

Good morning,

I am writing to ask for a favorable vote on HB116.

Our local boards of education were elected by the citizens in each district to represent their interests, their community values and standards and the needs of all children they are serving. Demanding transparency in every aspect of education is a must.

House Bill 116, the School Board Transparency Act, is a step in providing transparency. All contracts and MOU's must be posted on the school system's website and discussed in Board of Education meetings. There should be no dollar limit threshold. Everything from \$0 to \$1 Million and above must be identified. Parents have a right to see everything in those contracts and MOU's prior to acceptance. Implementing the 30 day rule requiring Boards of Education to post the tentative agreements on the website and share in Board meetings prior to signing and implementing the agreement allows parents and stakeholders to challenge or support the agreements prior to the Board of Education accepting them. We can not allow "shadow policies" to enter our schools through unvetted partnerships. If a group has access to our children and grandchildren through educational and instructional material provided through such partnerships, we have a right to see the contracts.

Help parents and grandparents, foster families and guardians, and child caregivers protect the children in their care. Support HB116 and Vote to approve!

Thank you,

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