

Texas Pastors: 'This Is Houston, Not San Francisco'

Earlier this week, according to *The Houston Chronicle*, Houston Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Richard Carranza recommended that "LGBTQ History" be added to the district's curriculum.

"The LGBTQ movement in the U.S. has a history, and in many cases, many people would call it a civil rights history in terms of acceptance and in terms of who have been leaders of the movement," Carranza said at a community meeting hosted by the pro-LGBT publication *Houston Defender*. "I think it's part of the American history. To include that as part of what kids study is just a bigger picture of who we are as America."

While Carranza's comments probably earned him a standing ovation from the LGBT activists in his community, it signaled a first shot in a new battle in defense of traditional, biblical marriage for the Houston Area Pastors Council. The group that famously went head-to-head with the city's former mayor, Annise Parker, over a so-called "bathroom bill" policy was quick to rebuke the leader of Texas' largest school district.

Rev. Dave Welch, spokesman for the group, issued the following statement Tuesday evening:

The proposal by HISD Superintendent Richard Carranza to introduce California-style LGBTQ "studies" into our children's U.S. History curriculum is not about education; it is about indoctrination. Carranza is an import from San Francisco where this kind of propaganda that attempts to equate sexual lifestyles, gender confusion and hostility toward the traditional family has become the norm. The HISD Board of Trustees needs to remind Dr. Carranza that this is

Texas, where the people of all ethnicities still believe that our children are to be protected, nurtured and educated, not used as a social experiment of a radical political agenda.

Carranza's plan is birthed from the mission of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network to "create safe and affirming schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression." The GLSEN has been brought into California schools to train teachers, which is the equivalent of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion perpetrator, teaching sex education in schools.

An example of where this leads toward blatant advocacy against traditional marriage and family comprised of a married mother and father raising children in a happy, healthy home is as follows:

The group creates printed resources for teachers to use in the K-12 classrooms and urges schools to celebrate LGBT History Month and LGBT Pride Month. Reading materials and lesson plans for children include the books *Heather Has Two Mommies*, *It's OK to Be Different*, and *Tango Makes Three*. A lesson plan on "ThinkB4YouSpeak," a guide to LGBT politically correct language, is also promoted by GLSEN.

Dr. Carranza, not in our city and not our children. The former mayor of Houston attempted to turn Houston into San Francisco with this same philosophy. Again, this is Houston, Texas not San Francisco, California. {eo}