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Dear Representative Gelser – our 13-yr-old daughter applied early decision and is thrilled to have been accepted to attend Riverdale HS in the fall. She just received an extremely excited call from a classmate who was notified he was accepted too. Like all kids, these have been stressed out about the transition from middle school (in our daughter's case from a relatively small PPS magnet school) to high school. They were very involved in the process of visiting, selecting and applying to HS and now they have a vision of their next 4 years and beyond. Teens are fragile emotionally and this is an important transition and very exciting.

This bill is not an "emergency". In fact it is a pretty narrow bill that applies to a very few institutions. While the issue at hand deserves some review and may require some action, it certainly should not be implemented in a hurried fashion, in a way that damages or destroys institutions that are popular and very successful and creates a crisis in teen's and their families' lives. I speak from the perspective of a new student and parent but cannot imagine the anguish of a child and their family who are already enrolled and now fear the future.

Slow down. Hear the issues but do not allow this bill to pass this session. You have more important issues at hand. This bill does not solve any big problem. (I understand there may even be some vindictive motivation for it)

Best regards,

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