

# MARTINS FERRY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Written Testimony to the Senate Local Government Elections Committee  
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RE: Opponent testimony regarding SB 260.

Dear Chairwoman Gavarone, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Maharath, and members of the Senate Local Government and Elections Committee

First, I would like to introduce myself as Jim Fogle, Superintendent at Martins Ferry City School District in Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Martins Ferry City School District is a Cooperative Service Member of OME-RESA. OME-RESA Cooperative Services has benefited our district by handling several services for us including bidding of food service items and services and school bus bidding. The many items available to our district through the cooperative service are very valuable to us and very important to make sure that we meet all requirements expected of our district.

OME-RESA, in collaboration with other Ohio purchasing organizations, ensure that Ohio Bid Requirements are followed. This provides that all service contracts are

- a) Advertised locally, ensuring that Ohio businesses have an opportunity to bid;
- b) Adhere to bid requirements ensuring that Ohio school districts are protected from fraud and provided with the lowest services contract price possible and;
- c) Ensure that Administrative Fees remain in Ohio to be returned to members as rebates, or used to defray membership fees

I believe that SB 260 would undermine state bid requirements and create more ambiguity, confusion and risk of fraud for our school district. As a school Superintendent, I strongly and respectfully urge you not to move forward with this legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony to SB 260.

Respectfully,



Superintendent

Martins Ferry City School District

Mission Statement:

The mission of Martins Ferry City Schools is to develop critical thinkers and responsible citizens in a positive and safe learning environment.