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Good afternoon. Chair Brenner, ranking Member Inram and members of the Senate Education Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today in support of SB 11. I am Lisa Breedlove Chaffee, Director of Parents Rights In Education Ohio.

For the past few years many things have come to light as to what is happening in our schools. We all know that the teachers union is pushing their agenda on our children. An agenda riddled with gender ideology and the tenets of critical race theory. The NEA actually believes that only $\frac{1}{4}$ of the school day should be spent on academics and the rest of the time on social justice issues.

Schools are now acting as mental health care providers by diagnosing mental health conditions in students and hiding that information from parents. Schools are promoting an ideology that is literally destroying lives. They are excluding parents from every aspect of what is happening to our kids.

Our children are not learning how to read or perform math proficiently. Academics have taken a back seat to equity, feelings and a purely marxist agenda. Many parents, myself included, have no other options right now. I am a single mom working two jobs. I can't afford to send my son to a private school nor can I home school. Our kids are imprisoned in the failing public school system. I want the best education for my child as do all parents but we are chained to a system that our kids are drowning in. We are the parents and it is time for the government to get out of the business of education and stay out of our families.

You ladies and gentlemen now have an opportunity to do something monumental. You have the opportunity to stand up to the bully known as the teachers union. Now is the time for Ohio to take action and put parents in charge of our kids' education.

By voting for SB 11 you will give us the opportunity to put our children in schools that put academics first and represent our values. Schools that will prepare our children to compete on the world stage.



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The United States of America is the greatest country yet we are extremely behind in academics compared to the rest of the world. Our children are literally being taught to hate our country. Our children are the foundation. If we don't stop the dumbing down of our schools and stop teaching the kids how to be victims, this great nation will fail. For when it is time for the younger generation to run the country they won't be able to much less will they want to.

<https://www.parentsrightsined.org/national-education-association.html>

New Business Item 39

ACTION: **ACCEPTED AS MODIFIED**

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The NEA will, with guidance on implementation from the NEA president and chairs of the Ethnic, Minority Affairs Caucuses:

- Share and publicize, through existing channels, information already available on critical race theory (CRT) — what it is and what it is not, have a team of staffers for members who want to learn more and fight back against anti-CRT rhetoric, and share information with other NEA members as well as their community members.
- Provide an already-created, in-depth, study that critiques empire, white supremacy, anti-Blackness, anti-Indigenity, racism, patriarchy, cisheteropatriarchy, capitalism, ableism, anthropocentrism, and other forms of power and oppression at the intersections of our society, and that we oppose attempts to ban critical race theory and/or the 1619 Project.
- Publicly through existing media convey its support for the accurate and honest teaching of social studies topics, including truthful and age-appropriate accountings of unpleasant aspects of American history, such as slavery, and the oppression and discrimination of indigenous, Black, Brown, and other peoples of color, as well as the continued impact this history has on our current society. The Association will further convey that in teaching these topics, it is reasonable and appropriate for curriculum to be informed by academic frameworks for understanding and interpreting the impact of the past on current society, including critical race theory.
- Join with Black Lives Matter at School and the Zinn Education Project to call for a rally this year on October 14—George Floyd's birthday—as a national day of action to teach lessons about structural racism and oppression. Followed by one day of action that recognize and honor lives taken such as Breonna Taylor, Philando Castile, and others. The National Education Association shall publicize these National Days of Action to all its members, including in NEA Today.
- Conduct a virtual listening tour that will educate members on the tools and resources needed to defend honesty in education including but not limited to tools like CRT.
- Commit President Becky Pringle to make public statements across all lines of media that support racial honesty in education including but not limited to CRT.

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Rationale/Background

USA's economy/social order is built on interactions between different cultures/races. To deny opportunities to teach truth about Black, Brown, and other marginalized races minimizes the necessity for students to build efficacy. The ancient African proverb says, "Know Thyself."

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