



## Education and Workforce Hearing Message Guidance

### More Trump-Style Political Stunts at the Expense of America's Children

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It's no secret that the MAGA House GOP is anti-education, anti-teacher, and anti-union. Just a few weeks ago, Education & Workforce Committee Chair Virginia Foxx called the president of the largest teachers union in the country "the most dangerous person in the world." **Foxx is holding her first [hearing](#) attacking public educators and public schools tomorrow.**

The GOP has for decades been hostile to public schools, school teachers, public school curriculum, and the unions who represent teachers. Before right-wing conspiracy theories about Critical Race Theory, Republicans stoked resentment by demanding private school vouchers. Before faux outrage over Drag Queen Story Hour, and even before the existence of COVID-19 or Randi Weingarten's tenure at AFT, Republicans were pining for the elimination of the Department of Education dating back to Reagan. Attacks on teachers unions and the public health community's pandemic response are only the latest efforts by Republicans to use public schools as a political football. Make no mistake: for years, Republicans have been incredibly hostile to educators and teachers unions – well predating the pandemic and well predating Randi Weingarten.

**KEY POINT:** Rather than focus on the real issues Americans care about, Virginia Foxx and MAGA House Republicans have decided to use their first Education and the Workforce Committee hearing to play politics with our children, their schools, and their education. This is just another step in their partisan-political game plan to harm President Biden and Democrats while making room to pursue their MAGA agenda – and they are putting school children in the middle of their warfare.

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- **Republicans have been attacking teachers' unions and public education for decades.** These attacks preceded the COVID-19 pandemic. Republicans downplayed the

seriousness of the pandemic and led the attacks on school districts and teachers as an excuse for their radical agenda.

- **Republicans' real goals are to pursue their radical agenda rather than deal with issues that actually matter to parents.** Republicans want to politicize our children's education in classrooms and make it the epicenter of their culture war. They will defund your children's education, ban books, and attack critical race theory for their own radical political agenda.
- **They are trying to cling to power.** Clearly, MAGA Republicans are threatened by the growing and diverse voices of Americans across the country. They will do anything to try to silence these voices and make the country take one step forward and three steps backward.

**KEY WORDS:**

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