

Resolution: Support for Partisan School Board Races

Creating Official Legislative Policy for the Ohio Republican Party Pertaining to School Board Races

Preface:

As the Ohio Republican State Central Committee, we are committed to fostering excellence within Ohio's education system and ensuring that our students receive the best possible preparation for their futures. We recognize the critical role that school board elections play in shaping the educational landscape of our state and public opinion.

In light of this commitment and in recognition of the potential benefits of aligning school board races with partisan affiliations, we propose a resolution that advocates for the transformation of school board races into partisan races. This preface statement provides the context and rationale behind our resolution, outlining the reasons for our support of this change. By making school board races partisan, we aim to enhance transparency, encourage informed voter participation, and create a platform for robust public discourse on education policies. We firmly believe that this step will lead to an improved educational experience for Ohio's students and a more engaged electorate that can contribute to the continued growth and success of our state.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Republican State Central Committee is dedicated to promoting effective governance and ensuring the best interests of Ohio's education system by eliminating accommodations for misgendered identities of students, Social Emotional Learning, Positive Behavioral Interventions, and Supports, Common Core, Critical Race Theory, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs from public schools in favor of ensuring equality of opportunity for all students and school choice;

WHEREAS, the education system plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of our state by preparing the next generation for active citizenship and success in a rapidly evolving world;

WHEREAS, school board elections are crucial in determining the direction and policies of our educational institutions, directly impacting the quality of education provided to Ohio's students;

WHEREAS, the current non-partisan nature of school board races can lead to a lack of

transparency and accountability, as voters may not have a clear understanding of the ideological stances and policy priorities of candidates;

WHEREAS, partisan identification can provide voters with valuable information about the candidates' core values, beliefs, and policy preferences, enabling voters to make more informed choices in school board elections;

WHEREAS, party affiliations can facilitate a more robust public discourse on education policies, encouraging candidates to articulate their positions more clearly and engage in meaningful debates about the future of Ohio's education system;

WHEREAS, a partisan approach to school board races can encourage increased participation by political parties, resulting in a broader pool of candidates and a more competitive electoral process;

WHEREAS, partisan school board races have been successfully implemented in other states, leading to greater public engagement, improved accountability, and a more transparent decision-making process;

WHEREAS, aligning school board races with partisan affiliations can enhance the alignment between local educational policies and the broader policy goals of the Ohio Republican Party;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohio Republican State Central Committee supports the transformation of school board races into partisan races, believing that this change will lead to a more transparent, accountable, and informed electoral process, ultimately benefiting the education system and the students of Ohio.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ohio Republican State Central Committee will actively advocate for legislation and policy changes necessary to implement partisan school board races in the state of Ohio, working in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to ensure the success of this endeavor.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to appropriate legislative and administrative bodies to express the Ohio Republican State Central Committee's position on this matter.