**GUIDANCE FROM AAUW NATIONAL**

**AAUW is a non-partisan organization. That means we support and advocate for:**

* Responsible public participation at the local, state, national, and international levels.
* Government agencies administering programs
* Public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions.
* More women and other underrepresented populations in policy/decision-making
* Being nonpartisan and fact-based, and acting with integrity.
* Inclusiveness and intersectionality.
* Balancing the rights of the individual and the needs of the community.
* Opposition to all forms of discrimination.
* High-quality public education as the foundation of a democratic society.
* Equitable access to education and climates free of harassment, bullying, and sexual assault.
* Academic freedom.
* Increased access to higher education.
* Equitable efforts to close persistent achievement gaps.
* Promoting the economic, social, and physical well-being of all persons.
* Separation of church and state.
* A fair, balanced, and independent judiciary.
* Public budgets that balance individual rights and responsibility to the community.
* Equitable political participation and representation in appointed and elected office.
* Improvements in racial, ethnic, and gender justice and eradicating intersectional bias.
* National and international policies against human trafficking
* Peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people.
* Civil and human rights for all immigrants, including legal pathways to citizenship.
* A strengthened united nation.
* Implementation of the Beijing declaration and platform for action from the 4th world conference on women.
* Active participation in the U.N. commission on the status of women and our commitment to ratification of the U.N. convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women (CEDAW).
* International family planning programs that are consistent with AAUW policy.