

# **Kansas Republican Party Resolution Calling to End Social Emotional Learning**

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*Whereas* Social Emotional Learning (SEL) began in 1994 with the goal of “pervading every aspect of a district’s work and is the pathway towards equity, access, and social justice” casel.org;<sup>1</sup>

*Whereas* the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) is funded by foundations to promote SEL throughout education<sup>1</sup>;

*Whereas* in 2012 the Kansas State Board of Education was the first in the nation to integrate SEL as the comprehensive curriculum in all K-12 subjects<sup>2</sup>;

*Whereas* “Transformative SEL” began in 2020 imbedding with it CRT<sup>3</sup>, DEI<sup>4</sup>, gender confusion, pornographic books, and little true American history, leaving academics no longer the focus of education;

*Whereas* only 22% of Kansas high school sophomores are proficient in math<sup>5</sup>;

*Whereas* only 22% of Kansas eighth grade students are proficient in reading<sup>5</sup>;

*Whereas* behavioral and values testing to collect data for student’s “mental health” files risks student’s privacy, health, and futures<sup>6</sup>;

*Whereas* the KCTC<sup>7</sup> and CDC<sup>8</sup> surveys, among others, introduce and normalize students to all possible bad behaviors, drugs, sexual acts<sup>9</sup>, gender confusion, suicide, and more;

*Whereas* since the inception of SEL, KDHE ranks suicide as the second leading cause of death among young people, when before SEL began in 2011 it was not ranked;

*Whereas* school districts have lost local control with state accreditation mandating teaching SEL;

*Whereas* SEL is approaching a billion-dollar business, selling learning management system courses and surveys to local districts;

*Be it resolved* that the Kansas Republican Party asks the Kansas State Board of Education to end adoption of Social Emotional Learning and asks the Kansas Legislature and local school districts to stop funding this social experiment on Kansas youth.

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