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Dear Honorable Patten, Timmons, and Olson,

I am writing in extreme opposition of HB 1251. This bill is a direct attack on our local control. The local school board currently has the authority to share a superintendent with another district if we deem fit for our district. We are the voice for our constituents.

Not only does this bill attack our decision to have our own superintendent but also it strips us from the authority of selecting our own superintendent. This is an over reach of state government.

The decision whether or not to employ a superintendent independently or jointly (and their compensation) is a LOCAL decision that should be under the authority of the locally elected school board.

As a locally elected school board member, I ask that you vote NO to HB 1251.

Your constituent,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'LaShell Tjelde', with a vertical line extending downwards from the center of the signature.

LaShell Tjelde  
Alexander Public School Board President