

Ohio Conference of
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Dear Madam Chairwoman Manning,

I am writing today to express opposition of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to HB 34, a bill prohibiting schools to without transcripts due to unpaid tuition. Seventh-day Adventist schools have historically gone “above and beyond” in working alongside our families, ensuring them every opportunity to keep their child in our schools, without interruption for as long as possible. We believe in the sacred covenant that is created between both school and the family, so that the best interests of the child are always taken into account. This has worked to the benefit of thousands of young people over the years.

There are times though in which educational services have been fulfilled, while payment for those services have not been. The only recourse a school has in order to recoup those payments is the withholding of transcripts. I want to strongly iterate that our schools do everything in their power to not hold on to transcripts, for our desire is for the student to thrive and be successful, wherever they may be. That stated, to implement HB 34 would be to take away all leverage a school would have.

I ask that the consideration of our conference and schools be taken into account when action is taken on HB 34. I thank you in advance for your time on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools