

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Education Committee:

I have some concerns and input I would like for you to consider regarding Senate Bill 2254.

I have known Mandaree Public School administration to operate with integrity regarding funding and has been transparent with faculty and staff and board members regarding allocation of funds. Programs such as IXL and STAR Renaissance Reading Program have been purchased to help the students and teachers succeed.

The new intervention team has been working tirelessly in regards to testing our students and printing out interventions specifically for each student to improve that skill. We have new programs and new interventions now such as Amplify Reading Program and Envision Math program which requires time and fidelity in its usage before we will see tremendous growth.

Our staff has been dedicated to the students and their love for the students is shown daily. I firmly believe that if the staff was trained on how to teach testing strategies and was given the opportunity to attend testing strategies training such as NWEA fusion training, it would greatly improve the testing scores of our school.

Finally, it may even help if our school went to paper testing instead of computer testing, it may show the true potential of our students.

Sincerely,

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