



Chairman's Letter, August 2023

Dear Republicans,

It was not so many years ago that my son was a student in Santa Fe Public Schools. He attended Eldorado Community School, one of the best public schools in the state at the time. But oh, the times they are a-changing. It seems Santa Fe Public Schools does not want to honor the Republican [Parental Consent Form](#). By state law, parents have the right to consent to medical and mental health care for their children. You have to check a box to even allow the school nurse to dispense Tylenol.

But the Santa Fe Public Schools Executive Director of Student Wellness says that the district has a "Gender Support Process" and that district policy "protects and affirms" transgender students. So our parental right to consent is just going to have to take a back seat to district policy. I see how this works, and it pains me to admit that we can no longer trust the school district to keep parents informed about their own children. State Rep Szczepanski is miffed that Republicans won't stand down, since the legislature passed HB7 and the school system can do whatever they want now, parents be damned.

If you thought elections for the Santa Fe School Board weren't important before, they clearly are extremely important now. We must all support Patricia Vigil-Stockton for School Board district 2. Check the school district map [here](#). There must be advocates for parents on the Santa Fe School Board. I urge you to contribute, endorse, or volunteer for Patricia's campaign. The progressives think their stiff-arm of parents is already a done deal, and they are cruising to their goal line of complete control of our youth. It is up to us to prove them wrong.

Patricia's fundraiser is Monday, August 14th, and I hope to see a strong show of support from Santa Fe County Republicans.

See you there,

Robert Witsenhausen

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