

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a parent of a junior at Lakeside High School to express my support for the bill introduced by Representatives David Thomas and Sarah Fowler Arthur. This bill proposes waiving the minimum instruction hours requirement, which would allow our Lakeside seniors to graduate on schedule and prevent the loss of state funding due to missed instructional hours during the recent extreme snow event that caused the high school roof to collapse.

I commend the dedication of our teachers and staff, who have worked tirelessly to ensure our students' education continues uninterrupted. Their efforts, along with the leadership of our superintendent and others, have been instrumental in maintaining effective learning, particularly the focus on in-person instruction. While the current situation is challenging, the resilience and strength of the Lakeside community, including our students and staff, are truly inspiring.

Given the extraordinary circumstances, including Governor DeWine's declaration of a state of emergency in Ashtabula County, we respectfully request your support in approving the three waiver days. These days should not be counted against our district.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Shaffer