

ERC meeting 9/4/18: Fixing a Broken Education System

Get involved with your local schools:

- Join the PTSA and attend their meetings
- Volunteer at your local school
- Attend School Board Meetings. Sign up to talk and bring a written copy of your testimony to provide to school board members
- Join a committee or task force such as Tech Advisory or Instructional Materials:
 - Lake Washington: <https://www.lwsd.org/get-involved>
 - Bellevue: <https://bsd405.org/get-involved/>
 - Northshore: <https://www1.nsd.org/get-involved>

Consider Homeschooling your children or grandchildren. If you can't do it full-time, consider replacing or supplementing one or two classes (civics, American history etc.).

- <http://washhomeschool.org>

Support the *America's Founding Documents Curriculum Project* with the Sons of the American Revolution (anticipated launch date April 2019).

- Donations can be made to Sons of the American Revolution, Nathan Hale account of the Education Committee, 809 W. Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202
- Help get the word out about the program to key organizations and political contacts.

Read your child's textbooks and supplemental materials! Tell your children the truth. Provide material for them that provides accurate information.

- Watch for bias, slant, omitted information and factual errors.
- Consider volunteering for Truth in Textbooks where volunteers are trained to evaluate textbooks prior to publishing and adoption. www.truthintextbooks.com or contact annstreit@comcast.net

Opt your child out of developmentally inappropriate and damaging content and testing.

- See US Parents Involved In Education (www.uspie.org). Their Back to School Newsletter can be found at: <https://stopfeded.wordpress.com/2018/08/27/uspie-back-to-school-newsletter-8-2018/>
- See WA Parents Involved In Education for specific information for our state: <https://wapie.wordpress.com/2018/08/30/back-to-school-tips-for-parents/>
 - Did you know that starting in kindergarten, your children may be exposed to an overly **sexualized curriculum** that could be developmentally inappropriate. You can opt your child out of this developmentally inappropriate curriculum. We will share more information later about this, and you may also check out the following page of information on our WAPIE blog: <https://wapie.wordpress.com/sex-education-info/>
 - Did you know that students in grades 6,8,10, and 12 will be asked to complete **invasive surveys** that ask highly personal and inappropriate questions on the Healthy Youth Survey. Parents and children have the right to opt out of such questionnaires which add nothing to their academic education. Please see information on the following page that describe the survey. <http://www.k12.wa.us/OSSI/K12Supports/HealthyYouthSurvey/>
 - The Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) is an **unfair, invalid and unreliable test** that provides no meaningful feedback to you or the teacher, other than labeling them either a success or failure. It not only wastes your child's learning time in the classroom but may even cause them emotional stress. You can opt out of this assessment by using a form downloaded from: <https://optoutwashington.org/opt-out-washington-sbac-opt-out-form-and-flier>

Supplement and correct what your children are learning in school. Make good quality history, literature and materials available to your children and grandchildren. Provide as gifts or have them ready for when the grandkids come to visit...

- Constitution Quest - a beautifully made game that teaches the branches of government: www.constitutionquest.com
- David Barton's DVD series on American Heritage: www.wallbuilders.com
- *Cultural Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know* by E.D. Hirsch
- Puzzle of the United States
- Flashcards of the Presidents
- Copies of the Founding Documents. Challenge them to memorize.
- High quality literature: <http://www.clcawards.org/Best-Children-s-Literature-of-All-Time.html>

Join groups that are trying to make a difference and make use of their resources.

- **Women of Washington Focus on Education** (info@womenofwa.org , subject heading: Education) or annstreit@comcast.net . We meet for a monthly luncheon (you do not have to be a member of WOW or even a woman) to discuss education topics and facilitate action.
- **U.S. Parents Involved in Education** (www.uspie.org) Their primary goal is to end the Federal Department of Education but they also take a position of a variety of topics.
- **Washington State Parents Involved in Education** (<https://wapie.wordpress.com>) provides tons of helpful links and information. Points of emphasis include:
 - **Federal:** #StopFedEd
 - **State:** watchdog of legislation and OSPI policies from a federal perspective, such as ESSA implementation and Common Core/Social and Emotional Learning; Political Candidate reviews and other statewide networking
 - **Local:** expose problems of bullying, harmful comprehensive sex education curriculum (such as FLASH), and toxic ELA/Math testing related materials
- To get involved, contact:
Mike Leuzzi, President of Washington State Parents Involved in Education
WAPIEChapter@gmail.com
Cell: 253-579-4909
- www.truetolerance.org provides helpful information on how to respond in a loving and fact-based way when controversial sexual topics are introduced into your child's school.
- **Family Policy Institute of Washington** (FPIW) provides links and helpful information. See their resources and watch their brief video about the FLASH sexual curriculum used in most districts in WA: <http://www.fpiw.org/backtoschool/>

Get to know your elected official and make sure they know you!

Send a copy of the K-12 Code of Ethics to someone that needs to think about the true role of teachers. Links to Freedom Center's brochure *The Leftist Indoctrination in our K-12 Public Schools*: <https://dhfcblog.files.wordpress.com/2018/03/leftist-indoctrination.pdf> and the K-12 *Code of Ethics*: <https://stopk12indoctrination.org/k-12-code-of-ethics/>

- The Superintendent of Public Instruction: Chris Reykdal: 600 Washington St. S.E., Olympia, WA 98504-7200
- The Superintendent of your school district
- School Board members
- WA State legislators
- Friends and family