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Chairman Brenner, Vice Chair Slaby, Ranking Member Fedor, and members of the House Education and Career Readiness Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present sponsor testimony on House Bill 517.

House Bill 517 will designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month" to honor and recognize the dedication and hard work of Ohio Principals. There are over 3,000 principals in the state of Ohio and all are crucial leaders in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education.

This legislation will recognize the essential role all elementary, middle, and high school principals play in the development of our youth. These administrators are the leaders and role models for our teachers and youth, alike. They create a positive learning environment where our children can prosper and grow. Behind a great school is always a great principal.

In coordination with the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, both the Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators and the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators, have declared the month of October as "Principals Month." Likewise, resolutions have been introduced at the federal level and in various states including Alabama, California, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

House Bill 517 will provide the recognition these Ohio administrators so rightfully deserve and make the month of October in Ohio permanently "Ohio Principals Month."

Thank you once again, Chairman Brenner, and the members of the committee, for the opportunity to present this issue to you today. I will be glad to answer any questions at this time.