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Representative Ryan Smith  
Chairman, House Finance Committee  
77 South High Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Representative Smith,

I am writing this letter in support of HB 391 to establish a \$martOhio Financial Literacy Program for students in grades kindergarten through eight.

Wyoming City Schools is located in Hamilton County, just outside of Cincinnati. We educate more than 1900 students in grades K-12 and we have been recognized as one of the top performing districts in the State of Ohio for more than 14 years. We are a community of engaged parents who send their children to our schools for an excellent well-rounded education. Despite our small size, we represent a highly diverse population, with more than 20% of our students coming from low socioeconomic or minority backgrounds.

I believe that it is important to start financial literacy education early. Equipping students with real life skills is essential to successful student outcomes. Financial literacy is a skill that has become as important as reading, math, science and social studies. Enabling students to be able to develop and maintain a budget, use the banking system and understand credit and investments are skills that have become essential in our ever-changing economic environment.

\$martOhio is a proven model for delivering this valuable content. It will provide teacher training and professional development opportunities as well as age appropriate instructional materials that can be integrated into the existing mathematics and English language arts curriculum.

We strive to educate the whole child in Wyoming City Schools and feel that shaping a child's future financial behavior is part of that process. HB 391 is the catalyst to bringing essential financial literacy education to our children.

Learning Forever,

Dr. Susan Lang  
Superintendent

Cc: Senator Peggy Lehner