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February 11, 2016

Representative Ryan Smith
Chairman, House Finance Committee
77 South High Street, 13th Floor
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Dear Representative Smith,

I am writing in support of House Bill 391. Your vote for this bill is a vote of confidence for the future of our children as they are taught about a subject that they often will not have addressed in their homes. I have been using the pilot of the SmartPath/Money Savvy Kids materials with my students and I love it. Financial literacy is so important in our world and is a life skill that must be taught. More important than my love for the program is how much my students love it and ask me when we are going to do another lesson.

In many cases, students in my building are not exposed to financial literacy concepts at home. They talk about poor decision making practices and being able to include this program in our curriculum is only a win win.

Thank you for all of your help and support as legislators. I endorse this program and hope that you will too.

Sincerely,

Marsha Piphus
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Dear Representative Smith,

I am writing in support of House Bill 391. This pilot program was a game changer for my students. The environment in which my students live is one that does not always embrace the importance of informed decision making. Students are representative of homes that likewise do not embrace a solid understanding of financial literacy. Your vote would be a way of affirming that our students matter and that their future includes a strong attachment to real world learning.

My students enjoyed every lesson and talked about the way in which they would spend their money. They wanted to watch the next video and liked the characters presented. Overall, the curriculum was positive in every way.

I was honored to use this program and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kelly Hughes'.

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Dear Representative Smith,

I am writing in support of House Bill 391. I want to tell you how much I enjoyed the financial literacy curriculum- SmartPath/Money Savvy Kids-provided as a pilot for use in my classroom. It was wonderful to know that this was available and in place for me to use without having to search for internet resources or use materials that did not relate to other curricular areas. I found it to be of high quality and value added as a way to teach my students about financial literacy.

The students enjoyed the materials and looked forward to the lessons. They asked many questions and seemed to relate to the characters in the curriculum. It was also an added bonus to use this in addition to the math and language arts curriculum.

Once again, thank you for considering this as a permanent fixture in the elementary curriculum. It is sorely needed and appropriate as a way to impact our future.

Sincerely,

Beth Wernery
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Representative Ryan Smith
Chairman, House Finance Committee
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Dear Representative Smith,

I am writing this in support of House Bill 391. I had the privilege of using the Smart Path/Money Savvy Kids curriculum in my classroom. As a teacher, I am always trying to find things that can be used in the classroom that will encourage student engagement and create a positive classroom environment. This curriculum was able to accomplish both.

Many times we are held accountable for educational requirements but provided no curriculum to use to meet such mandates. This curriculum helped us meet the standards and also created connections to mathematics and language arts as well. The students enjoyed the lessons and looked forward to the next lesson. They came to class with questions and often said that they would be going home to talk to their parents about lessons learned.

As an educator, I applaud you for considering this bill and hope that you will embrace this curriculum. Thank you for supporting our schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Noelle Georgantonis'.

Noelle Georgantonis
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