



# Families Engaged for Effective Education

JOHNSON COUNTY

# Mission Statement:

Our mission is to educate parents, citizens, and lawmakers to the damage of the Texas Education Code via legislation that dilutes family values, quality of education and our Constitutional republic.

# Who Am I?

- Georgia Wright Head, married to Ben Head for 37 years.
- Daughter of CL and Maggie Wright
- Grew up in Joshua, TX
- Mother of 2 grown boys
- High school classroom teacher for 27 years in schools in Louisiana and Texas
- Parent and Teacher advocate with Families Engaged for Effective Education. A non-profit organization.

**TAX HIKE AHEAD**

**- NO -**

**232,000,000**



**"It's OK to Vote NO on BOND\$!"**

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# Defeating a Bond:

- Expose the truth relative to increased tax CAPACITY.
- A new bond is new debt and that means more taxes are required to pay off the debt over a longer span of time.
- New bonds often mean another 25-30 years of debt!
- Door knocking campaigns are the BEST way to defeat added debt associated with new bonds.
- Taxpayers are on the hook for more debt even when the tax rate does not increase!

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## Problems:

The government education system in Texas is failing students and families. Students are not receiving the quality education required by our state constitution. Empowering parents to help them understand their rights, and returning true local control of education to parents are among the top goals of Families Engaged for Effective Education.

Teaching parents how to use their God given rights to guide and direct their child's heart, mind, and soul are critically important today when state and federal legislation, school districts, and cultural norms are aimed at destroying parents' rights and family values. Our churches must return to their established place in our communities by engaging and subsidizing broken families in order to support educational assistance that will lead to long-lasting student success.

# Solutions:

- **EMPOWERING** parents by helping them understand their rights
- **RETURNING** true control of education to parents
- **TEACHING** parents how to use their rights to guide and direct their child's heart, mind, and soul
- **MODELING** behavior of family unity

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## Legislative Priorities:

- **REMOVE** technology in K-8 classrooms. Increase human interaction.
- **REPEAL** SB123 (87R), HB 1026 (86R), Ch. 120 Character Traits and SEL
- **REPEAL** HB1842 (84R) DOI–Districts of Innovation
- **REPEAL** SB11 (86R) Texas Child Mental Health Consortium & HB18 (86R) Mental Health Training.
- **END** Restorative Practices.
- **END** Taxpayer Funding of Nonprofits TASB, TASA, and Commit Partnership.
- **CREATE** Staff for SBOE Members and hold TEA accountable to SBOE!





# Technology

- Screen time amongst young children is shown to affect young children's development.

“A recent study by the National Institutes of Health has shown that children spending approximately 2 hours on screens have lower thinking/reasoning power and language processing ability. Moreover, the study has found that the brain area (cortex) responsible for reasoning and critical thinking becomes thinner in children who spend more than 7 hours on screens.”

-[www.newsmedical.net](http://www.newsmedical.net)

# How did we get here? Timeline (Texanswakeup.com)

- 2012 (Obama) FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act). Children's private data can be collected without consent in the name of "research".
- 2015 ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) replaced NCLB and rebranded CCSS (Common Core State Standards) as CCRS (College and Career Readiness)
- 2015 Texas lege passes HB1842 in 84(r) and Districts of Innovation appeared (uncertified teachers, exceed class sizes, manipulate attendance to prepare for virtual ed, etc.
- 2019 (Paul Ryan sponsor) Congress passed FEPA (Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act). Creates a Federal database containing data from every federal agency on every citizen
- 2019 Texas lege passed HB1026 which ushered in character trait education SEL (Social Emotional Learning)

# – What is Social Emotional Learning or Character Traits Education?

- CASEL (The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning) CASEL has defined social and emotional learning (SEL) as “...the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsive decisions.”
- Five Core Competencies:
  - 1. Self- Awareness
  - 2. Self-Management
  - 3. Social Awareness
  - 4. Relationship Skills
  - 5. Responsible Decision-Making

Let's LOOK at this a little more closely:





In 2020, CASEL changed the ideological character of SEL to align with Critical Race Theory (CRT). This has led to increased criticism and concern from parents.

SEL encourages schools to ask students sensitive questions about their moods, beliefs, family, culture, and sexuality. It promotes a holistic schema (whole child) through which children can comprehend their family and friend relationships. Some of these activities are similar to the practice of "therapy", which should be alarming.

## – SEL (continued)

- Some of the CASEL supporters are the Gates Foundation and the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (among others)
- Data elements for computer retrieval (surveys, ChromeBook logins, PASS survey)
- “SEL is a communist move by our government to take the place of the family and alter our children’s attitudes, value, and beliefs to align with the UN SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals).” -Jamie Haynes
- Marxist theory–”capitalism is seriously flawed, we all need to be socially equal”. SEL is based on this theory.
- In an interview found on YouTube (2016), Education Commissioner Morath is quoted as wanting to implement testing standards on “soft skills”, non-cognitive skills, and social skills. (Things like empathy, grit, determination, enthusiasm, perseverance, gratitude, and social intelligence).

**SEL is a psychological grooming mechanism used to open up our children to Marxism.**



## What's it like in your head today?



Dull



Foggy



Clear



Focused



Distracted



Racing

Anything you'd like to add?



- **Where will this SEL take us?**
- **Social credit score**
- **Data collection beginning at birth**
- **This data will follow you for your whole life**
- **Think about what happened with PayPal!**
- **Think about what happened with the Experian data breach**
- **Who gets to decide these things???**

**Buzz words to look for: “whole child”, “SEL”, “Social/emotional”, “trauma-informed strategies”**

- **What is a District of Innovation? DOI**
- **School districts can apply for this distinction**
- **District accountability rating must be C or above**
- **Process begins with either board resolution or a signed petition by majority of district-level advisory committee (hand picked by the district)**
- **Board conducts a “public hearing” at school board meeting within 30 days board decides to pursue or deny**
- **There are some prohibited exemptions**



## – What is a District of Innovation? DOI (cont'd)

- TEC (Texas Education Code) exemptions that DOI allows are things like educator certification, teacher contracts, first and last day of school, length of school day, class size, certain purchasing and contract requirements, and opt-in/opt-out of Sex Ed classes.
- Easy for districts to “abuse” TEC (not requiring parental permission for sex ed.)

## **What is TASB? Texas Association of School Boards**

- **Trains school boards to operate as a team. Groupthink.**
- **No representation of the people who elected them as their representatives.**
- **“Team of Eight” training. Trains boards to vote in unison and not dissent.**

**TASB and TASA (TX Assoc of School Administrators) are funded by taxpayers through ISD dues and then employ lobbyists to Austin to fight against taxpayer interest and parents' rights.**

**-Texas Scorecard**

**13-Texas House Representatives sent a letter to every School Board in the state encouraging them to “do the right thing for the taxpayers who entrust you with the stewardship of their hard-earned money and immediately leave TASB.”**

**This was over advice TASB gave districts about transgender schoolchildren and using restrooms of the opposite sex AND encouraging schools to use children’s preferred names and pronouns, even if the parents disproved.**

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## **TASB Services: MANY**

- **Board Books-electronic agendas and meeting information**
- **Worker's Comp insurance**

**These services can be obtained through other organizations and there ARE ISDs in the state choosing other options.**

**-[www.TASB.org](http://www.TASB.org)**

# How Can I Help?

## What can we do from here?

- See if your school district is using any of the SEL curriculum. (Rithm, Amplify, Panorama, PASS surveys, etc.) Do this by a PIR (Public Information Request) PASS=Pupil Attitudes to Self and School (anxiety, worry/fear, control, trauma, social anxiety)
- Write/Call your Representatives and Senators
- GO to your local School Board meetings-get active-let them know the community is watching them. Check and see if your board is a member of TASB.
- PIR the salary of your school superintendent. Check on the number of administrative/leadership positions relative to the number of teachers. How top-heavy is your district?