

RE: HB 1532

Dear Members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Andrew Currie, and I am a school administrator in a district that borders 2 districts, each with a city that has a private school. I am writing this testimony, in opposition of HB 1532.

While I am not against private/non-public schools, I do have an issue with this bill. My biggest issue with this is equity. Until private/non-public schools are held to the same accountability standards and must take every child that comes to their doors, I am against the use of public funds for private schools.

If funded, private school should follow under the same umbrella as public schools and be held to the same accountability measures. And not just some, but all.

Private school should also not have the ability to pick and choose who is admitted and who is denied. Public schools open their doors to all families and kids.

Lastly, parents do have many educational choices for their child/ren: two of which are attending a public school on public dollars or acceptance to attend a private school at their own expense.

All things being equal I could support this bill but until that happens, I urge a do not pass on HB 1532.

Respectfully,

Andrew Currie