REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS RESOLUTION
NO SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CLINICS: PROTECT CHILDREN

Resolution to AMEND plan 89 by adding the following underlined portion and a key strikethrough:

Education
Parental Rights
89. Healthcare in Public Schools: Legislators shall prohibit reproductive healthcare services, including mental health counseling or referrals to ~~**outside**~~ health services or clinics, and distribution or demonstration of condoms and contraception **in or** through public schools. We oppose all school based health clinics as an affront to parental rights and responsibilities.

A copy of this resolution should be sent to the _____ County/Senate District #_____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct #____ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the Republican Party of Texas.

Rationale:

- School Based Health Clinics are sold as a convenience and as compassionate. They start out serving the staff and staff's children. Then, once accepted and praised, they are rolled out to all students, regardless of their citizenship or residency status.
- Planned Parenthood has been successfully pushing for such clinics for years and years. The strategy is brilliant. Once schools get a new program in place, it is very hard to get it out and it slowly morphs into something that is quite different than the original.
- Many problems in schools, teachers lament, are due to absentee parents, meaning they're shirking their responsibility. SBHCs only make that worse. We need parents highly involved with their children, not the "it's the government's job" mentality that is harming so many elements of our society, including leading to fraud and over-taxation.
- Parents are simply not allowed on campuses, in many places across Texas. When schools reopened after lockdowns and virtual schooling, things were suddenly different, with exceptions for invited volunteers or guests. This presents a high risk that students will be seen by a health care provider in a building whose doors are locked and which a parent cannot access.
- Students do not have access to phones to call their parents. Some districts have a policy against letting a student use the office phones.
- While this may sound extreme, the Republican Party cannot pave the way to any sort of harm against children or parental rights. Or secrets.
- Doctors and dentists can and do set up offices near schools and extend their hours for convenience.
- Our public schools need to return their focus to academics. That is why we fund them.
- Our schools are not and should not become service providers for the entire community, which is a real goal of progressives.
- Could create a monopoly of government-sanctioned health care providers.
- Republicans are always supposed to oppose government overreach.
- Republicans are supposed to be building the family not weakening it.