

The Texas State Board of Education is now taking steps to adopt social studies curriculum to be used in the teaching of Texas public school students. According to State NAACP Education Chair Kimberly Yancy, "On June 15th, 2022, one of the History Workgroups submitted a draft proposal to the State Board of Education representatives replacing the word slavery with involuntary relocation for 2nd-grade public school children." Yancy expressed her concern because "the term "involuntary relocation" does not accurately portray the brutal history of American Slavery. It is our hope that the Texas Education Agency staff will encourage work groups to look at state standards through inclusive and equitable lenses. Additionally, we expect these work groups to submit drafts to the Texas State Board of Education that use appropriate language and terminology."

"Yancy stated further that the Texas NAACP will continue to monitor and observe this and other attempts that try to misinform school children concerning the true facts of American History."

State President Bledsoe added that "such action undermines the parent client relationship by requiring falsehoods be taught to children that are contrary to truth and to what the parents are teaching at home. Further, it will cause psychological harm to the African-American students because the proposal belittles the great and historical struggle that persons of African Ancestry fought and endured, pitting them in a light of inferiority. The aggressive and intimidating behavior by supporters of the change towards State Board of Education Member Aicha Davis who opposes this action makes it clear, this action is designed and intended to marginalize African-Americans"

Yancy says that the Texas NAACP State Education Committee will be actively working with other African-American organizations and officials and members of the public to address this matter.

If members of the public are interested in discovering more information on the topic, Yancy said the relevant information regarding what has occurred so far may be found at:

https://www.adminmonitor.com/tx/tea/committee_of_the_full_board/20220615/

The State Board of Education Committees on Social Studies Standards for high schools will be meeting this week in Austin.