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Title: *Today's Progressive School: Psychological Manipulation Replaces Academics*

OUTLINE

- Definition
- Brief history, terminology
- Federal incentives
- How it works – screening by lightly trained teachers, assessments (including surveys), digital involvement
- Privacy invasion – amateur assessments endure forever – data for sale
- Indoctrination

ACTION

- What to do –
 - Be aware of what's happening in local schools – review everything (communications from school, textbooks, etc.); monitor school board meetings.
 - Oppose any efforts to develop widespread (universal) mental health or SEL screening in the name of school safety, because the screenings are very inaccurate and will lead to further of examination of students that do not need it, taking time and resources from those who do.
 - Tell the school it may not administer personality assessments or mental-health screening to your child without your written permission.
 - Monitor digital activity – give the school limits on your child's screen time – demand to see: 1) the district's contract with any digital vendor (to determine if limits are placed on the vendor's collection and use of student data); 2) the vendor's privacy policy.
 - Tell the school your child is not allowed to participate in: 1) video games, and 2) any digital platform that doesn't have a parent portal so that you can see what your child sees.
 - Opt your child out of all student surveys (carefully check all materials that are sent home that may contain buried opt-out forms).
 - If students from your school are participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), opt your child out.
 - Run for school board!
 - Let your members of Congress know that you oppose big data bills like the Foundations for Evidence-based Policymaking Act and the College Transparency Act because this will eventually expand availability of SEL data to state longitudinal

databases to colleges, universities, and multiple other federal agencies besides the U.S. Department of Education.