



# *The 1776 Pledge* **TO SAVE OUR SCHOOLS**

## AS A CANDIDATE AND/OR CURRENT OFFICEHOLDER, I BELIEVE:

- The United States of America is an exceptional nation whose people have always strived to form a more perfect union based upon our founding principles.
- Our Founding Fathers – including George Washington and Thomas Jefferson – as well as leaders like Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. were among the greatest Americans to ever live, and they deserve to be honored as heroes.
- Our children and grandchildren should be taught to take pride in their country, to respect our founding principles of liberty and equality, and to have a sense of American history that is both truthful and inspiring.
- Civics education should focus on the serious study of our founding documents and principles – not coerce students into engaging in extracurricular political action on behalf of contemporary policy positions.
- Our young people should be taught to view one another not according to race or gender, but as individuals made in the image of God.
- Teaching children to hate their country and each other is immoral and deeply harmful to our society and must be stopped.

**THEREFORE, I PLEDGE** to the voters of \_\_\_\_\_ that I will take concrete steps to do the following in our K-12 public schools:

1. Restore honest, patriotic education that cultivates in our children a profound love for our country.
2. Promote curriculum that teaches that all children are created equal, have equal moral value under God, our Constitution, and the law, and are members of a national community united by our founding principles.
3. Prohibit any curriculum that pits students against one another on the basis of race or sex.
4. Prevent schools from politicizing education by prohibiting any curriculum that requires students to protest and lobby during or after school.

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