

I am against SB 178 because it would undermine the role and authority of the elected members of the State Board of Education. The board would no longer be acting in any significant way on behalf of the citizens they represent. Ohio will be at its best when the interests of the people are served through publicly elected boards, and the State Board of Education is no different. This bill would also move decisions about important topics, such as setting the state's learning standards, graduation requirements for students and school report cards, to department staff unlike the current process that is transparent, purposeful and includes many opportunities for public input.