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RE: HB 1621

I am in strong opposition to HB 1621, which is attempting to require participation in the presidential physical fitness test. Not only does this testing encourage competition between peers instead of focusing on overall fitness/wellness and personal gains, there is no funding provided for the implementation of the program. Our elementary PE teachers work really hard to create well-rounded physical education classes that meet the needs of all students, not just the ones who can run the fastest. They are also already challenged with limited budgets and many cannot afford to implement a program that seeks to shame kids instead of creating positive feelings around health and wellness.

NO on HB 1621

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