

Chairman Weisz and members of the House Human Services committee:

My name is Stephanie Hochhalter, and I am the Assistant Principal of North Shore Plaza School in the Lewis and Clark School District. I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 2260.

I am deeply concerned about the potential adverse impacts this bill could have on our teachers and districts. Requiring teachers to submit complete curricula at least a week before the beginning of the school year would put a significant workload and stress on them. It would necessitate an extra school day and an additional day of pay, increasing the financial burden on districts.

Additionally, teachers cannot always have their curriculum available three days in advance. There may be various circumstances in which teachers have to create or find appropriate lessons for their students quickly. Waiting for three days before addressing their students' educational necessities might not be a viable option. Moreover, substitute teachers cannot always deliver the planned lessons.

There are already numerous ways to access curriculum information, such as communicating with teachers, attending back-to-school nights, and using online portals like Canvas or Google Classroom. Formal curriculums are also available online for the public to access or can be requested. I am afraid there will be parents who comb through materials and find things to be mad about. This will breed conflict between parents and teachers.

I am opposed to this bill as it would negatively affect the teaching profession and ultimately hurt the educational experience of our students, and further perpetuate the ongoing shortage of teachers in the state.