

Education Truth Project Supports Anti-Book Ban Legislation

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National: Today, Education Truth Project announces its firm opposition to any policy that would ban or intentionally limit the availability of certain books to the public. We are launching our efforts to lobby state legislators nationwide, asking them to introduce and advocate for legislation that would end book bans in public and school libraries.

We are moving forward with our advocacy program on the heels of Illinois <u>House Bill 2789</u>, which overwhelmingly passed both State Houses and currently awaits Governor Pritzker's signature. The critical bill is an amendment to language in current state law. It introduces a requirement that public libraries and educational institution libraries adopt the American Library Association's <u>Library Bill of Rights</u> or an alternative statement prohibiting the banning of books. Those libraries and systems that do not comply will become ineligible for the State Grant program.

Education Truth Project applauds the bold action taken in Illinois and calls on more states to follow suit. A school board's nonpartisanship intends to put students, teachers, families, and communities before partisan politics. The hyper-partisan issues that face our school boards today directly impact the quality of our leadership and lead to teacher shortages. State Education Boards and legislators can no longer sit on the sidelines as our local governments are suffering at the hands of extremists.

Our founder, Matt Kazmierczak, says, "When we speak to communities about what's going on across the country, the most common thing we hear is that our board members and teachers are under attack, and we have no help. We need help!"

Our advocacy program seeks to alleviate some of the political pressure being imposed on local school boards. Our first fight is to Stop Book Bans.

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