

— TEXAS EAGLE FORUM —

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Dear Texas Eagles,

Praise God, America has turned away from the brink! The Left's nation-destroying agenda has been resoundingly rejected! We have been given a second chance to restore our Republic and make sanity popular again. It is clear that many silent Americans raised their voices on Nov. 5 through the ballot box. We hope and pray that this will not be the last time they use their voice - that they will never stand silent on the sidelines again, but join us in electing better people to office and holding them accountable to do the job right.

Now that we are in a place to restore our nation, the hard work begins. On the federal level, we can, at last, protect our nation from threats which seek to weaken our sovereignty, close the border, ditch the Department of Education, and purge woke policies from the federal bureaucracy via spending bills.

Closer to home, I hope the painful recollection of "what could have been" under a far-Left president will compel our own state legislators to put some bold protections against federal overreach into our laws.

I noted that President Biden, in his after-election statement, was quick to claim that this election showed that we can trust our elections. I wonder if he knew at the time that Kamala Harris only carried states that do not require voter ID.

Please know that TEF certainly does not believe that a favorable outcome in this election means we have nothing to worry about in regard to election integrity. We continue to want machines removed from our elections and replaced with proper watermarked, numbered, hand-marked ballots, and we will continue to work for better elections that protect and respect your vote.

As Texas Eagles, we can be bold and sure when we speak on an issue, but we always make sure we are basing our stance on facts. We never have to fight with someone who disagrees with us. We are standing for truth on the right side of an issue. We are not elected ourselves, but we have put someone in office to stand for us and we must ask them to do the right thing for our families, our children and grandchildren, our Texas, and our America. The more you know about issues, the better discussions you can have with others.

This month's *Torch* discusses the new Texas-owned curriculum, Bluebonnet Learning, which we believe is an important step in turning around public education in our state. My husband and I chose to live in a city with a below acceptable school district. We sacrificed to pay to send our boys to a classical Christian school. In 1998, tuition for first grade was \$3300. This year, the same school is charging over \$21,000. For so many families, private school and homeschool are simply out of the question. That is one reason why we took a very deep look at this new product in the hope that it can make a real difference for them.

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While I was pouring over Bluebonnet Learning materials, I found many similarities with what our children learned at their school, and I am thrilled that individual ISD's throughout Texas could have the opportunity to choose this valuable and enriching curriculum for their students. Texas has a moral obligation to offer excellent public education, so that all children, regardless of their family's economic status, can have the same advantages our children had.

But this will not happen without your help. Time is of the essence. We need everyone reading this letter to reach out to their State Board of Education district representative today and tell them to approve Bluebonnet Learning for Texas public schools!

As we enter into the Thanksgiving season, I want to share this Thanksgiving Prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer* with you.

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

From the TEF family to you, Happy Thanksgiving!

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindi Castilla".

Cindi Castilla
President
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