School Boards: The Battleground for the Education Culture Wars
References & Resources

Recording of the webinar can be found here: https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/webinars/

AAUW California School Board Project Toolkit
Protect your school board from members who want to ban books, censor curricula, and institute policies that harm LGBTQ+ students. AAUW California’s School Board Project encourages all our members to become vigilant observers of their local districts.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS DOING THIS WORK
- American Library Association: https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks
- PEN America: https://pen.org/issue/book-bans
- Stop Moms for Liberty: https://www.stopmomsforliberty.com
- Show Up for Racial Justice: https://surj.org/allinforallstudents

PEN AMERICA REPORTS
- Spineless Shelves: Two Years of Book Banning - data summary examining the trend of book banning in public schools from July 2021 to June 2023.
- Banned in the USA: State Laws Supercharge Book Suppression in Schools (April 2023)
- America’s Censored Classrooms 2023: Lawmakers Shift Strategies as Resistance Rises (Nov. 2023)

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING TOOLS
- Banned Books Week resources to promote Banned Book Week - September 22-28, 2024
- Unite Against Book Bans toolkit includes talking points and social media tools
- Red Wine & Blue: Book Ban Busters Campaign allows you to order a Banned Bookmobile Kit
- Our Schools USA Infographic “10 Things You Need to Know About Dangerous Book Bans”

RELATED ARTICLES
- “Is There a Hidden Agenda Behind the “Parents’ Rights” Movement?” AAUW California Public Policy Newsletter (Jan. 2024)
- “Moms for Liberty: Where are they, and are they winning?” Brookings Institute (Oct. 2023)
- “Elections Matter: Defending Schools Against Extremists” California Teachers Association (Aug. 2023)
- “Every Arizona student will suffer if we implement book bans” AZ Mirror (Mar. 2023)
- “Parents Should Have a Voice in Their Kids’ Education But We’ve Gone Too Far” Time (Sep. 2022)

For additional information, contact Advocacy@aauw.org
VIDEOS
- “School boards become battlegrounds for nation's divisions on race, gender and more” PBS NewsHour (June 2023) (13 minutes)
  o Part 1 (25 minutes)
  o Part 2 (25 minutes)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- National School Boards Association
  o About School Board and Local Governance
  o Public Education Frequently Asked Questions
- AAUW Advocacy Toolkit
  o How to Organize a Candidate Forum
  o Writing a letter to the editor

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING REgressive SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES
- Moms for Liberty
- Reform California

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