

As an elementary teacher, and a parent of three children in private school, I strongly oppose SB 223. SB 223 seems very one sided, in favor of the Department of Education, and offers no advantage for private schools to register with the Department of Education. My elementary teaching experience is in the public school classroom. I don't think regulating private schools will solve the problems that need to be addressed in the public schools.
Private schools need to remain private from government regulation.

Private schools do not need an advisory committee to determine who should be teaching at their school, what curriculum is being taught, and what condition the facility is in. It made me wonder if the advisory committee determines that the current curriculum needs to be changed then who is responsible for buying the school new curriculum? As the Department of Education should be aware, high quality curriculum is very expensive. Changing curriculum is a financial burden for many public schools, and they are receiving government funding. Private schools do not receive government funding. So, will parents be asked to pay for it? Will the schools have to raise tuition so much that people will longer be able to afford private school? If the facilities need to be changed who is responsible for funding that? It seems that SB 223 seeks to regulate the choices and freedoms of parents, teachers, administrators, and school boards of private schools. SB 223 could then leave a bill for the same parents, teachers, administrators, and school boards to pay for the now regulated changes that they did not choose.

As a parent, teacher, and involved citizen I strongly oppose SB 223.