

Testimony of Jackie Trimble, 5th Grade Science Teacher at Miami Trace Elementary School before the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Chairman Schaffer, Vice Chair Koehler, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson and members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

My name is Jackie Trimble and I am a 5th grade teacher at MTES. The students not only got to learn about plant growth but they got to witness it. The 4th and 5th graders voted and named our cucumber Kirby.. Students from all over the building would come in the office to check on Kirby. Kirby became a part of our life, it was like our school pet.

Each week our science classes would walk down and make observations and record it in our journal. The students kept track of the day, stage, nutrients, humidity, ph and temperature. They would draw a picture each week of Kirby. The students would compare their results from the week before and create great questions and hypotheses for the next week.