

Chairman Bird, Vice Chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson and distinguished members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for this opportunity to advocate for House Bill 339.

As someone who has their bachelor's and master's in education and has been an educator for 14 years, I can wholeheartedly say that NCNP schools provide a quality education and positive learning environment for students in Ohio.

The NCNP school I now work for uses a rigorous curriculum, and 100% of the junior and senior students participate in Ohio's College Credit Plus Program. Over the last several years these students have received all A's and B's at colleges such as Otterbein University, Columbus State Community College, and Ohio Christian University. Numerous graduates have gone on to establish careers in the finance industry, the medical field, and many have become business owners.

However, the success of these students has not come without real sacrifice from parents and even grandparents. Many are working multiple jobs to be able to pay tuition even with the school trying to help make it as affordable as possible. Since parents have the right to choose which school is best for their children, they should also be able to use their tax dollars for the school of their choosing.

I implore you to support the educational savings program for the parents of non-chartered nonpublic schools.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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