

## Resolution No. 2021-01

### **RESOLUTION of the Tonasket School District Board of Directors Recognizing parents' rights, stakeholder authority, and political participation**

**Submitted By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Whereas**, on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Democrat Gubernatorial Candidate Terry McAuliffe (VA) said, "I don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach,"<sup>1</sup> and

**Whereas**, on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the National School Board Association (NSBA) asked Democrat President Joe Biden to label parents domestic terrorists for questioning Local School Board policies<sup>2</sup>, and

**Whereas**, on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Democrat President Joe Biden's Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said parents should not be the "primary stakeholder" in their kids' education, during his testimony before the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions,<sup>3</sup> and

**Whereas**, on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Attorney General Eric Garland, based solely on the September 29<sup>th</sup> NSBA letter, directed the FBI<sup>4</sup> to address threats against, School Administrators, Board Members, Teachers, and other Staff, and

**Whereas**, on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, U.S. Attorney General Eric Garland testified<sup>5</sup> that his October 4<sup>th</sup> directive was based on the NSBA September 29<sup>th</sup> letter and that Federal Counter-Terrorism tools were not being used against parents, and

**Whereas**, on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, the NSBA apologized<sup>6</sup> exclusively to its association members, and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://hotair.com/allahpundit/2021/09/29/virginia-dem-candidate-terry-mcauliffe-i-dont-think-parents-should-be-telling-schools-what-they-should-teach-n419195>

<sup>2</sup> <https://nsba.org/-/media/NSBA/File/nsba-letter-to-president-biden-concerning-threats-to-public-schools-and-school-board-members-92921.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://townhall.com/tipsheet/reaganmccarthy/2021/09/30/education-sec-comment-n2596764>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-addresses-violent-threats-against-school-officials-and-teachers>

<sup>5</sup> <https://thefederalist.com/2021/10/21/ag-merrick-garland-admits-federal-war-on-parents-sprang-from-school-boards-letter-not-evidence/>

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.osba.org/News-Center/News\\_releases/20211022NSBA.aspx](http://www.osba.org/News-Center/News_releases/20211022NSBA.aspx)

**Whereas**, on November 16<sup>th</sup>, a FBI whistleblower disclosed evidence<sup>7</sup> of Federal Counter-Terrorism tools being used to target parents, directly contradicting U.S. AG Garland's October 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional testimony, and

**Whereas**, on November 16<sup>th</sup>, a FBI SWAT team broke into a home with children present, in Grand Junction, Colorado to arrest a parent whose political activities included attending school board meetings, supporting school board candidates, and organizing parents, and

**Whereas**, as of November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 twenty-six (26) States have repudiated the repercussions of the NSBA letter and fifteen (15) States have rescinded their membership with NSBA<sup>8</sup>, and

**Whereas** Parents are the primary stakeholders in their children's education, and

**Whereas**, as stakeholders, Parents are responsible for what their children are taught, and

**Whereas** being responsible, Parents have the unalienable right to be a part of the political process

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tonasket School District Board of Directors affirms that parents are the PRIMARY stakeholders and PRIMARY political participants in their children's future, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tonasket School District Board of Directors will write a letter to the following groups requesting that:

1. The National School Board Association (NSBA) rescind their September 29, 2021 letter to Democrat President Joe Biden requesting that parents be labeled as Domestic Terrorists and, by extension, limiting Parental participation in the political process, and
2. The Washington State School Directors Association and the Washington State Board of Education publicly call for the rescission of the NSBA's September 29<sup>th</sup> letter and declare their affirmation for Parents as Stakeholders & Political Participants in defense of their children's education, well-being, and future, and
3. The Washington State School Directors Association and The Washington State Board of Education pass a resolution upholding parents as the primary stakeholders and primary political participants with regards to education when creating school policy, and

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<sup>7</sup> <https://republicans-judiciary.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021-11-16-JDJ-to-Garland-re-completeness-of-testimony.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> [https://twitter.com/DeAngelisCorey/status/1462176832728535042?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwtterm%5E1462176832728535042%7Ctwgr%5E%7Ctwcon%5Es1\\_&ref\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.breitbart.com%2Fpolitics%2F2021%2F11%2F22%2Ffifteen-state-school-boards-associations-cut-ties-with-nsba-after-domestic-terrorists-letter%2F](https://twitter.com/DeAngelisCorey/status/1462176832728535042?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwtterm%5E1462176832728535042%7Ctwgr%5E%7Ctwcon%5Es1_&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.breitbart.com%2Fpolitics%2F2021%2F11%2F22%2Ffifteen-state-school-boards-associations-cut-ties-with-nsba-after-domestic-terrorists-letter%2F)

4. The Washington State Legislature pass a floor resolution recognizing parents as the primary stakeholders in their child's future, and
5. The Washington State Legislature pass a bill making Washington State School Directors Association membership optional, and
6. The Washington State Legislature pass a bill enshrining Parental Choice in their child's future

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Tonasket School District Board of Directors urges the Washington State Legislature to pass a bill to clearly define terrorism and domestic terrorism in Washington code and distinguish it from criminal activity to ensure due process for all Washingtonians.

**Signed,**

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\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**

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\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**

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