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We oppose SB 1521.

The bill defines state or federal law as "any executive order, order of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, declaration, directive or other state or federal authorization, policy, statement, guidance, rule or regulation."

The bill as it is written removes control from local school boards by placing restrictions on the termination of the superintendent and grants broad authority to the state and federal government. Putting SB 1521 into law could hinder the local school board in making decisions that are reflective of their community. A school board must have the ability to make autonomous decisions about the governance and operation of the school to reflect the community in which they live. If a termination is unwarranted there is legal recourse that can be taken via wrongful termination lawsuits.

Thank you,

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