



Unified School District No. 344

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To: Rep. Williams and Members of K-12 Education Budget Committee:
From: Mitch Shaw, Pleasanton Public Schools Secondary Principal- Curriculum
Director
Re: Written Testimony in Opposition of HB2553

Please consider this written testimony in opposition of proposed HB2553 for consideration in your hearing this week. This bill would be harmful to many districts including ours as district boundaries are drawn to help figure enrollment numbers for current and upcoming school years. Mechanisms are already in place for districts to consider out of district students. Local administration and school boards already do a fine job in that capacity. Giving people the ability to jump districts for whatever reason, truly undermines the public school system in Kansas. Allowing families to jump districts can and will affect class sizes and the ability to accurately predict the number of faculty and staff needed for a given school year. Kansas has always been seen as a leader in academics and offerings. This bill along with a couple of the other proposals up for discussion this week are NOT steps in the right direction.

Sincerely,

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