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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure: SB409

Dear Senators and Representatives,

As a parent of two sons (18 & 13), I fully support providing the curriculum online, and not just ODE benchmarks as suggested by the union. Due to closed schools, our kids are struggling like never before to learn and as families we need every resource available to support them. My mother taught for over 30 yrs in PA and it was a requirement that her curriculum be available. As a mother of a dyslexic child, I have met significant resistance from teachers when I have asked for the curriculum and to plan the required accommodations for my son, in violation of IDEA. I do not want to sue, I just want my child to learn. At PPS, the K-8, only provided 1 parent/ teacher conference and then a student led conference in the Spring where we were not allowed to ask teachers questions. It was asinine. Teachers receive voluminous amounts of email already so the argument that we should just ask each teacher is problematic. I have not heard one valid reason to not provide access to the information as drafted in this bill. Sincerely, Kelly Tilden