

Senate Education Committee

**Proponent: Written Only Testimony on SB216
The Ohio Public School Deregulation Bill
December 13, 2017**

To: Chairman Lehner, Vice Chairman Huffman, Ranking Member Sykes, and members of the committee.

From: Chris Pfister, superintendent of the **Waynesfield-Goshen** (W-G) School District in Auglaize County.

Original Testimony from 11-8-2017 one of the examples on Teacher Licensure

Full-Time Teacher Licensure

- *4-9 licensed science teacher, teaching STEM, CCP manufacturing process with Rhodes State, PLTW Pre-Engineering, Robotics, CAD/CAM, cannot teach a 10th grader. Asked for the 12 hour STEM license for grades 10-12; denied because he currently holds a license at grades 4-9, only a person with no license, with no teaching experience qualifies. This teacher applied for the supplemental and enrolled in coursework that will cost us \$6,000 over two years.*

Follow-up:

My teacher received his first bill for \$1,629.67 from BGSU for one three hour class; this is the first of five.

Since we have tuition reimbursement this will cost our district \$8,148.35 for classes that have nothing to do with the subjects he is teaching. The classes he is required to take under the supplemental career-tech license are designed for someone that has not taught; he is in his eighth year of teaching. Solid teacher.

An unnecessary expense for our taxpayers. Unnecessary expense to a young family until he can be reimbursed at the end of the year.

I just don't know why there is resistance to a 6-12 license; the university coursework to teach at the middle grades would not change; regardless if a 4-9 or 6-12 license.

Thank you very much for considering a 6-12 grade band.