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Image: Attendees listen to a member of the public speak during a Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District school board meeting in Grapevine, Texas on Aug. 22, 2022.

Patriot Mobile-backed members of the GCISD board of trustees helped usher through a sweeping 36-page policy revision Monday touching on virtually every aspect of the culture wars over race, gender and sexuality that have dominated school ***politics*** since last year.

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Image: Rachel Wall during the "Public Comment" portion of a Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District school board meeting in Grapevine, Texas on Aug. 22, 2022.

Rachel Wall, the mother of a GCISD student, calls on the board of trustees to reject its "atrocious policy" dictating sweeping revisions in how the school system deals with issues of race, gender and sexuality.

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Image: Patriot Mobile's booth at CPAC in Dallas on Aug. 1, 2022.

After the 2016 presidential election, Patriot Mobile embraced Trump's brand of ***politics***.

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Image: Myra Brown holds up a book about Critical Race Theory as she speaks during the "Public Comment" portion of a Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District school board meeting in Grapevine, Texas, on Aug. 22, 2022.

Myra Brown tells GCISD trustees that critical race theory is "divisive, hateful, anti-American, anti-free market, anti-freedom and anti-peace."

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Image: Natasha Owens with a banner that reads, "Mobilizing Freedom" during a performance at CPAC in Dallas on Aug. 4, 2022.

Christian music star Natasha Owens wears a Patriot Mobile-themed dress while performing at CPAC in Dallas.

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Image: Board member Tammy Nakamura during a Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District school board meeting in Grapevine, Texas on Aug. 22, 2022.

GCISD trustee Tammy Nakamura voted to approve sweeping new district policies on race, gender and sexuality.

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Image: Scott Western during the "Public Comment" portion of a Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District school board meeting in Grapevine, Texas on Aug. 22, 2022.

Scott Western calls on GCISD trustees to approve its new policy on gender and "hold the ground against the LGBT mafia."

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Image: Caroline Critz during the "Public Comment" portion of a Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District school board meeting in Grapevine, Texas on Aug. 22, 2022.

Caroline Critz tells GCISD trustees that she's worried about how their new policies restricting classroom discussions of gender will affect her LGBTQ classmates.

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