**Toolkit for Protecting Your School Board from Members
Who Support Book-Banning and 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
  - o Talk to members from your district PTA
  - o Talk to current board members
  - o Talk to local politicians you may have a relationship with
  - o 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 website
- Help your candidate become known in your community
  - o Host a meet-and-greet in your home (as an individual, not AAUW member)
  - o Post social media messages of support (to be provided by state Public Policy)
- Volunteer to work on their campaign
  - o Walk precincts
  - o 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
  - o Name, contact information (phone, email) of potential candidate, school district
  - o Activities completed in support of candidate
  - o 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.