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GAE critical of new state school board resolution

ATLANTA - "This is strictly an unnecessary political overreaction prompted by a recent letter from Gov. Kemp opposing 'critical race theory' to members of the Georgia Board of Education," said Lisa Morgan, president of the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) reacting to a resolution passed today by the board. "This resolution constitutes further encroachment in our classrooms by noneducators who once again are subverting the expertise and professionalism of those trained to educate Georgia's students. Educators want to teach the facts but will be seriously hindered and censured by this ill-conceived resolution.



Lisa Morgan

History is replete with instances of, and lessons about, oppression. This resolution will not only impact the teaching of America's complete history, but overall world history. Under this resolution, our teachers' abilities to apply appropriate instructional decisions for their students will be severely limited. Culturally-responsive pedagogy is now being thrown out the window limiting our teachers' autonomy to teach something other than what has been handed to them. Current events have real world applications and connections for our students, and that is the reason teachers embed them in their instruction.

Good teachers realize that they must find age-appropriate ways to tell hard truths about our country's past and present to prepare our students to create a better future."

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