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### **Colorado Springs' School District 11 Moves to Display Biased, Historically Shallow, Racially Insensitive Mural at Palmer High School**

*This mural cheat's school children out of historical relevance and ignores pioneers of the women's suffrage movement but does not skimp on Marxist buzzwords and minor figures of limited merit.*

**COLORADO SPRINGS, CO (October 29, 2021)** – At a time when the ham-fisted political blundering of school officials nationwide has reminded students, parents and voters what we're supposed to learn in school – reading, writing and 'rithmetic, plus some history, science and career-oriented skills – you'd think District 11 would be working hard to get back to the straight and narrow. Unfortunately, District 11 has stepped in it yet again, this time approving a poorly researched and hopelessly biased mural for Palmer High School planned and pushed by the Pike's Peak League of Women Voters.

The artwork, which purports to herald the value of women's role in American democracy, instead goes to great lengths to exclude notable female history-makers such as women's suffrage icons like Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Carrie Chapman Catt, Lucy Stone, Lucritia Mott, or other notables like Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Harriet Tubman. It also fails to mention modern standouts like Sandra Day O'Conner, and Condolezza Rice (though it does contain an image of a Caucasian looking Kamala Harris). The bulk of the women on the mural are poets and writers not to mention "race" activist. The only person on the mural engaged in the suffrage movement was Frances Ellen Watkins-Harper who was also an abolitionist.

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Worse yet, an organization that claims to be unbiased, the Pike's Peak chapter of the League of Women Voters, has placed its imprimatur on this painting despite the shortage of value. One might ask why the League of Women Voters puts so little stock in the women who worked so hard to gain women the right to vote. Why would they support a half-baked mural that shows women muzzled, facts muddled, and is missing the women who made history happen?

In addition, the mural contains the dubious word choices ("equity", for instance, where the word "equality" should be used) and the race-specific application of concepts that modern Marxists are famous for. None of the strong Western Christian women whose works made the suffrage movement possible are included, instead there is mislabeled, misstated and inaccurate information. This is emblematic of the failing of this mural: conflating ethnic citizenship issues with the importance of giving *all* women the right to vote, and using race issues to paint over important events in America which occurred for everyone. It fails to provide students with much of any lessons of Women's Right to Vote. ***Our school board election is more important than ever. Get out and vote!***

"It's time for some outrage, folks," proclaimed El Paso GOP Chairman Vickie Tonkins. "This mural has no place in school because it has almost no educational value, *and it's here, in El Paso County*. This mural doesn't show history, it shows Democrat prejudice. It's time for us to stand up for our children, as the governor of Denver, Jared Polis, has been asked to attend its November 1 unveiling at 12:30 p.m. Call Principal Laura Disney of Palmer High School (719.328.5000), as well as the School District 11 Superintendent (719.520.2000). Let's tell them we will no longer tolerate our children being indoctrinated by lies that intend to change our history to push a Democrat agenda."

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