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Safe Schools For All Announces Merger with Texas Blue Action

Today, Safe Schools For All, a non-profit group started in the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, announced that they will merge with Texas Blue Action. The purpose is to strengthen voter outreach in key communities in Central Texas leading up to the May elections.

The new group will be called Safe Schools for Texas and will concentrate on seven suburban Texas school board elections, including Round Rock, Dripping Springs, Eanes, Hays, Comal, Lake Travis and Spring Branch. Texas Blue Action Democrats organizes volunteers in eight Texas communities to motivate their neighbors to vote for Democratic candidates.

“When Governor Greg Abbott decided he wanted to prohibit school districts from protecting their students and staff with masks during COVID, we launched the fight for Safe Schools. We recruited more than 4,000 volunteers who successfully lobbied our school district to impose a mask mandate. In addition, we successfully intervened in a lawsuit against Abbott which helped to protect more than 1 million Texas students,” said Lana Hansen, President of Safe Schools For All. Hansen says the new group also plans a candidate endorsement policy that will help identify candidates who support public education.

“It is no accident that we chose the name Safe Schools For All. This fight was just the beginning of what was to come. We want safe schools for our LGBTQI students, trans students, equity for students of color, and equity for low income students. We want protections for critical thinking that include accurate history and eliminate book bans,” she says.

School board races have become a battleground in recent months with conservative candidates pouring tens of thousands of dollars into these hyper-local races. Hansen says this merger will help local, pro-education candidates get their message to voters.

“These important local races are going to require all hands on deck. For this reason, we have formed a partnership with our friends at Texas Blue Action. This expands our resources and organizing infrastructure. If there is one thing they know how to do well it is to organize communities to get sh*t done. By bringing together the passionate parents from the Safe Schools For All movement and the organizing infrastructure of Texas Blue Action, we are launching a powerful and purposeful partnership,” Lana Hansen, *Executive Director Texas Blue Action & President of Safe Schools For All*

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