

Members of the Senate Education Committee

Thank you for accepting my written testimony. My name is Linda Goodwin. I am a retired high school teacher. I have a Masters degree. I am opposed to SB 127.

After 35 years of teaching, I know the difference a strong tax base can make in the quality and performance of a school. Senate Bill 127 would punish small, rural, and poor schools. Basing an evaluation of a school on one set of tests in isolation without investigating other contributing factors to the school's performance is an inadequate basis for closing a school. Such an arbitrary method of forcing schools to close is a violation of local control, takes away parents' rights, and will financially harm those communities.

Please consider my testimony and vote NO on this harmful bill.

Thank you for allowing me to present this testimony.

Sincerely,
Linda Goodwin