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Dear House of Representative Education Committee Members,

I am Cheryl Kucharik and I reside in Scott City, KS. I am the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for USD 466 in Scott City, KS.

I am writing you to ask that you oppose HB2662. As educators, we understand the important partnership between parents, schools, and educators. I feel we have many opportunities for parents to be involved in our school district through Site Councils, parent/teacher conferences, open houses, etc.

One example, this past year our elementary school switched from a traditional grade card to a standards based grade card. As educators, we felt a standard based grade card gave parents more information on the skills their child had mastered. Throughout the process, we had parents give input of what they would like to see on the grade card.

Currently our district is updating their pacing guides. Included in the pacing guide for each of the subjects taught at USD 466 is a list of materials used, vocabulary words taught, master level expected, and when it is taught. The pacing guide will be available on line for parents to view.

This bill asks educators to have their lesson plans completed in June for the following year. This is unrealistic for educators because they don't know who will be in their class at this time. Just as adults, students learn at different rates. What took several days to learn the year before may only take one or two days the next or vice versa. As educators, we need to be able to adapt our curriculum accordingly.

Educators are always willing to sit down with parents and share the curriculum they are using and discuss the needs of child(ren).

I appreciate you taking the time to consider my request in opposing this house bill.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Kucharik