### YES, GOVERNOR ABBOTT - YOU'RE RIGHT

# 'Our schools are for EDUCATION, not

Why, then, are you using your civil office to indoctrinate Texas students with *your* religious views, trying to destroy public education and forcing *your* dogma on all citizens?

- Banning abortion, creating greedy bounty hunters and threatening physicians who perform abortions with life in prison . . . *because of your personal religious beliefs*.
- Encouraging censorship of school books about gender, sexuality, race and Black American history ... *because of your white Christian nationalist beliefs*.
- Touting a "Parental Bill of Rights" to allow a minority of extremists to impose their views on others . . . *thereby enforcing your personal religious doctrines*.

### Gov. Abbott, your tax-credit plan would destroy Texas public schools.

You propose to reward families who pull students out of public education with up to \$10,000 a year in taxpayer money — raided from funding for public schools — to pay for private religious school tuition. Where public money goes, public accountability should follow. But religious schools are not accountable. They are exempt from state exams. They can discriminate. This is not a needs-based program, but a robbery intended to defund the symbol of our democracy — our public schools.

#### Gov. Abbott: Many Texans are atheists, agnostics and unbelievers.

As attorney general in 2011, you warned FFRF to stay out of Texas, saying, "Our message to the atheists is don't mess with Texas and our Nativity scenes or Ten Commandments." Don't you realize that today nearly a third of Americans<sup>1</sup> — and 33 percent of Austin residents<sup>2</sup> — identify as atheists, agnostics or "nothing in particular"? Most Americans support state/church separation.<sup>3</sup>

### WAKE UP, TEXANS

Help FFRF "mess with Texas" by defending our public schools, keeping them free from religious indoctrination and preserving the constitutional principle of separation between state and church.

1 Pew Research Center, Dec. 14, 2021 2 PRRI 2020 Census of American Religion

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