Communities are concerned that public schools are drifting from their founding ideals. During the pandemic, parents were provided a peek into the classroom and had questions about what their children were learning. The result has been a wave of parental engagement and activism aimed at holding schools and school boards accountable for curriculum and academic proficiency.

Restoring American Education is an initiative of the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty (WILL) to close a critical gap by engaging parents, school board members, and teachers with an understanding of concerns and trends in education, while providing model school board policies and other resources to produce positive change at the local level.

SCHOOL BOARD RESOURCES

WILL has created and continues to create model school board policies as an addition and alternative to the limited options that school boards have access to. WILL offers these model policies with goals of increasing parents’ rights and involvement, creating transparency, optimizing student academic achievement, and improving school governance.

WILL is closely following the developments related to the proposed changes to Title IX and provides updates about significant developments that could impact how school boards navigate and apply this federal law.

PARENT RESOURCES

By empowering and engaging parents and community members, we can create meaningful and impactful change in education. WILL has created a parent resource one-stop-shop of both original resources and highlights from partners around the country that seek to assist parents and inform them of their rights.

Examples include WILL's Wisconsin School Scorecard (will-law.org/school-scorecard); an "opt-out" form; a letter template to engage with district administration; and a form for parents to request notice when CRT concepts are being taught in the classroom.

TEACHER RESOURCES

Some under-explored topics are how our teachers are trained in schools of education and what resources are available for teachers who want to present a balanced and factual curriculum. Our teacher resources page features original research on teacher education, analyses of curricula, and resources to ensure our classrooms are places of respect and sincere inquiry.