

House Bill 529 – Requires online posting of school curricula Sponsor Testimony – House Primary & Secondary Education Committee May 24th, 2022

Chair Manning, Vice Chair Bird, Ranking Member Robinson, and Members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on House Bill 529, requiring the online posting of school curricula.

I'm testifying before you today on behalf of over ten thousand activists in support of this legislation to grow trust in our system. We all have the same goal to create a more effective education system for our children that improves academic achievement. We cannot do that without parents. We've seen parents across the country have to fill out open records requests to simply understand what their children are being taught. To build trust curriculum must be easily accessible for parents.

As the primary stakeholders in their child's education, parents must have easy access to all materials used in their child's education. HB 529 builds trust between parents and teachers and allows parents to be a more productive part of the system. This bill would also provide a mechanism for teachers to easily see what their colleagues are using that has led to improved student achievement.

National polling has found that 84% of voters agree that "parents should be able to see all curriculum plans and materials for classes their children take." Transparency builds trust, and we cannot have a successful education system without trust from parents. It's time to improve our system by realizing that parents are the key to our success.