

Senator Dembrow and members of the Senate Education Committee,

My name is Kristi Byfield and I support SB486 along with its amendment(s) because I believe it will take a step forward in ensuring services for all children.

I'm in favor of this bill because:

1. It will require that schools provide the names of their TAG coordinators. Currently this information is hidden, outdated, hard to find, non-existent, etc. This information needs to be easy for parents and students to find.
2. It will give TAG students and parents the chance to provide input in TAG planning.

In addition, I would like to add that it would be helpful if the state required the names of TAG coordinators at individual schools/districts to be reported to and posted on the ODE website as well. Many other programs have this responsibility (Funded programs for example) to report names and contact information to ODE each year to ensure that information is quickly accessible to families that need it. This would hold districts accountable for the information.

Thank you.