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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: CHANDLER SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

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Too many of our schools, with the backing of elected school boards, are working to purposely divide children by teaching them Critical Race Theory (CRT) concepts, like believing that the color of their skin is more important than the content of their character, and sexualizing them by presenting age-inappropriate sexual content.

Your local school board has the power to reverse these attacks and make sure our children have age-appropriate education materials. The power lies in your vote! Elections take place on November 8, 2022.

Core Responsibilities of a School Board:

- Approve curriculum and textbooks based on standards, goals, and policies adopted by the board.
- **Review and evaluate curriculum** as it relates to student assessment results.
- Hold accountable the superintendent of the school district.
- Create a responsible budget to advance the educational success of the students.
- **Provide transparency** to parents and community members on what is occurring in their local schools.

Concerning Content and Actions Allowed in the Chandler Unified School District (CUSD) by the Governing Board:

Below are examples of CRT, sexual material, and/or political indoctrination seen in the schools.

- CUSD has created a roadmap that will "examine all district operations through an equity lens," "implement culturally responsive instructional practices," and "host an annual Equity Symposium." In reality, equity and culturally responsive are just terms to disguise CRT.
- o In the summer of 2021, the "annual Equity Symposium" hosted sessions titled "Our World, Our Youth: Engaging Students in Social Justice Through Service Learning," "Addressing Implicit Bias for Student Excellence," and "Making Multicultural Texts Meaningful and Manageable."
- In May of 2021, the Board approved a mass purchase of new books for Arizona College Prep. High School. The <u>list of books</u> purchased includes titles like; Gender Queer, Transgender Activists and Celebrities, Beyond Male and Female: The Gender Identity Spectrum, Gender Fulfilled: Being Transgender, and many more books containing indoctrinating and sexualizing content.
- These types of policies are driven by elite, Washington D.C.-based national unions and associations who are out of touch with Arizona values. Instead, they push an agenda that denies parent rights, supports restrictive COVID-19 mandates, instigates racist curriculum and transgender policies, and even labels parents domestic terrorists.

Know Before You Go! These school board races are non-partisan elections, and voters also have the opportunity to pick two candidates instead of selecting just one. The America First Agenda aims to give parents more control of their child's education, education choice, and honest teaching of American history. You can research candidates and what they stand for by identifying keywords and phrases in their statements like "parental rights," "patriotic education," and "education or school choice." Also, be on the lookout for Washington D.C based union language like "institutional" racism," "social justice," "equity," and "gender identity." Understanding what a candidate stands for will help you make the best decision for your children and community. CLINST