

February 1, 2022

Mr. Eric Davis
Chair
North Carolina State Board of Education
301 N. Wilmington Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Chair Davis:

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the North Carolina State Board of Education. I thoroughly enjoyed our colleagues on the Board, the board advisors, and many of the great staff at the Department of Public Instruction.

In full transparency, in February when the board passed Social Studies Standards by a slim majority, standards that many of us concluded, and thousands of parents agreed, were unproductive, regressive and unhelpful to the students of this wonderful state, it became more difficult to see where I could add value. The trajectory away from what some of us believed actually helped students, away from education towards activism, became much more likely, if not inevitable. With that trajectory almost certain to follow unless parents engage on a large scale, it made it evident that it was time to step down as a member of the North Carolina State Board of Education. This letter is my official resignation as of February 1, 2022.

Thank you and our fellow board members and advisors for your service to the citizens of North Carolina. Please give my best to the members of the board, board staff, and the team at DPI. Although I disagree with the direction of the board, I care for and think fondly of each board member, advisor and the DPI team. You remain in my prayers.

With Warmest Regards,

J. Todd Chasteen