

February 15, 2022

Chairwoman Kristey Williams and Committee Members
Room 546-S, State Capital
Topeka, KS 66612

RE: HB2662 Parent Bill of Rights

Dear Representative Williams and Committee Members,

My name is Claire Adamyk. I am a future teacher from McPherson, Kansas studying at McPherson College. I am writing in opposition to HB2662 also referred to as the Parent Bill of Rights.

As a future teacher, this bill greatly alarms me for several reasons. First, I cannot imagine the extra time and energy it will take already busy school personnel to create and update the transparency portal. When I begin teaching, I do not know how I could have my entire year planned along with all materials I will use by July 1. This task seems daunting and unattainable. The state is already experiencing a severe teacher shortage, and this bill will simply deter even more people from becoming teachers.

Another major concern I have is simply how this bill will hinder teaching. A teacher can never truly know how the students will grasp the information or what topics they may need to spend more time reviewing. In order for students to truly learn, sometimes the teacher must review lessons multiple times and slow down the lesson so they can grasp it. This bill would prevent the teacher from not only slowing down if necessary, but also enhancing the lesson with new information. The students may be extremely excited to learn about a particular topic, but the teacher cannot spend more time on it because he or she must stick to the original content he or she presented before even meeting the students. This takes out the joy and spontaneity of teaching and simply makes it a mundane job, and students will not learn through the mundane.

Teaching is an extremely stressful profession, and I was aware of this fact when I chose to study elementary education. However, this bill causes me to worry even more about the future of the profession. I am excited to meet students, watch them grow, and encourage them each day, but this bill makes me question if I will truly be able to make the difference I hope to make.

Due to 1) the lack of flexibility this would allow teachers, 2) the added stress this would force onto an already stressful occupation, and 3) the increase this would have on the current teacher shortage, I request that you oppose HB2662.

Sincerely,

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