

## **Strongly Oppose SB88!!!**

### **How to Protect Asian American Children?**

My name is Bo Pang. I am an American citizen, a mother, and an educator who have lived in Ohio for 16 years. I am currently holding the State of Ohio professional teaching license, and having been teaching middle school, high school, and college for 15 years. The whole Chinese community was shocked by Ohio bill HB1 and SB 88 which are banning Chinese from purchasing land and homes in Ohio.

You all went to middle school and high school before, most of you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. You all know that middle school and high school days are hard, teenagers are struggling with peer pressure, social anxiety, depression, cyber bullying, drugs, alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, campus shooting, a lot of things going on in their life. Instead of introducing bills to address more pressing issues above, the heartless Ohio lawmakers are using taxpayer' dollars to drive away Chinese, using Asians as scapegoats to cover their own failures, as they always do. What is their next step? Put all Asians into concentration camps?

This racist bill will make Asian American students easy targets on campus. Anyone can call them racial slurs or even yell "go back to China!" in their face. So how to protect Asian American children from racism and prejudice? My friend's daughter, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade girl, was called racial slurs for a whole year!

In 2012, American Psychological Association published a 328-page book with 24 different researchers' contributions, the book title is *The Immigrant Paradox in Children and Adolescents: Is Becoming American a Developmental Risk?* Dr. Leonard Sax, a renowned psychologist and family physician. He grew up in Shaker Heights, OH and attended MIT and University of Pennsylvania. He has practiced for over 30 years and visited lots of schools worldwide.

Dr. Sax authored four books, and one of them titled *Boys Adrift*, I directly quote from his book: "the evidence is now overwhelming that new immigrant family should try to hold on their native language and native culture. And shield their children from contemporary American culture the best they can. Some politicians argue that we should tighten immigration, ... We should instead encourage immigration so as to improve moral fiber of young Americans."

Dr. Sax himself is not an immigrant, he was born and raised in Ohio. He supports immigrants because of solid research evidence shows that immigrants are making lots of contributions to this society.

We immigrants and teachers want our children to be protected. Thank you!