Submitted via electronic mail.

Re: Request for immediate termination of any affiliation with the National School Boards Association

October 28, 2021

Mr. Beard:

Over the past few weeks, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) has made comments revealing their true feelings about parental rights in the United States. In response to parents who have voiced legitimate concerns, and in some cases have shown justified anger regarding some of the inherently racist teachings in Critical Race Theory, NASB wrote a letter to President Biden equating these parents actions with “domestic terrorism and hate crimes.”1 This letter, for which NASB has since admitted wrong,2 spurred the state school board associations of Louisiana, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee to terminate their affiliation with NSBA.3 We believe that the Texas Association of School Boards should follow suit.

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3 Caroline Downey, Garland Refuses to Dissolve School Board Task Force Despite National School Board Group Apology, NATIONAL REVIEW ONLINE (Oct. 27, 2021), available at “As of Tuesday, the Ohio, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Tennessee,
Such association with an organization that views concerned parents as domestic terrorists is abhorrent to the laws of Texas and to the Constitution of the United States. Perhaps NSBA is unfamiliar with Texas Education Code Chapter 26.001, which states that “[p]arents are partners with educators, administrators, and school district board trustees in their children’s education,” and that “[p]arents shall be encouraged to actively participate in creating and implementing educational programs for their children.”

Similarly, NSBA must have also forgotten the long-held precedents of Meyer v. Nebraska, in which the U.S. Supreme Court held nearly one hundred years ago that “the right of the individual . . . to marry, establish a home, and bring up children” is a protected constitutional right. They also seem to have overlooked the 1925 decision of Pierce v. Society of Sisters, where the Supreme Court further held that “the liberty of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and education of children” is protected under the U.S. Constitution.

Mr. Beard, any association with this organization that seeks to force parents to relinquish complete control of their children’s education to the state reeks of communism, is in poor form, and should be immediately reconsidered. We strongly recommend that you follow the states of Louisiana, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee and sever your ties with this anti-American organization. In the meantime, we will be working on legislation to make sure that this type of association is no longer able to be affiliated with the State of Texas.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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State Representative
Chairman, Texas Freedom Caucus

and Louisiana state school board groups have severed their relationship with the [National School Boards Association] in response to its letter and the DOJ’s memo.”

