

February 13, 2022

Chairwoman Kristey Williams and Committee Members
Room 546-S, State Capital
Topeka, KS 66612

RE: HB2662 Parent Bill of Rights

Dear Representative Williams and Committee Members,

My name is Curt Kornhaus. I am a teacher at McPherson High School, McPherson, KS. I am writing in opposition to HB2662 also referred to as the Parent Bill of Rights.

This bill is not needed nor is it pro-education. One claim is that the bill will allow parents the ability to review curriculum choices. This is already available to any parent who wants to see what is being taught. The bill also devalues teachers as professionals by not trusting us to make professional decisions.

Teaching today is so much harder than when I began in 1985. There are so many more requirements placed on educators, but the pandemic has made our job even harder. When my students went into lock-down in the Spring of 2019, many of my students lost all interest in school. This mindset has carried over and I have to work harder than ever to keep my students interested in school and to present curriculum that still pushes them to higher levels of functionality.

Imagine if every profession were required to meet the same standards as what is in this bill? Could legislators predict every conversation they would have for an upcoming session or the wording of every bill presented, without the flexibility of being able to change? This is what this bill is asking all teachers in Kansas to do.

Due to the lack of flexibility provided to teachers and the lack of trust in Kansas educators, I request that you oppose HB2662.

Sincerely,

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