

TALKING POINTS ON HOUSE SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC SCHOOL CLOSURES HEARING

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Key Point: The MAGA Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic's hearing on Wednesday is just another excuse for them to attack teachers' unions and public education. These Republicans claim they care about the best interests of children but their records of voting against keeping kids safe from gun violence and COVID-19 tell a different story. This is nothing more than a political stunt designed to give them a platform to spew their radical agenda.

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- **Republicans have been attacking teachers' unions and public education for decades.** Before faux outrage over Drag Queen Story Hour, and even before the existence of COVID-19, Republicans were pining for the elimination of the Department of Education dating back to Reagan. Attacks on the AFT and the public health community's pandemic response are only the latest efforts by Republicans to use public schools as a political football.
- **MAGA Republicans have repeatedly opposed efforts to keep students and teachers safe.** Time and time again, they voted against billions in funding dedicated to safely reopening schools, opposed measures to prevent gun violence in schools, and opposed pandemic aid for children and families. They have no credibility to claim that they have the best interests of American schoolchildren in mind.
- **This hearing is nothing more than a political stunt intended to further their radical agenda rather than deal with issues that actually matter to students and 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.

KEY WORDS:

MAGA Republicans

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Radical Agenda
No credibility

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