

## **MMA 28V Schedule Yourself to Pray and Testify at Friday, 9-3-21, SBOE Meeting in LaVista!!**

We confirmed today thru a reliable source that the next Nebraska State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites located at 12520 Westport Plz in LaVista, NE.

Now is the opportunity for **HUNDREDS** of parents and grandparents from Lincoln, Omaha and all eastern Nebraska public school districts to attend and oppose the Draft #1 and Draft #2 standards. If you want to testify, plan to arrive before 7 a.m. to reserve your place in line for the meeting which will begin at 9 a.m.

Attached is a photo of the opposition at the Nebraska State Board of Education (SBOE) on 8-6-21 in Lincoln. Approximately 280 to 300 people were present during the public comments time that lasted from 9:25 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a 45-minute lunch break. 119 people signed up to testify and the majority were against both Draft #1 and Draft #2 Standards.

We parents, grandparents, and taxpayers need to continue delivering pressure on the SBOE members. We have 5 months invested in this battle and now is not the time to walk away because taking protective action for our children never stops (*even on a Friday before a national holiday weekend*).

### **We have three primary action items in the last week August and first week of September:**

1. Schedule time to personally attend the Friday, 9-3-21, SBOE meeting in LaVista
2. Find and mentor high school & college students who will testify against the standards (*Please call Mark Bonkiewicz so we can coordinate testimonies at 402-490-8612*)
3. Encourage local public-school boards to email their letter of opposition to each SBOE member & Matt Blomstedt, Commissioner of Education at [matt.blomstedt@nebraska.gov](mailto:matt.blomstedt@nebraska.gov)

We anticipate that the SBOE will hold their vote on the Health Education standards at the 9-3-21 meeting due to the fact that they closed public inputs on the draft #2 standards on Friday, 8-13-21. This was a mere 3 weeks since releasing them for public comment. Public inputs on the draft #1 standards lasted over 6 weeks.

In person testimony and letters of opposition from school boards and citizens are vitally important tools to nudging SBOE members to vote NO on any draft of the NDE Health Standards. State Board of Education (SBOE) member Patsy Koch from District 1 (Lincoln) had these closing remarks at the SBOE meeting on 8-6-21, *"We only heard from 50 of 244 public schools. I want the board to keep that fact in mind that are many more that I feel we have not heard from."*

Deborah Neary SBOE member from District 8 (Omaha) had these closing remarks at the 8-6-21 SBOE meeting, *"90% of the population superintendents haven't weighed in"*. She also said, *"You can't talk about getting along with others if you don't acknowledge a society that is racist in most aspects of our life."*

Attached are opposition letters from the 3 public school districts in Cozad, Maywood and Imperial, NE. Please share these letters with your local public school board members who could use them as a guide in drafting their own letters of opposition. Please ask them to email a copy of their opposition letter to Senator Joanie Albrecht, the leader of the 30 Nebraska State Senators who are staunchly opposing draft #1 and #2 standards. [salbrecht@leg.ne.gov](mailto:salbrecht@leg.ne.gov)

The list of public schools that have already emailed their opposition letters can be printed by clicking on the red button at the bottom of this e-blast.