We strongly oppose the passage of Senate bill 223 - Registry of Private Schools. We are "pro-choice" when it comes to giving parents the ability to choose what is best for their children. This bill would greatly restrict parental rights and the freedom of religion for children and parents. We have always been great supporters of public education. However, this year of COVID has made us very aware of the need for other options for our grandchildren. A private school has provided an exceptional alternative for our family, even though it was not funded by our tax dollars. We believe that further oversight by the ODE is both unnecessary and unconstitutional.

Respectfully yours - Robert and Suzanne Bletscher