

I oppose SB223.

By your own admission: “The Committee’s fall meeting focused on the shortcomings of public education, not private.”

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A broken system (public school) is not fixed by reducing a proven successful system (private school) to the same parameters.

Public schools have created an inequality by focusing so completely on the needs of the lowest level learners. Private schools provide the opportunity for true equality in education.

Public schools are the best government can offer. Private schools are what families want instead. Folding private schools into the government system removes healthy competition and leaves schools with no standard for improvement to which to aspire.

I oppose SB223 and encourage you to do the same.