

Dear Representative Gayle Manning,

My name is Evelyn Harvey, and I live in Parma City School District.

I have serious concerns about House Bill 445 and its effects on our schools and our community. I urge you to permanently remove this bill from the committee agenda.

HB 445 does all of the following that negatively impacts our students and schools:

- Further limits instructional time for specialized/elective subjects like art, PE, music, or library/media.
- Lost unstructured time for social and play time at recess. Recess time is central to whole child learning. Most K-5 students receive 30-40 minutes daily. Providers of RTRI (release time for religious instruction) often utilize lunch/recess time for their programs.
- Public schools should be places where every student feels a sense of belonging and safety. RTRI programs have been known to involve students in recruitment or retention, which can strain relationships and create distractions in the classroom.

For these reasons, I ask that you stop this bill from receiving any additional hearings. Thank you for your time.

Best,
Evelyn Harvey