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TO: Texas State Board of Education

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The Texas Pastor Council strongly urges the Texas State Board of Education Members to recognize the blatant attempt by a few to censor and purge references to our nation’s Christian heritage from public school education materials. This attempt to redefine our history and then interject critical race theory and the sexualization of our children is evil and is a violation of God’s Word.

We are concerned with any and all standards that delete important historical figures and events simply because they are Judeo-Christian or traditional references while mentioning LGBT and leftist ideologies. Following are just a few examples\*:

- Moses has been removed from the standards, again.
- The Establishment Clause of the 1st Amendment of the U. S. Constitution was deleted.
- The requirement to learn the national motto “In God We Trust” in U.S. History class has been removed.
- Students will be required to define sexual orientation.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be required to study the Gay Pride movement.
- Students will be taught that the Texas Rangers are “an instrument of oppression”.
- Ethnic Studies which include concepts of “intersectionality,” LGBT rights, Critical Race Theory (CRT), and describes border security as the “militarization of the U.S. Mexico border.”

These are just a few of the concerning recommendations made by unelected “workgroup members” of what should be “in” and what should be “out”. Jesus spoke this warning in Matthew 18:6 “...*whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea..*”

The Texas Pastor Council represents more than 1500 churches across Texas of “every color, every corner”, including Pastor Councils in many major cities. We will make sure that the tens of thousands of Texas citizens attending our churches are kept informed about this issue.

\* - Information provided by Texas Values