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Stephen Miller Wants Texas to Break the Law and Punish Children

HOUSTON, TX — We the People Organize strongly condemns reports that Stephen Miller used a closed-door meeting with Texas lawmakers in Washington to pressure Texas into attacking immigrant children and provoking a direct challenge to *Plyler v. Doe*, the landmark Supreme Court decision protecting access to public education. According to reporting, Miller pushed lawmakers on why Texas had not passed a bill to fund public education only for children who are citizens or “lawfully present in the United States.”

“This is what cruelty looks like when it puts on a suit and calls itself policy,” said Hai Bui, Founder of We the People Organize. “Stephen Miller is not talking about border security. He is talking about punishing children.”

The law is clear. In *Plyler v. Doe*, the U.S. Supreme Court held that Texas could not deny public education to undocumented school-age children. Yet in the last legislative session, House Bill 371 proposed limiting school-fund benefits to citizens and those lawfully present, requiring proof of citizenship or lawful presence, and conditioning admission of other children on a federal reimbursement agreement, but it never advanced out of committee.

Texas does not become stronger by denying a child an education. It becomes a state with weaker, impoverished, poverty-stricken, underprivileged, crime-ridden communities and a poorer quality of life, where uneducated children grow up unable to read or write, stuck in low-paying jobs and unable to provide for their families.

We the People Organize calls on Texas lawmakers, local school officials, faith leaders, educators, and every person of conscience to reject this attack on children and defend the principle that every child in Texas deserves an education, dignity, and equal protection under the law. Stephen Miller may want Texas to lead the nation in cruelty. We call on Texans to lead with courage instead.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/03/24/us/politics/stephen-miller-asks-why-texas-pays-to-teach-undocumented-children.html?searchResultPosition=1>

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