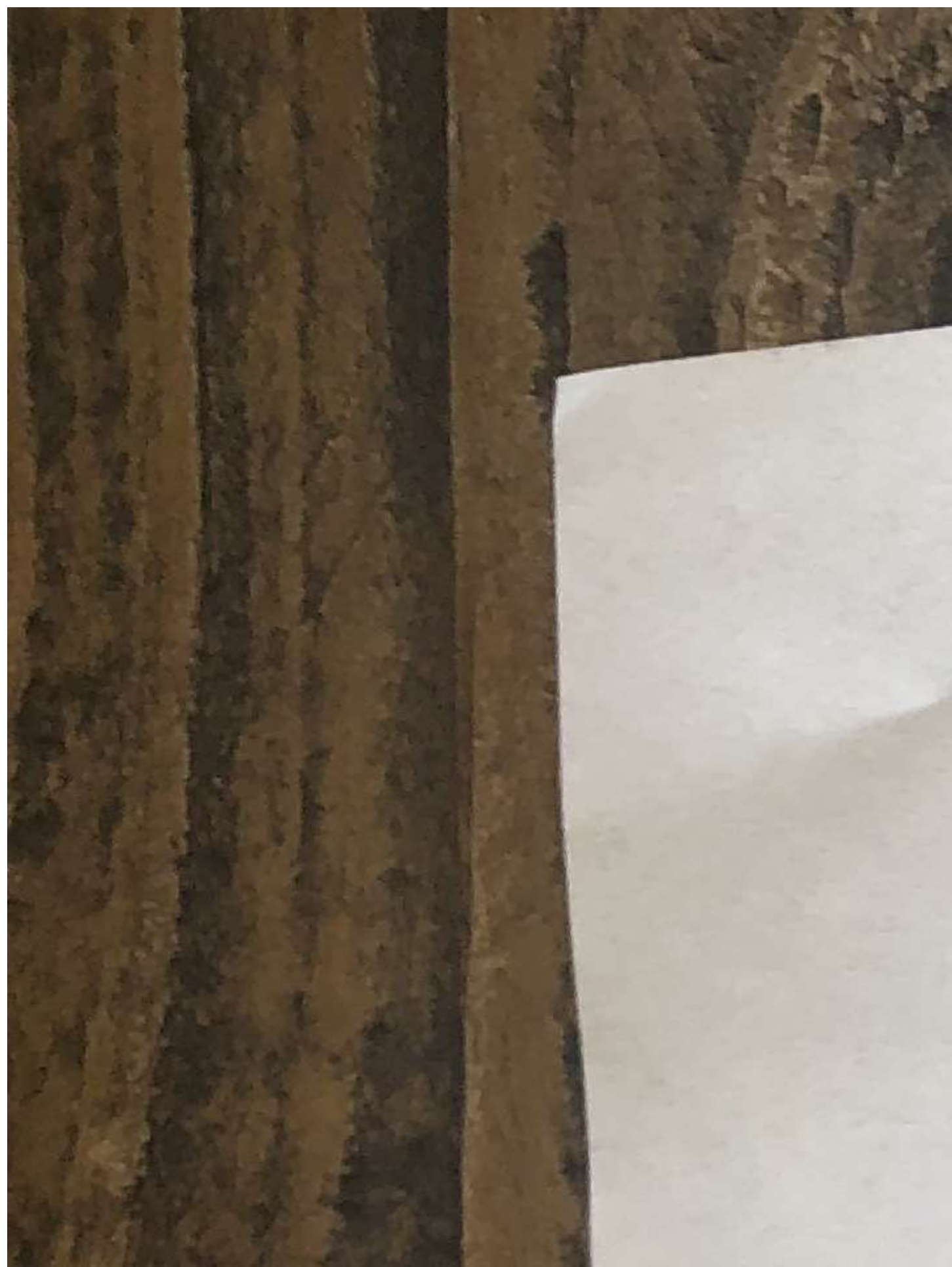


As a retired Ohio and Virginia Superintendent, I oppose HB 327, the bill targeting Ohio's schools, the youth we are hired to serve, educators committed to providing equitable educational outcomes for all students, and Boards elected to uphold policies that support teaching and learning. This divisive proposal is based on faulty information designed to take attention away from what we understand about providing outstanding experiences for all students. Decades ago, No Child Left Behind and A Nation at Risk, moved educators to discern why and how schools, like society, serve some youth more than others. The framework known as cultural proficiency emerged from health care when those concerned with discrepancies between groups of patients - inequitable health outcomes and experiences between groups of patients- was thought to be unacceptable. Bills like 327 prohibit conversations such as these. I regret that I missed the opportunity to respond in time to provide spoken testimony. Ohio deserves our best thinking and doing to support the teaching learning process.



Together, we can! Laura

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