

Helman

City *

David City

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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As elected officials speak for the majority or the Dept of Ed should be abolished. Critical race theory, racism, multiple pronoun choices, sex manipulations of minors w/o parental consent are all a complete travesty, injustice for the developing minds and bodies. Keep the core principles in school and stay out of morals, ethics, and sex education! Shame on all who even consider CRT and all the other evils.

Signature

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Signed,**First name ***

Sherri

Last name *

Helman

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First name *

Darlene

Last name *

Howsden

City *

Lincoln

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I am very concerned with the direction of indoctrination that this state board is trying to do. If you don't see it as indoctrination you are being deceived and you need to rethink it. Our kids were given to the parents, not you, therefore you as a state board need to improve on the basics of what these kids need to succeed in life! I hear state scores are low, what are you doing to help these kids improve?

Focusing on critical race theory causes more racial strife, it does not help eliminate it. We are all made in Gods image so we need to focus on our sameness and not on our differences. Can these kids read? If not resources need to be used helping them to learn how. Math is logical thinking. Teach tools that they can use for a life time.

I also don't appreciate the porn curriculum. You DON'T need to TEACH it!!! There again when you focus on it you create a problem. You create curiosity that doesn't need to be there in elementary ages. All curriculum should be age-appropriate. Let them be kids, and maintain their innocence. Life gets hard enough. Teammates, mentors, better way to help them learn.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Darlene

Last name *

Howsden

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First name *

Catherine

Last name *

Frisch

City *

Newman Grove

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Please do not expose our children to these new unacceptable standards. They are too young to process this information and will only create more psychological damage than it is worth. Our schools are not a place for this! Children need to focus on the learning of English, Mathematics, and Science. If you really want to help children be more successful, they need basic life skills. Parents are responsible for any sexual content their children should learn at an age prior to 9th grade, not the school system!

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Catherine

Last name *

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First name *

Mary

Last name *

Nickel

City *

Cambridge

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Nebraska State Board of Education and Commissioner,

I am unable to attend the Dec 3 ,2021 SBOE meeting in Lincoln. I represent a small community in SW Nebraska. This is my 3 rd time I believe to address this board. I have been physically present for one of your meetings in June 2021.I have streamed all your prep and actual meetings each month and I have to say you never disappoint to amaze me on your lack of transparancy on what your board is trying to accomplish. You should be trying to the best of your ability to improve proficiency of Nebraska's children in public schools in areas such as math and reading which our scores are one of the lowest in the nation. But instead, your focus is on a bunch of health standards that are controversial and theories that are not proven. I am absolutely stunned by Deborah Neary's bold and brazen pride at what she did behind the Boards back to include activist input by emails. She has no shame! As a board you should reprimand her but no nothing! She doesnt sound too happy not to be included on the new committee. Jacqueline, I think you mean well but don't you all see that parents and citizens of Nebraska cannot ever trust this board again! Deborah's boasts of her activist friends as being scholars of medically proven sexual education is unbelievable. I am an educated registered nurse and I no way believe your facts on gender identity and transgender are supported by 90 % of Nebraska peditricians! Concentrate on our childrens proficiency in math,reading,science etc.

Sincerely Mary Nickel

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Mary

Last name *

Nickel

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Identification

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First name *

Amanda

Last name *

Ripley

City *

Lincoln

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Your lack of transparency when trying to push the health standards thru has been exposed. You do not have the children's best interests at heart. Teaching social emotional learning and anti racism material is not helping your cause. Leave politics out of the classroom. Due to the pandemic their are first graders who cannot spell simple words like need, how, and eat. We are almost to the end of the first semester and simple words are still beyond them. You need to focus your efforts on getting the kids caught up from two years of pandemic nightmare and move on. Regain our trust by leading the way in basic education, getting kids out of masks and back to a normal childhood

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Amanda

Last name *

Ripley

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First name *

Bruce

Last name *

Desautels

City *

Stratton

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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The Nebraska State Board of Education (NSBE) has forfeited the trust of Nebraska's parents and citizens. Board members were caught red-handed in their clandestine attempt to indoctrinate our children with the tenants of Marxist "Critical Theory," and entice them to accept a perverse understanding of human sexuality.

Despite denials, the language and underlying ideology of Critical Race Theory (CRT) and of Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) were identifiable throughout the proposed Health Sex Education Standards, drafts 1 and 2. More damning is the revealed history of official e-mail correspondence between Board members, LGBT activists and CRT promoters. These prove that a culture of deception exists within the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) and among the present members of NSBE. The dishonesty shown by Board members, who have obstinately pushed an agenda contrary to the expressed concerns of parents, demonstrates that these officials deserve not our trust. The totality of conversations with the aforementioned activist groups establishes beyond reasonable doubt that the NDE and NSBE hold a contemptuous attitude towards parents.

CRT is a construct that elevates subjective identity and emotionalism over objective reality and rational thought. It is designed to divide families, set children against parents, and reconstruct society into two camps: oppressors and the oppressed. Promoting tenets of CRT, while claiming the curriculum to be something other than CRT, is dishonest and subversive. Cryptic descriptors ("culturally responsive learning," "equity," "inclusivity," "diversity," "social-emotional learning") do not change its nature: it remains Critical Race Theory – a quasi-Marxist doctrine that substitutes "racial justice" and "gender identity" for class struggle. Does God define human sexuality, or does society? Are we to judge a person by their character, or by their skin color?

"Gender identity" is pseudo-science. Giving it credence invites a speedy descent into biological absurdities. "Gender fluidity" is a weapon against culture, a tool to muddy the truth with an ever-expanding litany of biological fictions, whose origins are psychological, the external expressions of mental disorder – not a biological reality to be championed as normal and beneficial. It is a tragic irony that rational creatures depose their true selves in deference to imagined identities; but we do the patient no favor by pretending their disorder is necessary to healthy self-esteem. Doing so is neither compassionate nor tolerant; it is the epitome of indifference, the very opposite of love.

Regrettably, by their obsession with the en vogue cultural wrecking balls of "equity," "inclusiveness," and "tolerance," the NDE and NSBE have come to exemplify indifference to objective reality. Despite the stated desire to create an atmosphere of inclusiveness and safety, their directives to advocate or implement "gender identity" and "racial equity" directives will: alienate as many parents as the policy is intended to console; endanger the safety of students and faculty, and; threaten the fundamental rights of both. Dividing Americans into oppressors and the oppressed is a sure-fire recipe for civil war and national suicide. No matter one's views, the end result of implementing such divisive policies is the destruction of individual lives, the corruption of society, and the non-realization of human potential. Forsaking objective reality and rational thought for subjective identity and emotionalism will end the American experiment in self-government – a reality NSBE members have either overlooked or ignored in their zeal to substitute ideology for education.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Bruce

Last name *

Desautels

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First name *

Janet

Last name *

Steffen

City *

Kearney

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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State Board of Education,

It saddens me that parents of Nebraska are having to spend their time and energy fighting a disgraceful topic of sex education and critical race theory in our public schools. There is nothing right about this and I hope that you will take a sincere look within your self and examine why you are doing this and for who.

It is not your right or a privilege that you have been given to abuse our children with this propaganda. I ask you to stop with this CRT and sex education and focus on what it takes to make the kids of Nebraska the brightest and smartest in our nation.

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Signed,

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First name *

Dwane

Last name *

Rauscher

City *

Lincoln

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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No to Health Sex Education Standards , Equity and Anti-Racism Resources, Social Emotional Learning or what ever you are trying disguise it as should be stopped now. Education of these subjects should not be taught by State Government. My tax dollars are not paid for this training. Education by your department is not improving on the current math , reading , etc. Where are the standards for math. Please turn and refocus. Thank You

Signature

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Signed,**First name ***

Deane

Last name *

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First name *

Sarah

Last name *

Fryda

City *

Lincoln

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I'm writing to express my disappointment in the Nebraska State Board of Education. The proposed health standards exposed their corruption and incompetency. Upon watching and listening to several NSBE board meetings, it has become clear that the board aims to promote partisan ideologies over the educational success of Nebraska's children.

A study by the Brookings Institute states that following 3 simple rules can help children avoid living in poverty: finish high school, get a full-time job and wait until age 21 to get married and have children. The NSBE supports and pushes ideologies that are contrary to these rules, thus leading our children into poverty instead of empowering them to become successful.

First, while Critical Race Theory (CRT) may not technically be taught in Nebraska schools today, many of the same underlying principles are, based on the idea that systemic racism is prevalent in the education system. Our children are learning about diversity, equity, inclusion, social-emotional learning, and implicit bias, but only through a narrow lens. Through this lens, diversity of thought, equal opportunity, inclusion of all races (including those with white skin), and implicit bias of those with non-white skin are NOT ideas that are supported.

In my children's school district, Lincoln Public Schools, graduation rates (one of the key drivers of not living in poverty) have been declining since at least 2017 (available on the LPS website). Ironically, this is around the time when the principles of CRT started appearing in our children's elementary school classrooms, specifically during reading, humanities, and library. It is no surprise then, that Black and Hispanic graduation rates have been declining even more drastically during this time.

In my son's elementary school library, he can easily find any number of books on display supporting CRT principles, like "Woke Baby" by Mahogany L. Browne, a book recommended for children up to three years of age, while struggling to find materials that are appropriate for his reading level.

The idea that teaching the principles of CRT will empower people of color to succeed is actually doing the exact opposite. I urge you to imagine a learning environment that is a safe space, free of division and resentment, for children of all races, religions, income levels, and belief systems to be successful.

Regarding the health standards, I believe that abstinence should be emphasized over sexually explicit education promoting safe sex and STD transmission, again to ensure the future success of our children to avoid living in poverty. Further, teaching children that they can choose their own gender is false, not based in science, and a discussion that should be occurring in a child's home with their family. I realize that there are many children who do not have parental or family support available but perhaps that is something that can be handled on an as-needed basis, with parental consent. This should by no means be a health "standard" for all children to learn.

The NSBE should aim to do the most good for the most children. Standards relating to CRT principles and gender are not doing the most for the most children. A recent survey found that 90% of Nebraskans disagreed with the health standards proposed by the NSBE. Principles of CRT are clearly not supported by a majority of Nebraskans either, as evidenced by the voices gracing State and local Board of Education meetings. No topics that create such division and resentment among parents and children belong in our

schools. I hope that you will consider my opinions in making changes for the betterment of the education for all students and ensuring their future success.

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Signed,

First name *

Sarah

Last name *

Fryda

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First name *

Heather

Last name *

Russell, LIMHP, MSW

City *

Kearney

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Hello. My name is Heather Russell and I am a parent, licensed foster parent, licensed independent mental health practitioner and masters level social worker writing again to address major concerns with the current school board and any and all efforts that were made to incorporate comprehensive sex education, critical race theory and gender ideologies into our schools. Topics and methods to incorporate these societal constructs need to be stopped completely and our schools need to be cleansed of all surveys and other materials that already contain these harmful concepts. Throughout the summer and fall of 2021 overwhelming amounts of parents and professionals voiced their disapproval of CSE, CRT and promotion of gender ideologies (with very good reason due to the harm it would bring to children and our communities) only to be discredited and attempted to be silenced. I added my professional credentials only to remind that trained clinicians like myself and other professionals have explained paramount opposition to the proposed changes to the state standards; and like myself, continue to stand in total opposition. Actions by board members have clearly shown methodical deceit and manipulation. Trust has been lost and this is a huge problem. Due diligence needs to be done with proper investigation and follow through with replacements in positions to ensure trust-worthy candidates to serve the public with transparency and accountability. Changes in infrastructure and leadership need to be made so that parents can have the respect and control over the protection and education of their minor children that they are legally, morally, holistically responsible to and for. Sincerely, Heather

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Signed,

First name *

Heather

Last name *

Russell

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First name *

Karen

Last name *

Kropp

City *

Grand Island

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Greetings...

It is well known that your board cannot be trusted to lead a honest, genuine, democratic effort to direction for education in our state. Your reputations are ruined. Hiding behind policy to silence your audience only supports your image of sleaziness. People of Nebraska are on a mission to protect our kids.

Do better people!

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Signed,

First name *

Karen

Last name *

Kropp

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First name *

Anita

Last name *

Peterson

City *

Purdum

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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I would like to sincerely implore those who make the decisions on CSE to please understand that these issues of sexuality should not be taught by the school systems. Parents and guardians should be guiding their children on sexuality issues. Children don't always understand what is meant by being taught something like CSE and may misunderstand what the meaning of being taught this subject at all. Children do not need this confusing issue being taught to them. If they have questions on these issues, they can always ask their parents, and that is how it should be.

Children have open communication and dialogues with parents in this day and age. They do not need the public school system telling their school children about sexuality. Parents will openly visit with their children about what they need to know at the appropriate time. That comes at different times for different children. This should not be instituted by the public school system.

I have raised two children and have two grandchildren. Both were taught about sexuality at home and have open dialogue when the subject arises.

Thank-you for your time. Please discontinue the CSE and CRT agendas. They are not needed in the school system, and are in fact detrimental to the mental health of our children.

Sincerely, Anita Peterson

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Signed,

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Anita

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First name *

Judy

Last name *

Derr

City *

Amherst

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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Along with many, many neighbors, family, friends, community, we continue to voice our concern regarding the tabled proposed health standards. Unfortunately, the level of trust is at zero with the state board of education and NDE. We all are also very concerned about the apparent lack of accountability with board members, especially regarding the FOIA's and the revelations they revealed. These are questions and issues that must be fully addressed, in order for positive forward movement in our state and educational system. Transparency and accountability! Thank you.

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Signed,

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Judy

Last name *

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First name *

Robert

Last name *

Derr

City *

Amherst

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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The NDE and state school board of education must begin to honestly address all of the issues that have been raised and exposed in the last months. The lack of transparency and trust is something that has to be restored in order for the systems to work. What is the state board of education and NDE plan to do with board members who have been exposed by the recent FOIA's? Unfortunately, it is only too clear to observers that this board of education does not even trust each other. This has to be addressed!

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Signed,**First name ***

Robert

Last name *

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First name *

Ruth

Last name *

Beahm

City *

Minden

State *

68959

Written Comment

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I feel as a grandparent of 6 school age grandchildren, that the Department of Education is overreaching their authority in creating standards that most parents have issues with. Let parents have more control over what and how our children are taught and leave the moral sexual issues to the parents! And CRT is definitely racist - treat all humans as you want to be treated, regardless of skin color!

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Signed,

First name *

Ruth

Last name *

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First name *

Marni

Last name *

Hodgen

City *

Omaha

State *

Ne

Written Comment

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The implementation of CRT and CSE needs to be halted immediately. The tabled health standards are detrimental to our children. I know for a fact that books on these topics are on our elementary and high school library shelves. These books have no place near our kids, nor should any literature class have these kinds of books on students reading lists. Books like "Lawn Boy" for example.

Deb Neary needs to resign. She has lied, been proven a liar, and does not have our childrens best interest.

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Signed,

First name *

Marni

Last name *

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First name *

Heather

Last name *

Hall

City *

Roca

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I am writing in strong opposition of the Health Standards, which are completely unnecessary and harmful to our children. The role of public schools is to teach our children reading, writing, math, science, social studies, etc, not topics such as comprehensive sex education, critical race theory and social emotional learning. Parents are the primary educators and it should be left up to us if, when and how to introduce topics such as sex education. We send our children to school to learn how to think critically and problem solve, not to learn how they should feel and to think with their feelings (as SEL teaches them), or to learn about the different types of genders (there are only TWO, male and female!). In trying to implement these health standards, you are trying to usurp our role as parents. I am also calling for the resignation of each member of the State Board as well as Commissioner Matthew Blomstedt, as each and every one of you have lost my trust as a parent.

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Signed,

First name *

Heather

Last name *

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First name *

Vicki

Last name *

Ahrens

City *

Kearney

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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I continue to be concerned and shocked that CRT and CSE remain an issue in Nebraska. I believe, after seeing evidence, that these controversial teachings were formed underhandedly from the very beginning. I no longer trust our current Department of Education to do what is good for our students, today or in the future. CRT and CSE must be taken "off the table" forever. Our kids don't SEE skin color! Why make it an issue!? Why promote pornographic teachings to students and create more sexual abuse among kids, which damages the innocent for the rest of their lives!? It doesn't make sense to approve and promote either CRT or CSE! Both backslide progress already made over the past several decades and put our kids in harm's way.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Vicki

Last name *

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Identification

Please complete the following information to identify yourself. This information will appear with the text of your written public comment.

First name *

Amy

Last name *

Mayhew

City *

Grand Island

State *

NE

Written Comment

There is a limit of 750 words.

Written Comments *

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I ask that you drop any form of sex education standards for Nebraska children. These standards were written by those parties with an agenda. As an elected board, you have only been directed to write standards for the core subjects. Sex education is not one of those subjects. It's time to drop this agenda and focus on improving the education of Nebraska children.

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Amy

Last name *

Mayhew

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First name *

KIRBY

Last name *

WILSON

City *

KEARNEY

State *

NE

Written Comment

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Written Comments *

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To be read and entered into the public record.

Due to the outright dishonesty and deceit from Matthew Blomstedt and Deborah Neary and others in the NDE proven by the emails found in the FOIA requests, I am asking that no more board meetings be held until there is a vote by the board that they be removed from their positions. All confidence in their ability to represent the students in the great State of Nebraska has been lost and any continuance of their involvement in these proceedings will prove beyond any doubt that the entire State board of Education and Nebraska Department of Education needs to be dissolved and replaced by an entity that can be held responsible to the tax-paying citizens of this State.

Kirby L Wilson

Kearney, Ne. 68847

Signature

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Signed,

First name *

Kirby

Last name *

Wilson

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First name *

Lynn

Last name *

Weist

City *

Omaha

State *

NE

Written Comment

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The proposed health sex education standards developed by the NE Board of Education were tabled but not completely scrapped. My husband and I oppose these unnecessary standards as they violate the right of parents to properly educate their children on these matters. Discussion on gender identity, sexual practices and preferences are wholly inappropriate in the school setting and should be discussed by parents with their children. These proposed standards are aimed at sexualizing our children and indoctrinating them with ideologies that are counter to our values and our faith. The sex education component of the health standards should be removed permanently.

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Signed,

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Lynn

Last name *

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First name *

Barb

Last name *

Smith

City *

Lincoln

State *

NE

Written Comment

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State Board of Education & Commissioner Matt Blomstedt:

I'm going to make it short but not sweet. I oppose any additional state health standards related to sex education. The process was manipulated by at least one member of the board along with staff from the NE Department of Education. I don't trust your ad hoc committee and the "process" they are working on. As a retired Nebraska educator, I find it very disheartening to see what you are trying to do to manipulate what our children are learning. Absolutely no "traditional" values are being considered.

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First name *

Cheyne

Last name *

Lewis

City *

Broken Bow

State *

Nebraska

Written Comment

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On September's meeting, we had 33 individuals for the standards and over 70 testify opposed.

Several for the standards were high school students who skipped school and were brought there by teachers and special interest group organizers were also present that day. From what I remember, all children in attendance shared a consistent theme, aside from names and ideals of themselves they picked from the internet and the LGBTQIA+ community meant for individuals 18 years of age and over; they all had been subjected to some form of abuse and neglect in their childhood.

What I hope this board can see is that these children have already been failed by their families and communities; not necessarily their schools.

Because of our American freedoms, these children who have been so consistently raped, molested, neglected, and brutalized; actually are free to live and see themselves as they want; even if it's in a way that doesn't necessarily address their trauma.

They do have teachers that care about them and they are slowly reaching a place where they are able to heal and accept themselves.

However, the children in the meeting in September clearly have not made it yet, which I think speaks to how children with trauma are being handled in today's world.

With all the internet at their finger tips and finding friends who have been subjected to traumas similar to themselves; these children have clearly been denied proper trauma therapy and encouraged to fully engage in an ideal that hinges entirely in furthering the symptoms of their trauma rather than healing from it. They feel isolated, like the world is against them, and the farther than they get away from what they were before the abuse happened, the better.

Many of these children will pursue sex change operations before they have fully matured.

What's sad about that is that we already have a statistic that over 10% of transgenders regret their sex change operation.

That's not including those who regret living a homosexual lifestyle, engaged in general promiscuity and sexually risky behaviour or those who got sex change operation and can't bare the psychological pain to undo it through high school/college.

Broadening a lifestyle choice for children, that is clearly meant for mature adults to make, will only make this statistic go up.

And there is no school board, teacher, counselor, or public school system that will help these already abused and manipulated kids once they become apart of that statistic.

Kitty Demure is an iconic, beautiful drag queen who identifies as a gay man.

In Kitty's words, he believes that what he does with his life, is a lifestyle choice meant for adults.

He also believes that this hypersexualization of our children on the internet, what's being pushed in media, and what is being pushed in our schools; is wrong.

It doesn't help the LGBTQIA+ community and it furthers the ideal that they are pedophiles.

Kitty doesn't have children and he doesn't work directly with children and yet he is taking an unpopular opinion that has gotten his facebook account banned, his opinion censored/silenced, and has taken severe

blows to his fan base to protect children.

Kitty, as a full grown adult male and secure in his identity, beleives that pushing any hypersexualized lifestyle, whether hetero, homo, or otherwise; is wrong.

Helping kids protect themselves from sexually victimizing situations or helping them heal post trauma is not an LGBTQIA+ initiative and hypersexualization through these CSE standards should never be the cure.

We need to create something that actually helps children prevent and heal from sexual abuse, not encourage the symptoms.

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Signed,

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Cheyne

Last name *

Lewis

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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

DATE: November 18, 2021

TO: Matthew L. Blomstedt, Ph.D.
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Lane Carr
Administrator, Office of Policy & Strategic Initiatives

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Authorize the Commissioner to amend a contract with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation (NCFE) to extend staff partnership contracts until December 2024.

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the February 2021 Nebraska State Board Meeting, board members authorized the commissioner to enter into new contracts for staff augmentation in support of NDE project efforts. Part of this proposal included early literacy, early math, systems involved youth, and community engagement specialists. Since that time, the NDE has contracted with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, which successfully hired staff to serve in a dual capacity, serving the shared interests and furthering projects together. These four areas emerged as needs based on school data, and extensive outreach to stakeholders.

This authorization would allow the NDE to amend the contract with NCFE to extend these positions for the next three years, until December 2024, and include modest expenses such as travel and materials needed by each of the positions.

PROPOSED BOARD MEETING (MONTH/YEAR): November 2021

ESTIMATED COST: \$1,220,000 total over three years

FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS:

- Indicate the Funding Source: ESSER III (ARP)
- New or Renewal: Renewal
- If renewal, date of first approval: February 2021