

Written Testimony of Darbi Boddy
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Chairman Brenner, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking members of the Committee. My name is Darbi Boddy, and I am a Board Member for Protect Ohio Children. Protect Ohio Children Coalition is a state-wide grassroots volunteer organization dedicated to watching schools and school boards across Ohio. When schools take steps to bring indoctrination into Ohio schools through Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE), Critical Race Theory (CRT), and Social Emotional Learning (SEL), we will expose it.

Our organization is in favor of HB 8.

We believe parents have ultimate authority over their child and the fundamental right to make decisions concerning the upbringing, education, and care of the parent's child. It is unfortunate and deeply disturbing that we are having this conversation, and that people are fighting for the right to hide things from parents in the public education system. My question is, why would school districts be in favor of taking the authority away from parents in the first place?

The only reason to keep something from a parent and not be honest about their actions is if someone is doing something nefarious, they know would upset the parent. So, my second question is, what are staff and/or administrators doing to our children, that they feel the need to fight for the right to keep secrets from parents?

Secondly, I strongly believe that all parents should be notified of health services offered at or facilitated in cooperation with the student's school. Within that, I believe ORC 5122.04 "Outpatient services for minors without knowledge or consent of parent or guardian." <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-5122.04> should be repealed.

Again, why are we allowing a 14–17-year-old child to see a psychologist without parental knowledge or consent, at a time when parents are desperately needed to guide their child into adulthood and help them make decisions based on their family's belief system? But that's the purpose of the shenanigans, to separate the child from the parents' belief system so the public education system can indoctrinate and brainwash the child into believing their anti-American agenda. More specifically this is the intent of the school counselors and psychologists. Especially those who partner with the American School Counselor's Association who openly promote equity and advocate for learning materials and resources in all content areas that promote diversity and inclusion and address systemic barriers. [Mindsets-Behaviors.pdf](#)

Sounds oddly similar to critical race theory and something that could be found in Carl Marx, [Manifesto of the Communist Party](#) or a passage taken from Paulo Freire's book, [Pedagogy of the Oppressed](#). [Paulo](#)

[Freire, Myra Bergman Ramos, Donaldo Macedo - Pedagogy of the Oppressed, 30th Anniversary Edition \(2000, Bloomsbury Academic\).pdf](#)

Additionally, I would like to add that all “opt-out” references should be amended to “opt-in” to remain inline with ORC 3313.6011 “Instruction in venereal disease education emphasizing abstinence.” <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-3313.60> This would encourage and support parental authority.

Finally, I would like to suggest that House Bill 8 be amended to include the language of House Bill 445. This Ohio bill would require school districts to create released time for religious instruction. <https://ohiocapitaljournal.com/2024/05/17/ohio-bill-would-require-school-districts-to-create-released-time-for-religious-instruction/>

It’s important to note that HB 445 does not require the child to attend religious instruction and is an “opt-in” activity for families who make the decision for their child to attend religious instruction off campus.

The founding of our country was based on the fact that pilgrims came to America for religious freedom, and we need to continue to offer that freedom within our schools and prevent tyrannical school boards from preventing its exercise. This freedom is also enshrined in the Constitution.

I respectfully request that the Senate Education Committee vote to pass House Bill 8 after making the above-mentioned amendments.

Thank you for your time and have a Merry Christmas.
God bless,

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Protect Ohio Children