

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 67

Specific Issue: State Testing / Graduation Requirements

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

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Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I am in favor of HB 67

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Chair Manning, Vice Chair Bird, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony as a proponent of House Bill (HB) 67. I am Doug Geygan, principal of Edgewood High School in the Edgewood City School District.

This is my fourth year as the principal of Edgewood High School. The past year has been the most challenging year in my twenty-five-year career as an educator. This school year we have made multiple schedules, creating Remote Learning opportunities, switched to a hybrid schedule, and then switch back to full in-person learning. I am proud of the efforts of my staff and my district as we continue to meet the needs of our students.

Students have worked hard to follow physical distancing rules, masking, and complete many other new tasks and activities that we could have never imagined in the past. As the CDC guidelines continue to evolve many of my students have been quarantined multiple times due to exposure to COVID-19. Our students and families have been amazing to work with, the resiliency and continued support have been astounding.

In an ordinary year, this would be the time that we focus our attention on preparing to administer state tests and update our tracking of at-risk students from the class of 202. In a typical February, students are in class for 19 school days. This February we are on track to be in school 12 days due to vaccine administration, snow days, and the state-mandated ACT test. In addition, the class of 2021 has been impacted the most by the pandemic. The class of 2021 has had their academics affected, athletic and extracurriculars cut short, and lost the opportunity to participate in their junior and senior year proms. I am asking that you please grant them the same waiver that you gave the class of 2020.

Creating a clear pathway for the class of 2021 to graduate and not having students take part in high-stakes testing will reduce the stress and anxiety of our students. While I know that we as a community will continue to encourage our students I feel that adding another stressor to our students' lives is not needed right now. By supporting HB 67, I hope to help lessen the anxiety that our students are already feeling.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to offer written testimony in support of HB 67. I appreciate your consideration as you continue to make difficult decisions.

Regards,
Doug Geygan
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