

Public schools have a specific purpose and are setup to achieve those purposes, however HB 42 will threaten the ability of Ohio's Public Schools to achieve the goals required of them by lawmakers and the constituents they serve. It is our responsibility to create nurturing and safe environments for all students to learn and grow with their peers under the guidance of highly qualified faculty and staff. Do not jeopardize the safety and security of our students or staff by requiring them to collect and report data concerning the citizenship or immigration status of people they serve. We must build trust in our communities in order for it to work. HB42 is an unnecessary step that breaks trust and creates chaos in a place where peace and community benefits our state. There are already numerous and strict qualification for our residents to access public benefits. This does nothing more than stoke fear and risk the components of environments conducive to learning. Do not undermine your own public education. I work directly with thousands of teachers and students in Cincinnati Public Schools, most of whom are American-born citizens. This is not something your constituents want, because they want to do their jobs; they want to work to support an educated citizenry; they want to support public health, including vision, dental and health clinics for qualified families in need. There is already a process outlined by federal regulations for how to determine who is qualified. There is no need to add more regulations that only leads to confusion. These are regulations, incidently, that violate case law and will only lead to further legal battles and confusion that is not needed in schools that are fighting against overreach so they can do the work the are required to do: we are here to to simply educate the children in our neighborhoods. Allow schools to do their work