

# STOW-MUNROE FALLS CITY SCHOOLS

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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 Mike Love, principal of Kimpton Middle School in the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District.

This is my second year as the principal of Kimpton Middle School and this year has certainly been challenging. I am very proud of the decisions that our school district continues to make to keep our students and staff safe. I am also extremely proud of the work that our teachers have done in order to create classrooms that can function well in the physical and remote learning environments. Students have worked hard to follow physical distancing rules, attend virtual meetings and complete many other new tasks and activities that we could have never imagined in the past. Our students and families have been amazing to work with, the resiliency and continued support has been amazing.

As a district, we have found new ways to connect with our students. Through the use of webcams, we have created combined classrooms containing students at home and in school in order to provide more support for students. Teachers have also created strong Google Classroom activities that students can complete on their own, with supporting videos, during some remote learning classes. The remote learning environment continues to be a challenge for everyone and by supporting HB 67, I hope to not have students miss any more class days for testing. We need these testing days to continue to provide a high-quality education to help our students to not lose out on learning new content. I understand the importance of testing however I feel that right now we can not compromise any more in-person learning days.

Teachers, counselors, and administrators have also conducted surveys and home visits in order to encourage our students and to help address the social-emotional health of our students. We know that many of our students and families continue to struggle with anxiety that has been brought on or heightened by the current pandemic. Having students take part in high stakes testing will continue to add to the stress-level 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 and unprecedented decisions.

Thank you,  
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