

HOW LEAVING TASB HURTS OUR KIDS

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) was founded in 1949 as a non-partisan vehicle to promote educational excellence for Texas school children through advocacy, visionary leadership, and high-quality services to school districts. TASB provides innumerable benefits to our school district, such as:

- TASB Model Policies
- TASB Legal Policies
- TABS Resource Manuals
- Legal advice on policy issues
- Board Development Services including training and consulting services
- Executive Search Services

And much more.

In addition, TASB provides direct financial support to our district. CISD paid a \$10,000 deductible to receive \$308,000 of litigation aid from the TASB liability fund in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.

Despite this multitude of benefits, CISD voted to leave TASB because it promotes “divisive political ideologies.” What are these divisive ideologies? In a press conference, CISD Trustee Cameron Bryan called out support for LGBTQ students as being contrary to Southlake’s values. The resolution offered by the School Board in support of leaving TASB directly cited to a January 30, 2023 letter from Texas State Representatives Harrison, Leo-Wilson, Cain, Dorazio, Hayes, Schaefer, Schatzline, Slaton and Tinderholt in which they decried support for transgender students.

As a result, after taking advantage of hundreds of thousands of dollars of benefits from TASB, CISD trustees voted to leave the organization simply because they think it is “woke.” And just after making this financially imprudent decision, they immediately turned around and pleaded with parents to contact their legislators for additional school funding because of a “challenging financial situation due to circumstances out of our control.”

Rather than protect their students, rather than act in a financially responsible way, CISD Trustees would rather posture and pose before cameras showing that they’re not “woke.”