

On behalf of my family I must strongly object to SB223. Is it necessary to ruin private schools in our state in addition to public schools? You should be seeking genuine scholarship and achievement in education, not self esteem, which should be based on actual achievement and not on a pep rally. To allow wrong answers and no documentation of thought process in math to be acceptable is an insult to all takers, in addition to inviting mediocrity and poor effort. The way to achieve excellence in any subject is to raise expectations, not lower them. Would you like to have your neurosurgeon be the product of such a system, or your airplane pilot or your bridge builder? Private schools provide a great option for our children in this era where my grand daughter's third grade public school teacher (now ex teacher) provided a Zoom hello at 9, then told students to proceed with their online word book. That was it! What a pitiful effort and pitiful excuse for teaching. Will it be necessary for all private schools to focus on "systemic racism", even for young children, instead of math, writing, reading, genuine (not revised) history, literature, and math? "White privilege" appears to be way over emphasized (is that necessary in K-12 education?) and should not be the focus of teaching, and encourages children to sort into groups based on skin color, much like gang behavior. Does that create harmony in school or in society? Your recipe for public schools appears to promote failure in education, a tragic waste of our children who are our future, and a waste of taxpayer \$. Please don't inflict this disaster on private schools also, and if you do you will lose a lot more hard working, good intentioned tax paying families, including ours. Families will vote with their feet, and take their tax dollars and talents and fine families elsewhere. I am so saddened by the trajectory of education and civility in this state, is absolutely tragic.