

Resolution Regarding Transparency in Public Education

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska provides free instruction in common schools that is funded largely by the citizens of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the ability of the Nebraska public to oversee the educational materials is essential to educating the children of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education and the State Board of Education in charge of the materials being taught are elected positions and the public should be able to review their decisions regarding materials being taught in publicly funded schools; and

WHEREAS, this would include any early education materials through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's elected officials in public funded learning institutions have not been forthcoming in the materials that they have been approving. While the elected officials are elected, their decisions on education materials have not been made public; and

WHEREAS, recently, the State Board of Education has not been directed by the State Legislature to adopt new Health Standards and went "rogue" without approval to adopt new standards; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Constitution Article VII, Section 14(1-3) provides for the adoption of new standards and roles and mission of the Nebraska public schools and the State Board of Education has acted outside of their authority.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 2022 NEGOP STATE CONVENTION DELEGATES:

RESOLVED, all educational materials including, but not limited to, all textbooks, videos and internet links to supplement materials, online content and curriculum, and oral presentations and visiting lectures are to be made public via a website per learning institution. Such that any taxpayer can use that interface to read and review the educational materials being presented in all classrooms or in other public sponsored speakers or events; and

RESOLVED, these materials can be made available via alternative to website from the learning district in hard copy at a reasonable price if the taxpayer cannot use the website or simply prefers to have hard copies. This material must be made available at the cost only of the materials being provided.

ADOPTED BY DELEGATES
NEGOP State Convention, July 9, 2022