

Testimony SB127

Dear Senate Education Committee Chair Andrew Brenner, Vice Chair Louis Blessing III, Ranking Member Catherine Ingram, and members of the Senate Education Committee:

My name is Rebecca Ensworth. I have been a teacher in Ohio for over 40 years. I am also a parent of two young adults who graduated from Ohio public schools and Ohio Universities.

I oppose SB127 because it removes local control from elected school board members and parents from their school choices. This bill is a big government overreach that threatens public education and taxpaying parents' rights.

If the state labels a school as "Underperforming", they may take **drastic** actions such as closing a school, transferring control to private operators, or replacing staff. I believe local schools should be very involved in the decision-making process for their communities' futures rather than having the **state dictating** local school's futures in closed door negotiations.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Ensworth