

To: Senate Tax Committee
From: Ryan Patton
Re: SB 128

Hello honored senators who are serving on the tax committee. I first want to thank you for your service to the state of Kansas and the people you represent. I am writing today to voice my support for SB 128.

I have a five-year-old and another child on the way. My wife and I do not wish to send our children to the public school system for several reasons.

1. The poor use of all funds towards supporting Kansas student achievement.
2. The poor academic results that are prevalent in the Kansas public school system.
3. The woke ideology that is being infused into the Kansas public schools.
4. The lack of proper discipline and structure necessary to prepare youth to enter the adult world.
5. The inappropriate mandates of masks, COVID vaccines, and other requirements that have become a standard for many Kansas public schools.

The fault of these outcomes rest with the Kansas State Board of Education and the Kansas government for allowing such poor performance metrics. I firmly believe that the Kansas Public School system is too far gone at this point and not redeemable as it stands. For years, my tax dollars have supported a system that has failed at every possible metric and yet the Kansas government continues to throw more money at the problem rather than address the root causes.

This leads me to support SB 128. This bill will give my family a little bit of respite from the heavy taxation that occurs to support the Kansas Public School system in which we do not participate. Several other states in the union provide a tax credit for those that choose to send their child to private schools. Study after study shows that students who attend accredited private schools and non-accredited private schools perform significantly higher than their public-school counterparts.

Because the positive results can be easily seen for those that attend accredited private schools and non-accredited private schools, it is high time that the state of Kansas start supporting those systems that breed success instead of dumping more money into failing school systems.

You must vote to support SB 128 if:

1. You care about the future of Kansas students.
2. You care about the taxpayer who is burdened with paying taxes into a system in which they do not participate.
3. You desire to support a system that provides positive results rather than negative results.

I believe each of you do feel this way and recognize that there is no possible way to not support this bill. I ask that you consider my family and the many more that choose an alternative to the Kansas Public School system.

Thank you,
Ryan Patton, Hutchinson