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Good morning,

I am writing today to submit my official support for SB409. It is important that parents are aware of what is taught in their child's school. I am a parent and a teacher. I understand how the curriculum is chosen in schools, and I understand how parents are offered an opportunity to review curriculum that is in question to be adopted. With that said, it isn't easy for all parents to make it to those meetings; also, there are not enough copies to hand out to all of the parents. This also doesn't take into account previously adopted curriculum that may have occurred before the parent and student moved to that particular school. Yes, the parent can always come in and request to review the curriculum. This causes a scene, awkward tension, and a lot of extra work and time for the parent. Everything is online in this day and age. Parents should be able to easily log in to a secure school account, and review their child's curriculum, at their own discretion. The fact that this isn't already in practice is surprising, and to ask a parent to physically drive to school and request an in-person review of the curriculum is an ancient practice. Also, what about those parents that are concerned about COVID or have any general health concerns that cause them to stay at home? They would also benefit from the ability to review the curriculum online. The fact that the curriculum isn't online also signifies a lack of transparency. Parents can view their children's grades online, their lunch menu, the school district calendar, etc. If a parent reviews the curriculum online and is unhappy about it, they then can go into the school to discuss their concerns, in person.

Thank you,