

HB 445 Proponent Testimony
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Chair Manning, Vice Chair Fowler Arthur, Ranking Member Robinson and members of the House Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 445. My name is Christine Boone and I am from Medina County.

As a volunteer with Cloverleaf LifeWise, I have seen the importance and impact that this program has on children's lives. Each week they are taught a character trait to learn and practice during their week. I have seen examples of students helping each other, of putting other students before themselves, and of showing respect to their peers and their teachers.

Parents know what is best for their children and they should have the ability to decide whether that includes religious instruction in their student's schedule. The best way to reach the most students is during school hours. Again, this should be a matter of parental choice, not a school superintendent and school board choice. It should be an option available for all students. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to advocate for House Bill 445.

Sincerely, Christine Boone