Thank you senators for giving me the time to speak to you regarding the new proposal.. While reading through this language it is obvious that the only thing that has changed is the vocabulary. Now instead of a CEO, there will be a director!

I find it interesting that this plan was drafted without any members of OEA, AFT, no parents, no teachers, no students nor community members were included in this group. The draftees seem to be the people who are the furthest removed from the education community.

This proposal is an insult to me because it is nothing more than house bill 70 2.0. It is unacceptable! Our school districts don’t need oversight by people who are not involved in education. They need supports, they need counselors, tutors, mentors, and medical assistance. Our families need educated about nutrition, finances, and parenting skills. House bill 154 offers wraparound services that our students need. We don’t need more politicians with their hands in education. I challenge you to really look at this plan, study it and then talk to your family your friends , your teachers , your superintendents and see what they think. Is it a plan that you would welcome into your school district? If you can’t answer yes, then you shouldn’t be voting to put it into ANY school district in this state.

Keep the language of HB154 and remove this proposal from the state budget.