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HB0288 State Superintendent of Schools - Prolonged State of Emergency - Authority to Declare

UNFAVORABLE

The decision for a prolonged state of emergency must be decided locally. There are so many differences between counties that this must be a local decision.

Our children and elderly and their families were incredibly harmed by a state-wide shut down during COVID. Children in Sweden where my daughter-in-law was teaching were not shut down while here children in public schools were masked and isolated. Many have never caught up. Closing schools dis-enfranchises families with low incomes who do not have the capabilities to provide equipment and supervision to monitor work at home situations because they are needed at work.

We should adopt the principle of local rule when it comes to decisions like this and the decision should absolutely not be made by one person at any level!