

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in opposition of SB 2260. In the first section of permitting video or surveillance, there are several times that our school staff can eliminate the “he said – she said” stories by a quick look at surveillance. The ability to confirm with a student that the story I am hearing is what I’ll see on the surveillance is assuring. I can’t imagine how school staff that is in dangerous positions from erratic students would feel without that extra sense of security to support them.

In regard to section two on the need to release lesson plans and curriculum 7 days in advance is absurd. So often plans will change the day that I have completed them and submitted them to my principal. If they are in the hands of parents and guardians and the plans have changed, will they react to the change in a negative way and be upset with the teacher. I have had parents request lessons to help a child; I am more than willing to provide that on an as needed basis. As a teacher, I would very much question if I will continue in this profession should this bill pass.

Speaking as a parent, I don’t know hardly any parents that have the time to add this to their plates as well. I trust that my children’s teachers are able to educate them to the standards that need to be met. If my children’s teachers feel they need to release lesson plans, curriculum, and training materials, wouldn’t that be a disgrace to the teachers? Wouldn’t they, then, question their ability to be in the profession? There is already such a teacher shortage and these requirements are going to send professionals down the road even more quickly.

Should this bill pass for the public education system that is receiving state funding, I would hope that all private schools that may receive the same funding will have to follow the same guidelines. However in all honesty, the passing of this bill will be detrimental on an already short staffed education system.

In conclusion, I am opposed to SB 2260.

Sincerely,

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