

## Resolution – Focus on Academic Subjects

**WHEREAS**, Texas Administrative Code Health Education TEKS Ch 115 and Character Traits TEKS Ch 120 both include student expectations that authorizes school districts to teach Social Emotional Learning.

- SEL is experimental.
- SEL changes the focus of education to attitudes, values, and beliefs and dilutes academic instruction.
- SEL requires discussion of private and personal matters that should be addressed by parents.
- SEL includes surveys and questionnaires that violate the federal Pupil Rights Protection Amendment.

**WHEREAS**, Texas should remove all nonacademic materials including but not limited to videos, surveys, curriculums, tests, graphics, teacher resources, books, magazines, audio, visual, electronic.

**WHEREAS**, Texas should uphold the PPRA Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment by requiring any and all surveys to be at the right of the parents' choice. Any and all surveys presented to a student, under the age of 18, is required to be presented to the parents 72 hours in advance. The parents must provide a written response approving that their child can participate in the survey.

**WHEREAS**, Texas should immediately discontinue and ban all surveys, evaluations and/or assessments as a school district is not equipped or required to assess a student for whom, as a result of disability or other condition identified by commissioner rule. Per the TEC §28.002 (a)(2)(C).

**WHEREAS**, Texas should mandate that any and all social emotional learning instruction and instructional materials to fulfill TAC 115 and 120 to be governed, overseen, and selected by the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) under TEC §29.906 (C) requiring that school district must consult with a committee that represents the whole of the community values.

**THEREFORE**, Texas GOP should adopt a platform plank to prohibit all non-academic subjects:

“Plank xxx. Non-Academic Subjects: We demand the State Legislature pass a law prohibiting the social emotional learning, health education, and any non-academic subject in any public school in any grade whatsoever, or disseminating or permitting the dissemination by any party of any material regarding the same. All school districts, individual schools, or charter schools are prohibited from contracting with or making any payment to any third party for material concerning any of the above topics. Until this prohibition goes into effect, all health education shall be recommended by the School Health Advisory Council to the district school board and voted on by the district school board. Texas should codify the PPRA into Texas law to protect the rights of parents, students and K-12 school officials applied to the programs of state education agency (SEA), local education agency (LEA), or other recipient of funds under any program funded by tax dollars. PPRA protects the administration of surveys analysis or evaluation that concerns political, mental, sexual, behavior, religious, income and critical appraisals. Before a student may be provided with social emotional learning, health education, any survey, or any non-academic subject, the district must obtain the written consent of the student's parent or guardian [Opt-In status].”

**THEREFORE**, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the \_\_\_\_\_ County/Senate District #\_\_\_\_\_ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct #\_\_\_\_\_ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the Republican Party of Texas.