

Senate Education Committee And Senator Andrew Brenner:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony today. My name is Sandra Peloquin. I am a teacher of English Learners in Lorain, Ohio. I have been teaching and advocating for the past 31 years on behalf of my students. I am strongly opposed to SB 295.

I taught under the HB70 time in Lorain Schools. Lorain Schools was one of 3 districts in all of Ohio to operate under this house bill. It was beyond disheartening to constantly hear in the newspaper and even at graduation the introduction of the Academic Distress Commission (ADC) and other stories because it was always prefaced with failing school district. It did weigh heavily on the staff and students too. Additionally, it took away from the business of teaching and time away from students. Administration has to constantly be in meetings and working on reports, meeting with commissions/groups etc. This is time away from the work with students.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote no on this harmful and dangerous bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to submit testimony.