

Ohio House of Representatives



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Chairman Green, Vice-chair Greenspan, Ranking Member Sheehy and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony this morning on House Bill 264, which would create a “Hudson City Schools” license plate.

Hudson City School district provides PreK-12 education for approximately 4,600 children across 6 schools. Hudson City Schools focus on the intellectual, physical, social and emotional development of **each** child in a safe, nurturing, and diverse environment and the results speak for themselves:

- Hudson ranks in the top 2% of Ohio districts and
- Hudson ranks in the top 2.55% of schools in our nation by U.S. News & World Report and Newsweek Magazine.
- Hudson High School is a 2008 National Blue Ribbon Award Winner and a Straight A Ohio High School.
- 97% of Hudson’s students attend four-year colleges.

Our family has a particularly close bond with the Hudson City Schools: our daughter, Katherine, is a junior and Kaitlyn is a freshman in the Hudson High School. We have been repeatedly astounded with the quality education

they are receiving. From the AP courses, orchestra, foreign languages, to athletics and more, Hudson delivers an exceptional experience and we are confident that our girls are being prepared well for life.

Hudson City Schools has been hit hard over the last several years by the phase out of the TPP. I have worked closely with Hudson's Superintendent and his staff; I've witnessed their relentless efforts to cut costs, while still delivering a quality education. We have a chance today in some small way to help them raise additional funds while providing an additional avenue for Ohioans to express their Explorer pride.

HB264 creates the Hudson City Schools license plate, which would be inscribed with the words and markings designed and selected by the Hudson City School district and approved by the registrar. The license plate would cost \$40. Ten dollars is for the bureau administrative fee, and the remainder, \$30, would go to Hudson City School district through the license plate contribution fund.

It should be noted that the bill does not place any restrictions on how the funds may be used by the school, because I believe that the school district knows their own needs best and that what might be critical this year, might be different 20 years from now. The only restriction we would place on the use of the funds would be to prohibit the use of the funds for any political purposes, by amendment.

Chairman Green and members of the committee; thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on House Bill 264. I will gladly entertain any questions the committee might have at this time.

