



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)
- ["The Right-Wing Money and Influence Behind Moms for Liberty"](#) *LA Progressive* (Oct. 2022)
- ["What Is Critical Race Theory, and Why Is It Under Attack?"](#) *Education Week* (May 2021)



VIDEOS

- [“School boards become battlegrounds for nation's divisions on race, gender and more”](#)
PBS NewsHour (June 2023) (13 minutes)
- “The Choice of School Choice: Our Schools Arizona vs Moms for Liberty” Think Tank, KTAR News, Phoenix (Aug. 2023)
 - [Part 1 \(25 minutes\)](#)
 - [Part 2 \(25 minutes\)](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- National School Boards Association
 - [About School Board and Local Governance](#)
 - [Public Education Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- AAUW Advocacy Toolkit
 - [How to Organize a Candidate Forum](#)
 - [Writing a letter to the editor](#)

ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING REGRESSIVE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

- [Moms for Liberty](#)
- [Reform California](#)