

Good morning chairman Blessing, vice-chair Reineke, ranking member Clyde, and members of the committee. My name is Dominic Sellers and I am 15 years old. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts.

HB 512 is not cool. It is a massive consolidation of educational authority to a single agency under the control of a single, unelected person who is appointed by the governor. This bill would hurt every family in this great state by destroying the accountability of all major educational decisions. This bill would defeat the purpose of an elected state school board and continue to destroy the already-fading democratic principles upon which this country was founded.

Please vote **no** on this bill, House Bill 512, to preserve our voice in the school system for our children.