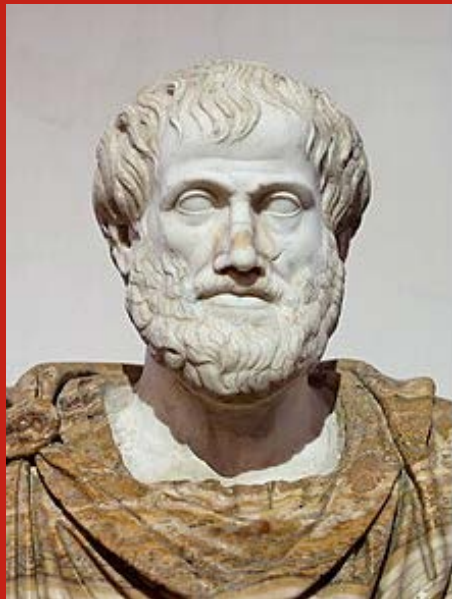




## CONSERVATIVES CARING FOR COUNTRY AND COMMUNITY



Bust of Aristotle by  
Lysippos 330BC

**“All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.”**

**Aristotle, 384-322 B.C.**

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# Colorado Education Association's Alarming Resolution

Are you aware of the alarming resolution passed by the Colorado Education Association at its 97th Annual Delegate Assembly in April? The following resolution has received little media coverage:

*“The CEA believes that capitalism inherently exploits children, public schools, land, labor and resources. Capitalism is in opposition to fully addressing systemic racism (the school to prison pipeline), climate change, patriarchy (gender and LGBTQ disparities), education inequality, and income inequality.”*

Passed by members of Colorado's largest teachers' union (which boasts 39,000 educators, retirees, and college students in Colorado public schools), this resolution reveals the goals and motivations of those in charge of educating the children in this state. All parents should be concerned about this indoctrination of their children; all citizens should be alarmed by the anti-American beliefs of those who control the education of our youth for many hours each day.

While the teachers' union is consumed by woke agendas and Marxist ideologies, our students fail to learn the basic skills that will provide them with the tools they need to succeed in life. According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress tests, statewide only 28% of Colorado eighth graders are proficient in math. Only 34% are proficient in reading.

Summit County test results indicate similar failures of our schools. According to Colorado Department of Education tests, in English language arts only 36.6% of third graders, 42.1% of fifth graders, and 37.8% of seventh grade students met or exceeded expectations. Math scores were even worse. Only 23.8% of fourth graders and 26.5% of eighth graders met or exceeded expectations. Eighth graders were the only students to take the science exam. Only 25.6% met or exceeded expectations.

The purpose of public education is to prepare our children to lead successful lives and to be good citizens. We must work together to provide a school system that teaches our kids the academic skills they need to be successful adults and good citizens in our democratic republic.







# November's Extremely Important School Board Election

Summit School District (SSD) Board of Education (BoE) elections will be held this November. A small group of Summit County concerned citizens met in early June for important meetings with a national strategic trainer who has been successful in helping candidates win school board seats across Colorado and beyond. Because four positions will be open this year on the Summit school board, it is conceivable that these elections could result in a strong school board with a majority of members who put academics and student achievement above politics. We need your help to make these critical changes for our children.

## **A Bit of Local School Board History:**

The board of education hired another ideological superintendent this year, and the results have continued to be disastrous for all students. SSD's Department of Education academic accreditation score was the lowest in history. The accreditation was temporarily lowered to "Improvement Plan" meaning SSD has to regularly submit a Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) to show how they will turn things around.

Unfortunately, the UIP that was submitted did not focus on academics. It focused on what SSD is calling the "Pathway to the Profile" where students will now be required to take several classes and a senior project showing they have attained attributes like being curious, courageous, and globally aware.

Hispanic students are falling even further behind under this board's direction. Summit Daily reported that SSD's Hispanic students perform in the bottom 2 percent of the state academically and the learning gap is widening. Hundreds of

## November's Extremely Important School Board Election cont.

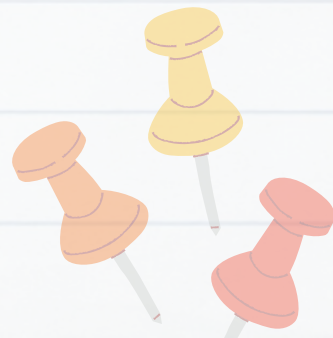
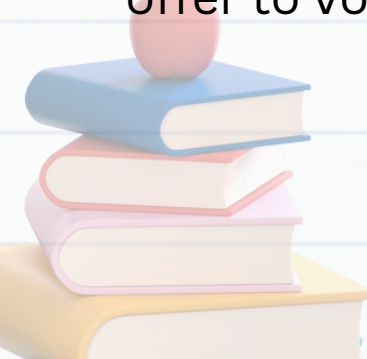
Hispanics signed a petition asking that gender theory not be taught in K-5 (4-11 year olds) after a Hispanic 4th grader was encouraged by a teacher to join an elementary LGBTQ club. He was told not to tell his parents. The board ignored these concerns.

At the end of last school year, SSD had an \$11.8M budget reserve. They squandered all of this and are talking about hiring freezes, salary freezes, substantial cuts, and selling land next year to stay within mandated reserve levels. Most concerning was the award of \$528K to a board member and his theater company to provide bilingual after-school theater lessons to Hispanic students. These are the same students who can't read and write.

SSD is heading in the wrong direction academically, ideologically, and financially. It is imperative that things change. The only way to do it is to get common-sense, non-ideological, academically focused parents elected to the board. We'd like to see SSD get back to a focus on basic academics, transparency, and ethical fiscal management.

Please join the efforts of the School Board Leadership Team (SBLT), which was formed after the strategic training. The district captain is CJ Milmoe, and the interim campaign manager is Tess Scalise. Our most important and pressing need is for candidates. We also need many volunteers to support the candidates, write letters to the editor, help with a possible voter registration drive, and support other community awareness projects. Please contact Nancy Gunow, SBLT communications manager, at [GunowN@aol.com](mailto:GunowN@aol.com), 248-568-6415, if you might consider running as a candidate, know someone who is interested, or offer to volunteer in any capacity for this most important endeavor.

Thank you, Nancy Gunow





# FOUNDATION FOR THE RESTORATION OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation for the Restoration of America is offering students 16 years old and older the opportunity to earn scholarships up to \$10,000 after they complete the nonprofit's Constitutional Study Program. The scholarships can be used for tuition at any college or university, private high school, or trade school. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) educational organization focused on preserving and restoring our nation's freedom.

**2023 Constitutional  
Scholarship Program**

For details about the program,  
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To learn more, visit [ffroa.com](http://ffroa.com) or scan the QR code. Enroll, complete the required Hillsdale Constitution classes online, and apply. The application deadline is December 31, 2023.

# We Are Not in This Fight Alone!

Parents and community members are no longer in the dark about the efforts to indoctrinate youth throughout our educational system. At-home schooling during the pandemic opened the eyes of many parents and allowed them to witness the teaching of Marxist ideology, racism, and anti-American history to their children.

As a result, parents spoke out at school board meetings and united. Across America, many formed new organizations to protect our children against critical race theory, gender manipulation and mutilation, and the rewriting of history known as the 1619 Project. Law firms and powerful national nonprofits deepened their efforts to fight these dangerous trends. A few respected investigative journalists focused their attention on critical race theory (CRT), diversity/equity/inclusive (DEI) training, gender dysphoria promotion, and the tentacles of these revolutionary doctrines throughout our society. The left's cultural revolution was exposed.

The backlash has been intensive and is growing. In Virginia's 2021 gubernatorial election, a major upset occurred when Republican Glenn Youngkin took a stand for parents' rights and soundly defeated his Democrat opponent. Governor Youngkin's first two executive orders were [EO-1 Ending the Use of Inherently Divisive Concepts, Including Critical Race Theory, and Restoring Excellence in K-12 Public Education in the Commonwealth](#) and [EO-2 Reaffirming the Rights of Parents in the Upbringing, Education, and Care of Their Children](#). These executive orders are well worth reading. Florida's Governor Ron DeSantis has also been in the forefront of fighting for parents' rights and the defeat of destructive CRT, DEI, and gender manipulation policies in education.

In Summit County, parents are now awake and taking action. We are attending school board meetings and closely monitoring the actions of school board members and teachers. We are examining the curriculum and budget allocations. We are publicizing failing student achievement scores, which are among the lowest in the state, and many residents are writing letters to the editor. Hundreds of Hispanic parents signed a petition to the school board, worried about their children's education. New groups have formed, including Summit School District Watch, dedicated to changing the direction of our failing educational system. And concerned citizens are considering running for the Summit County School Board, determined to provide our children with an educational system that will prepare them for a successful future.

It's time to step up and get involved! Our children's future – and the future of our nation – are at stake.



# We Are Not in This Fight Alone!

Numerous national organizations and law firms provide resources to help in this fight. Here are a few:

Moms for Liberty

<https://www.momsforliberty.org> (You may need to type the web address into your browser if the link doesn't work.)

Parents Defending Education

[www.defendinged.org](http://www.defendinged.org)

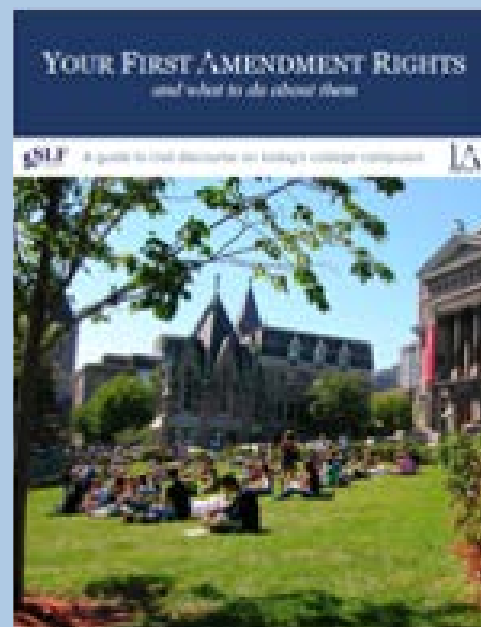
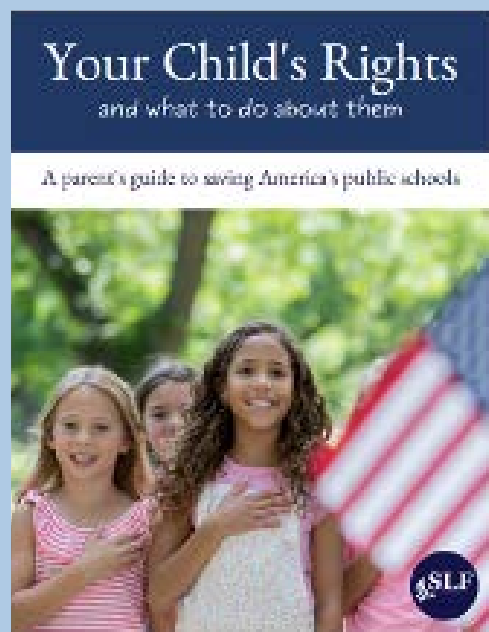
Defense of Freedom Institute

<https://dfipolicy.org/>

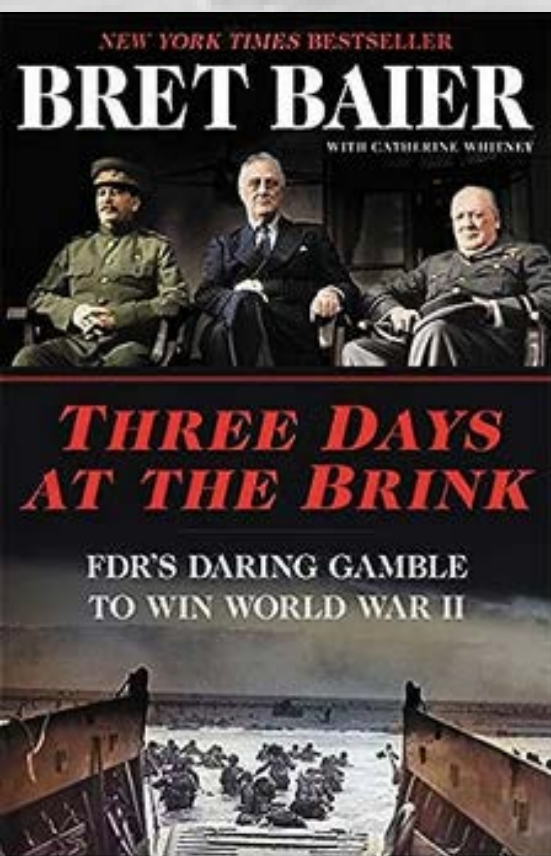
Southeastern Legal Foundation

<https://www.slfliberty.org>

Two of the organization's guidebooks, available by downloading pdfs on its website, highlight education. Both are important publications to read if you have children in school or if you are involved in any way with education.



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**BOOK  
CLUB**



**BOOK:** *"Three Days at the Brink: FDR's Daring Gamble to Win World War II"*

**AUTHOR:** Bret Baier

**MODERATOR:** Maarten Meinders

**DATE:** Monday, Aug 28, 6:00 pm

**PLACE:** TBA

**HOSTS:** TBA

Please bring an appetizer and/or beverage to share.

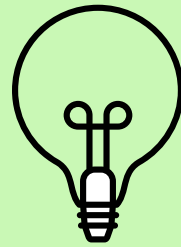
All are welcome to attend; spouses, friends, family members!

**RSVP** to Nancy at [gunown@aol.com](mailto:gunown@aol.com) or 248-568-6415.

"The topic will be the presidency of FDR. Feel free to choose other books and/or research to share with the group."



# DID YOU KNOW?



“Go woke; go broke” is becoming more than a clever mantra. The oft-repeated warning has become reality for several major businesses.

- 1** Anheuser-Busch has lost more than \$5 billion in market value following the Bud Light debacle.
- 2** Target stock lost more than \$12.4 billion in the first 14 days of a boycott after it released its LGBT collection featuring “tuck-friendly” women’s swimwear and 2,389 Pride products including children’s clothing.
- 3** Ben and Jerry’s parent company lost \$2.5 billion after its 4th of July tweet that “the U.S. exists on stolen Indigenous land.”
- 4** Walt Disney Company lost \$123 billion last year and its stock suffered a 44% drop in price as the public recognized that the company has abandoned traditional family values and become woke.



# CALENDAR

## AUG 5 | SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN ANNUAL PICNIC

Sat, Aug 5, 11 am – 2:00pm

Carter Park and Pavilion, 300 S. High Street/P.O. Box 168, Breckenridge

For Tickets @ \$40 contact [Eventbrite](#)

This is an opportunity to discuss the state of public education in Summit County and Colorado and how you can help make a difference in the education of our children while enjoying outstanding BBQ from the Arapahoe Café. Wine, beer, sodas, and water are included.

Speakers include: Pam Benigno, director, Education Policy Center at the Independence Institute, and Lori Gimelshteyn, co-founder and executive director of both the Cherry Creek and Colorado Parent Advocacy Networks.

## AUG 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM - SCHOOL BOARD PRAYER TEAM

A school board prayer team has been established, and all are welcome to attend. The group meets every Tuesday in the Summit County Prayer Room, 252 Warren Avenue, Silverthorne. Please contact Cindy Meinders at [cmeinders1@gmail.com](mailto:cmeinders1@gmail.com) or 706-218-0083 for information or prayer requests.

## AUG 7 | SUMMIT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING

Mon, July 7, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Colorado Mountain College, 107 Denison Placer, Rd, Breckenridge, CO

## AUG 10 | 6 - 9 PM - PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENT - ENERGY

Location: Colorado Mountain College, 107 Denison Placer, Rd, Breckenridge  
The Northwest Colorado Energy Initiative was started by Senator Rankin, in partnership with AGNC, Colorado Mesa University, and Colorado School of Mines as a non-profit effort to survey and educate the public on energy alternatives as we transition away from coal in Colorado. Join us at this free event to learn the concerns, share the facts, and take notes of the understanding of the communities in our region. Contact Matt Soloman [matt@MattSolomon.org](mailto:matt@MattSolomon.org) for more information.

## AUG 14 | 4:30 PM - SCHOOL BOARD LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Uptown On Main, front room on right

Please join us, and feel free to invite others who may be interested.

## AUG 21 | 5:30 - 7:00 PM - CONSERVATIVE COCKTAILS

PLACE: TBA - Send request to [news@thesummitgop.org](mailto:news@thesummitgop.org).

## AUG 28 | 6:00 PM - AUGUST BOOK CLUB

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