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School boards are elected by communities to implement policy as chosen by the voters. Board members live in the community they serve, and represent the values of the local community as evidenced by their selection. School superintendents must exist to serve the community and the children of that district. They serve at the pleasure of the people, not a disassociated, remote government entity. The decisions of the school board directly reflect the performance of the superintendent in their service to the community. If administrators fail to implement the decisions of the board, who represent the people and students, they fail the will of the community and consequences should justly reflect their actions. SB1521 is a direct affront to representative democracy and the will of the people. Clearly it is meant to withdraw accountability of administrators from board members and pin their allegiance to an unaccountable remote bureaucracy. School boards are non-partisan elected positions. SB1521 nakedly introduces the whims of the political party in power into school board actions. It is clearly an attempt by special interest groups to influence community decisions based on recent actions they disagree with. Passage of this bill has absolutely zero positive effect on education in the state, and obvious detrimental effects on the schools who may suffer from an administrator failing to perform the job they were hired to do by the representatives of the community.