Mary Lou Terrien

From: Laura Jones <ljones@sead-mi.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2016 7:31 AM
To: Mary Lou Terrien
Subject: Statement on Bills before the Education Committee

Dear Members of the Education Committee,

I wish to convey my support for the following bills to the Education Committee:

HB 5409 (Rep. Liberati) Education; discipline; statement of findings and intent regarding state policy on schoolwide positive intervention and support plans; provide for.

HB 5410 (Rep. Liberati) Education; discipline; department of education to develop state policy establishing a schoolwide positive behavioral intervention and support plan; require.

HB 5411 (Rep. Greig) Education; discipline; certain requirements for state policy on schoolwide positive behavioral intervention and support plan; provide for.

HB 5412 (Rep. Price) Education; discipline; restrictions on use of seclusion and restraint; require to be included in state policy on schoolwide positive intervention and support plans.

HB 5413 (Rep. Vaupel) Education; discipline; requirements for documentation and reporting; require to be included in state policy on schoolwide positive intervention and support plans.

HB 5414 (Rep. Price) Education; discipline; certain provisions concerning emergency intervention; require to be included in state policy on schoolwide positive behavioral intervention and support plans.

HB 5415 (Rep. Tedder) Education; discipline; certain provisions concerning data collection; require to be included in state policy on schoolwide positive behavioral intervention and support plans.

HB 5416 (Rep. Heise) Education; discipline; certain provisions concerning training; require to be included in state policy on schoolwide positive behavioral intervention and support plans.

HB 5417 (Rep. Greig) Education; discipline; definitions for state policy on schoolwide positive behavioral intervention and support plans; provide for.

HB 5418 (Rep. Tedder) Education; discipline; policy concerning schoolwide positive behavioral intervention and support; require nonpublic schools to adopt and implement.

The provisions contained in these bills will benefit outcomes for all children. The State of Michgan has the opportunity, through these bills, to put itself back into the lead on part of education implementation nationally.

The provisions of these bills represent well researched and documented best practice methods that lead to better outcomes for children and teachers. This is the correct priority for schools and these bills create a clear, codified and correct method for schools to handle behavior issues. Schools who use these methods today create good outcomes for children, less stress for teachers and better relationships with parents.

I understand there has been concerned expressed by some teachers and administrators over these methods. In my daily work as an advocate, I find this unsurprising. There are schools today who resist these methods, preferring their own reflexive and unresearched methods that allow them to move children out of schools more quickly instead. These schools are not successful in resolving behavior issues and for whatever reason, see no reason to move towards successful methods. I urge you to send a message via

law that educators and schools are expected to implement best practice methods and successful teaching practices in order to help Michigan students achieve. The society of our state depends on excellence in education, and this is an important part of creating that success.

I urge you to pass these bills.

Sincerely,

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