

Ethnically diverse Houston pastor coalition opposes Superintendent Carranza's LGBTQ proposal

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Houston, TX – The following statement was issued by Houston Area Pastor Council, the diverse coalition that led the effort to defeat former Mayor Annise Parker's pro-LGBTQ "Equal Rights Ordinance, in response to a report about plans by HISD Superintendent Richard Carranza.

"The proposal by HISD Superintendent Richard Carranza to introduce California-style LGBTQ "studies" into our children's U.S. History curriculum[i] is not about education, it is about indoctrination. Carranza is an import from San Francisco where this kind of propaganda that attempts to equate sexual lifestyles, gender confusion and hostility toward the traditional family has become the norm. The HISD Board of Trustees needs to remind Dr. Carranza that this is Texas, where the people of all ethnicities still believe that our children are to be protected, nurtured and educated, not used as a social experiment of a radical political agenda.

Carranza's plan is birthed from the mission of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) to 'create safe and affirming schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression'. The GLSEN has been brought into California schools[ii] to train teachers, which is the equivalent of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion perpetrator, teaching sex education in schools.

An example of where this leads toward blatant advocacy against traditional marriage and family comprised of a married mother and father raising children in a happy, healthy home is as follows:

'The group creates printed resources for teachers to use in the K-12 classrooms and urges schools to celebrate <u>LGBT History Month</u> and <u>LGBT Pride Month</u>. Reading materials and lesson plans for children include the **books** Heather Has Two Mommies, It's OK to Be Different, **and** Tango Makes Three. A lesson plan on "<u>ThinkB4YouSpeak</u>," a guide to LGBT politically correct language, is also promoted by GLSEN.'

Dr. Carranza, not in our city and not our children. The former Mayor of Houston attempted to turn Houston into San Francisco with this same philosophy. Again, this is Houston, Texas not San Francisco, California."

[i] http://www.chron.com/news/education/article/Houston-ISD-Superintendent-proposes-including-11233584.php

[iii] Ibid

[[]ii] http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2016/07/19/lgbt-history-california-first-to-teach/