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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure: SB1521

Senate and House Committees of Education:

I am very opposed to SB 1521. As a community member and mother of 4 school aged children this bill deeply concerns me.

School boards have been set in place as elected members of the community to represent and protect the education of the children in our communities. All boards are put in place to hold those above them accountable, school boards are no different. This bill states that cause must be needed, or they cannot be terminated for following laws. As with any other elected board they can choose to terminate someone for not performing as desired. A school board should be no different. If a superintendent is not performing according to the school board they should be terminated. School boards are elected by the people to represent the wishes of those it represents and if they fail to do what they were elected to do they can be recalled. So why can't superintendents be held to the same standards? Who will be in charge of deciding if there is cause?

This whole bill seems like it was written in retaliation of recent school board firings and I cannot help but wonder if the tables were turned if this bill would have been written. If a superintendent was fired for not enforcing masks would this bill have been presented? If you answer no, then I implore you to vote no on this bill.

Thank You
Tricia Hafner