



Toolkit for Protecting Your School Board from Members Who Support Book Banning, Curriculum Censorship, and Anti-LGBTQ+ Policies

Step #1 – Educate yourself.

- Find a list of resources [HERE](#).
- Attend school board meetings in your local district(s) and complete the School Board Meeting Checklist which can be found [HERE](#).

Step #2 – Seek out qualified candidates to run for open seats, or to challenge regressive members.*

- Make note of school board meeting speakers who share AAUW's values.
- Seek referrals.
 - Talk to members from your district PTA.
 - Talk to current board members.
 - Talk to local politicians you may have a relationship with.
 - Talk to like-minded friends who are in other community organizations.
- Once you have identified a potential candidate, approach them to gauge interest. You may find a sample "solicitation" speech [HERE](#).

Step #3 – If your potential candidate decides to run, support their campaign.*

- Request your branch board to agree to endorse the candidate; post on your branch's website.
- Help your candidate become known in your community.
 - Host a meet-and-greet in your home (as an individual, not as an AAUW member).
 - Post social media messages of support (to be provided by the state Public Policy Committee).
- Volunteer to work on their campaign.
 - Walk precincts.
 - Distribute flyers.

Step #4 – Speak out at school board meetings.

- You can find a sample script [HERE](#).

Step #5 – Keep your School Board Project liaison updated on your actions.

- You can find your liaison [HERE](#).
- Items to report:
 - Name, contact information (phone, email) of potential candidate, school district
 - Activities completed in support of candidate
 - Attendance at school board meeting
 - Attach copy of completed School Board Meeting Checklist.

*You can find information about the authority for engaging in these activities [HERE](#).