



TO: Senate Education Committee

DA: 12-1-2017

SU: SB 216

FR: Derran Wimer, Executive Director Summit Education Initiative

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I am writing to request that the Senate Education Committee remove the elimination of the KRA from the current version of SB 216. Although SEI supports most of the provisions in SB 216, the elimination of the KRA is quite concerning.

Summit Education Initiative (SEI) is a non-profit Cradle to Career organization supporting all Summit County Schools and preschools. We use data to assist schools in identifying which students are in need of early intervention and the KRA is a critical component in this process. Each year that the KRA has been utilized, since replacing the KRA-L, our partner schools and preschools have become more adept in using the data to intervene on behalf of their students. SEI uses the KRA data to inform our county preschools and early learning centers to better prepare their students. Our practitioners, both preschool and Kindergarten, use the KRA information both on a student level and aggregate level to improve performance. Losing this tool would be a significant setback.

So integral is the KRA to our school districts, that the Superintendents have specifically indicated their overall support of SB 216 with the provision that the KRA be continued. Please see the attached signed resolution from Summit County Superintendents.