

Protect Nebraska Children Coalition

***Statement after the health education standards were indefinitely postponed on
September 3rd, 2021***

The Protect Nebraska Children Coalition (PNCC) is thankful the Nebraska State Board of Education has voted to indefinitely postpone the development of the health and sex education standards.

The PNCC is calling on the Nebraska State Board of Education to initiate an investigation into the process by which these proposed standards were developed and presented to the public. We believe the documents recently acquired by several of our members through public record requests establish a clear pattern of manipulation throughout the development process of the standards. It certainly appears as though the process, which has frequently been criticized for its lack of transparency, was driven by the efforts of a single board member working with the Nebraska Department of Education staff and various activists behind the scenes. Two recent in-depth articles outline these events as well. Read [THIS](#) and [THIS](#).

The revelations of the past several weeks raise significant concerns from Nebraska's citizens, which should result in immediate resignations and/or terminations. Each board member has been provided with a large number of the communications secured through public records requests, such that there is no credible excuse for failing to clean its own house.

Additionally, an independent investigation should be completed to determine any others who may have been complicit. Anything less than an investigation and significant changes in leadership will be seen as continuing to deepen the blatant disregard for and

betrayal of the public's trust to which we've unfortunately become accustomed over the past several months.

The spotlight has seldom shone so directly upon the Nebraska State Board of Education as it does right now. It is our sincerest hope the Nebraska State Board of Education will answer this call and take the opportunity to achieve true transparency and accountability to all Nebraska citizens.

