

Chairman Dembrow,

I oppose SB223, which requires private schools to register with the State for the purposes of safety and well-being of their students. Salem Academy, my children's school, already deeply cares for the safety and well-being of its students. This bill only adds a layer of bureaucracy to the functioning of SAC, and for some reason, requires registration in order to 'permit' private school students to participate in interscholastic activities. They should not have activities taken away which they have already been allowed to participate in for years. Salem Academy, as well as other private schools, are private because parents want something different for their children; they want religious freedom and school choice. SB223 is wrong because it allows the State to interfere in private schools, where it does not belong. This is unneeded and unwanted!

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