

Townhall

Dear Kevin McCarthy: Parents Need More Than a 'Voice'

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Before House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy moves ahead with the Commitment to America, I hope he spends some time listening to parents first-hand. I think he may see his version, while close, misses the mark.

Taxpayer-funded schools continue to push pornographic materials to even the youngest students, and they seem more energetic than ever to teach anti-American propaganda and Marxist critical theories. Who gave their consent to this? Not the parents I know. Schools are building walls between parents and school children, destroying families with grooming, counseling, and even medicating students in gender transitions, all against the will of their parents.

As members of a national organization standing for parents, United States Parents Involved in Education (USPIE) greatly anticipated McCarthy's Commitment to America. We firmly believe our country is suffering under the Democrat Party governance and agree that Republicans must act boldly to regain control and return our country to robust prosperity.

We also agree whole-heartedly with McCarthy's aim for "A Future That's Built on Freedom." Freedom is the essence of our nation. The Commitment begins with a statement about education and parents, a key constituency. School board meetings are seeing parents speak out in greater numbers than ever before. Parents are fed up with the state of public education in our country. Disregard for parental rights and responsibilities for their own children is prevalent.

However, our vision for solving this problem is very different than that stated in the Commitment to America. **We do not believe parents need a voice. We believe parents need control.** The evidence is clear — although the federal government has been overseeing public education for more than 50 years with ever increasing funding and regulation, school performance has plummeted. American education is seeing the largest drop in reading and mathematics scores since 1990, but children can articulate the LGBTQ+ agenda, describe how to put on a condom and explain why America is and always has been a racist, sexist country. All of this is well-documented by experts in our newly released documentary film "Truth and Lies in American Education."

USPIE's mission is to return control of education to parents and local communities by eradicating federal intrusion. Through USPIE, grassroots leaders from around the country have joined forces to abolish the United States Department of Education and put an end to all federal education mandates. Ronald Reagan knew this was the right course of action when he ran, but sadly, he could not make it happen. We believe McCarthy and other upstanding lawmakers can if they commit to do so.

It is the vision of USPIE to create a culture where parents, empowered with the authority to choose what and how their children learn, are the undisputed primary educators of their children, where local schools operate in support of families, and where education is unencumbered by federal mandates.

USPIE strongly urges McCarthy & Company to endorse our [Blueprint to Close the Federal Department of Education](#). It is a concise, nine-page document with clear instruction and supporting research. It has been reviewed by experts with the CATO Institute, the Heritage Foundation, as well with numerous Washington DC Congressmen and their staff.

We are hopeful that Republicans are serious about restoring education freedom. You cannot do this if the federal government is the entity "making sure every student can succeed" or "expanding parental choice." You can only ensure freedom in education if you get the federal government out of the education business and restore the vision of our Founding Fathers where local communities and parents direct the education of their children.