Submitter: Richard Levis

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure: SB1521

Dear Representives,

I am writing to you to oppose SB 1521. The school superintendent is hired by the district school board to carry out what the school board approves: school budgets, approved curriculum, and policies in schools. If a superintendent is not going to be supportive of the board and the district's constituents, then they are hindering what the district deems important in their schools.

This bill sets state and federal law over local school boards, including executive orders, orders of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, declarations, directives or other state or federal authorization, policy, statement, guidance, rule or regulation.

In other words, local control and parents' voices aren't to be considered. It is best to leave local decisions up to the locals and trust the process. We may not always get it right, but we can be held more accountable at the local level. Please kill this bill.