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Photo illustration of Mansfield Timberview High School and police tape; Mindy Stonecipher; students and adults after the shooting; a flyer about "woke" ***politics*** mailed to MISD; and VanDella Menifee.

This spring, thousands of residents in the Mansfield Independent School District received political mailers that blamed a recent school shooting on "woke" school policies, inflaming partisan divides ahead of a heated school board election.

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Image: Volunteers pray with crosses to memorialize the victims of a mass shooting at Santa Fe High School in Texas on May 21, 2018.

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Image: Seth Garza and his daughter, Lilly, pause at a memorial dedicated to the 19 children and two adults killed during a mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, on May 31, 2022.

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IMage: Police tape outside of the Mansfield Timberview High School in Arlington, Texas, on Oct. 6, 2021.

Police tape blocks the entrance to Timberview High School after a student shot two classmates and a teacher on Oct. 6, 2021.

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Image: Karen Marcucci, Mansfield's school board president from 2018 until this spring.

"It makes me angry," former Mansfield school board president Karen Marcucci said of the mailer that blamed the Timberview shooting on school disciplinary policies.

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Image: Mindy Stonecipher, a mom who has criticized Mansfield's social emotional learning and disciplinary policies, also shared concerns about the flyer, which she called "extreme."

Mindy Stonecipher, a mom who has criticized Mansfield's social emotional learning and disciplinary policies, also shared concerns about the Patriot Mobile mailer but agreed with its underlying argument.

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