



# Hardin-Houston Local School

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## HB 99 Committee Members/Sponsor Rep. Hall:

On behalf of the Hardin-Houston School District Board of Education, parents, students, staff members, and community members, thank you in advance for doing your part in allowing local boards of education the ability to protect our students and staff members within our school building and campus. The Hardin-Houston School District is located in rural Shelby County comprised of one PK-12 school building with approximately 825 students. We do not have a local police department, and in the event of an active shooter or armed intruder situation, we are at the mercy of these individuals until a Sheriff's deputy or Ohio State patrolman is dispatched. In our part of Ohio that could amount to at least fifteen minutes and will most definitely result in deceased and/or injured students and staff members. Up until the recent court decision, our highly skilled Armed Response Team members could react to this horrific situation and eliminate the armed intruder, minimizing lost or injured lives. I say skilled members because our school district has mandated, through our policies, that each Armed Response Team member actively participate in numerous hours of training, weapon qualifications, simulations, and practice range time provided and directed by our local Sheriff's department each year.

In closing, I implore you to once again allow local boards of education the ability to properly protect their students and staff members in the way their community members see fit! Thank you for your time.

Ryan Maier  
Hardin-Houston Local School Superintendent