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Our Children need a Champion in the State Board of Education
Seat District 10

Friends,

As a Christian Conservative parent of children in public schools, I am concerned about several things that Tom Maynard has done in his role on the State Board of Education. Please know that as a woman of integrity and a Christian, I seek to only speak the truth. I have researched to ensure that what is below is true to the best of my knowledge. I have personally asked Tom to publicly provide proof of any misstatements, especially around the textbook, as my sole intention is to protect children. I believe they are the most precious gift that God gives us.

1) I am attaching samples of the current language in the State Board of Education approved textbooks that states "when a baby is **born**, the human life cycle **begins**" and uses the term "pregnant person" multiple times. It is my full understanding, and confirmed through another SBOE member, that this language is currently in the only approved health textbook in Texas, of which Tom voted in favor.

Here are the links:

<https://www.g-wonlinetextbooks.com/cdn-1623434666573/texas-health-skills-middle-school/1>

<https://www.g-wonlinetextbooks.com/cdn-1623434666573/texas-health-skills-high-school/1>

2) Tom publicly denied voting for the only approved health Textbook (even though he knew they only approved one), and he DID vote for it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRr7CdQTZxQ&t=26s>

3) Tom has not actively worked to remove the pornographic books in school libraries even after the Governor sent the SBOE a letter demanding they work with others to remove them. Tom publicly said the letter does not even exist. If he truly didn't know about the letter, then he is not doing his job on the board. Either way, it is a big issue.

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-directs-tea-tslac-sboe-to-shield-children-from-pornography-inappropriate-content-in-texas-public-schools>

https://youtube.com/shorts/fP8unnGj4C4?si=HJQgdUlbWgD_gVfQ

4) As Chairman of the Permanent School Fund, Tom allowed the fund to lose over \$250 Million due to investments tied to Russia. It took Aaron Kinsey's leadership, a newly elected SBOE member, to finally obey the law and remove investments from Blackrock, which happened only last week.

<https://dallasexpress.com/education/concerns-over-past-actions-of-tom-maynards-permanent-school-fund-board/>

<https://www.statesman.com/story/news/2022/04/28/texas-permanent-school-fund-public-education-loses-millions-russian-investments/9543516002/>

5) The general decline in education and public schools over the last 11 years that Tom has served on SBOE cannot go unnoticed or unaccounted for.

6) Tom voted for "ethnic studies" courses in our schools that the left wanted for a long time. This opens the door for CRT and other teachings that go against truth and values. Even recently in my own school district, Mexican American studies was teaching that strengthened US immigration laws are oppressive.

<https://www.dailywire.com/news/texas-public-school-teaches-that-strengthened-immigration-laws-are-oppressive>

<https://www.texastribune.org/2018/06/13/mexican-american-studies-vote/>

7) Texans for Public Education has done their homework on all candidates and while in their voter guide they list almost all Republicans as "Unfriendly", including me, they list Tom as "Friendly". This reinforces many of my points above. <https://ratings.t4pe.org/>

8) Tom has remained silent on many important issues, like fathers being arrested by a school district, school closings, mask mandates, Superintendent misconduct, pornographic books in schools, and even males utilizing the women's bathrooms in public schools. You can see a comparison attached of how Tom has stayed silent while I have been fighting at my local school board with my community and fellow conservative Trustee Danielle Weston.

9) Donors to the Tom Maynard Campaign are of concern. Tom has multiple large donations from people outside the district that appear to be connected to special interests like Healthcare, HVAC Control Systems, Financial Investors, Architects, and "NonProfits".

<https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/search/cf/>

I wish my opponent was upholding conservative values and I would be happy to let him stay but as you can see over the last eleven years education in Texas has drastically slid toward the left. The children of Texas deserve better. They deserve a conservative champion that will work to get our schools laser focused on academics and get rid of the woke agenda. I hope you will join me in fighting for the education of Texas children.

Add May 28th to your calendar to Get Out and Vote. May 20-24 is early voting and you can request a mail in ballot here: <https://bbm.sos.state.tx.us/bbm.asp>

Best Regards,

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