

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ohio Senate Bill 1. This bill represents a concerning shift in the governance of Ohio's education system, transferring significant authority away from the elected State Board of Education and placing it directly under the governor's administration. This change would diminish the voice of parents, educators, and community members who rely on the State Board to represent the diverse needs of Ohio's students. The State Board of Education serves as an important avenue for public input and community representation. Its members, elected directly by Ohioans, ensure that families and educators have a voice in shaping the policies that affect our schools. By transferring these powers to a politically appointed director within the governor's office, Senate Bill 1 threatens to inject partisan politics into our children's education and silences the input of voters. Ohio's students and schools deserve an education system focused on their needs, not one subject to shifting political agendas. Decisions about curriculum, educational standards, and school oversight should be made transparently and with input from those who are closest to our classrooms—not from behind closed doors. I strongly oppose Senate Bill 1 and the threat it imposes to the principle of local representation and community-driven education policy. Our children's future should not be a political bargaining chip. Please protect the public's voice in education by voting against this