Robert Chiaradio: Testimony for H7781 – PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT 4/10/23

I am before this committee in full support of this bill, H7781. I am a firm believer that parents, not schools, should be the primary influencers of their own children. In my view, based on all I have learned in the past four years, schools are attempting to drive a wedge between parent and child, in order that the school usurp the primary influencer role, leaving parents on the outside, looking in.

In-school social transitioning, including names, pronouns and, in some cases, inappropriate medical and mental counseling are all taking place behind the parent's backs. In fact, in RIDE's own *Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming/Transitioning Students* policy protocol, schools are not mandated to inform the parents of any of what I just mentioned. Angelica Infante-Green has been given wide authority by the General Assembly to even define what a boy is an what a girl is. Parents aren't aware of this in general.

Parents are not made aware of their rights under PPRA, where they can inspect every single survey from RIDE or Panorama, or whomever prior to their child participating. Districts are knowingly conducting surveys with questions which violate PPRA, unbeknownst to parents. Many of these surveys are opt-in rather than opt-out, meaning that there will be far fewer responses, which is not what they want. That is why districts do this, and keep parents in the dark. These districts are breaking the law.

Under PPRA, parents also have the right to inspect all curriculum and opt their children out of most things, especially sexual education which, under RIDE's recommended *HealthSmart ETR* curriculum, normalizes improper relationships between adults and children.

Content-based education has taken a back seat to racialization, radicalization, and sexualization of our kids over the last 4 or 5 years. This is obvious because less than 35% of RI's kids are proficient in ELA and Math. This is embarrassing and unacceptable. RIDE and Infante-Green's #1 objective isn't to teach your kids to

read, write, and solve for X. It's to indoctrinate them into hating the country and themselves.

Parents must have unfettered access and control over their own kids. PPRA, if enforced and followed, will help. Passage of this bill will put parents in charge of their own kid's health, education, and welfare, vis a vis schools, which is where it should be.

Respectfully,

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