

There is no reason to try to align private schools with public school in schedule or curriculum. The benefit of private schools is that they DO NOT align with public schools and thus afford students a well rounded education instead of a cookie cutter one. We choose to send our children to a private school because it isn't public school. Children should be given an opportunity to grow and develop their personal strengths and talents and not be forced to fit in a mold. Forcing private schools to register according to SB 223 would be costly not only for the institution itself but to the families who already pay greatly to insure their children get the best education they can. Public school scheduling and curriculum has already proven there is no time in the day for music, art or religion and these are at the heart of our private school experience. Math, reading and writing do not suffer and our student already surpassed the district's benchmarks. It would be a detriment to every family and student that attends a private school and there is no benefit to the registration for any of the private school, no increase in funding or resources. Please do not allow the bill to pass and harm those of us who make the choice to support and attend private schools in the first place.