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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 Dave Miller and I am from Fulton County, Ohio.

I'm a volunteer for the LifeWise program and I've have witnessed the many young kids that are eager to attend by choice, the LifeWise program. All that the program presents to the kids is on full display for anybody to check out before you decide to let their child attend. LifeWise is not hiding what they are offering to parents/kids. Key word again is by choice. The parent(s) chose what is best for their child.

If this is want a parent chooses for their child and the program is in no way legally interfering with required mandates of their education, I would ask you to support the parents choice to send their child to this program.

Education is needed and has a great deal to do with success in life, but as a retired teacher of 35 years, I know first hand that many people with only an educated mind and no other support in life do not always find their way. This program helps young people have a road map to guide them through difficult times that occur in everyone's' life.

Lets give kids and parents all the tools so that they can find all the help possible for their child. This program for many kids is a life changing opportunity to be a more contributing member to their community as an adult at no expense to the taxpayer.

Thanks for doing what is right for any parent and that is simply let the parent have the choice, especially when it does not interfere with anybody else's rights. Thanks for allowing me to advocate for Senate Bill 293.

Dave Miller