

Chair Brenner, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 293. My name is Tammy Gottfried and I am from Seneca County.

I have been a Lifewise volunteer for the Fremont City Schools program for 10 months (2023-24 and 2024-25 school years). I have witnessed many children enjoying the program and coming back after summer break to continue with the program. The parent is the first teacher and having a character and moral teaching program invites the children to want to better themselves through Christ. The children I have witnessed are always excited and ready to learn. This also gives them time to learn about history and how it affects them today. The school staff has always been kind and considerate of the children leaving the building, looking at it this way the schools are showing their students how much they care about them. This allows the children to experience a different teaching style from which everyone can learn.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to advocate for Senate Bill 293.  
Sincerely, Tammy Gottfried