

Written testimony for **HB 923/SB 712**: State Board of Education - Membership - Educational Support and Administrator Members - Please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Dear Ways and Means Committee and Education, Energy and the Environment Committee:

This bill reads "...Altering the membership of the State Board of Education to include an educational support member who is actively working in a public school as a noncertificated, nonsupervisory public school employee and an administrator member that may be a principal, an assistant principal, or any other administrative level professional who is actively working in a public school; and providing for the qualifications, terms, powers, and elections of the new members..."

MSDE already has 11 regular members and 1 student member, for a total of 12 members, with a President Emeritus as well. I understand the intention of this bill: adding people with different educational backgrounds. However, If we keep adding members to MSDE, where and when will we stop? At 20 members? At 50 Members? I'm sure we can all think of different types of people that could be added to this Board. That does not mean that it should happen. If this Board becomes too large in number, how will any business ever get done? We already have the following members of the Board: a certified teacher that is currently teaching; a parent of a student; and a student that is in good standing in a public high school. The other members include: a PhD President; an EdD Vice President, and members with the following credentials: an MSN, PNP, RN-BC (nurse); a CCC-SLP (speech-language pathologist); an M.Ed; and an attorney. This Board already contains enough people of varying backgrounds and educational experiences. Any more people would just slow down and impede the business that urgently needs to be done.

Therefore, please **VOTE NO** on this bill.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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