

I'm a public high school drop out. It was a struggle to fit in. Then one fall Friday, I was lured off school grounds, at a school football game and jumped by six girls. In spite of some good teachers and advisors no one knew what I was going through. In a sea of 2000 students I was alone. That event crushed me emotionally; I dropped out. I spent sometime humbled and broken. Through grace I eventually went to a small private college that accepted my GED. I found out I wasn't a failure and could succeed. I'm a wife, mother, and ICU nurse.

As parents we have chosen to place our kids in a combination of private school and homeschool. Our children have benefited from supportive extra curricular programs. SB 223 places "non registered" private schools in a position of potential exclusion from supportive extra curricular programs.

In every organization there will be some negative outcomes but for the large majority our non registered private schools are successful. Our children are safe. I know their families, teachers, and support their freedom to choose curriculum. Please don't pass this law. Please turn your focus to helping our public schools.

Thank you for your leadership.
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