



Dave Yost • Auditor of State

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Chairwoman Peggy Lehner
Senate Education Committee
1 Capitol Square, 1st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairwoman Lehner,

I write today to offer support for House Bill 21, which requires community schools, rather than the home district, to verify the resident district of each of their students.

Following my office's 2013 school attendance data audit, it became apparent that the current student verification and attendance system has many cracks that must be filled. It creates loopholes and opportunity for error, fraud, and data scrubbing. House Bill 21 is a common-sense initiative that aims to create a more efficient system for establishing student residency, as well as increasing accountability in school funding.

I support House Bill 21 and commend Representative Hambley for his leadership on this issue. I would be happy to discuss this issue with you or any members of the committee at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost
Ohio Auditor of State