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Senate Bill 1583

I would like to have my testimony considered before SB 1583 is voted on.

As a grandparent, I'm very upset with the quality of education our children are receiving. I do not see evidence that they are being taught life skills – personal finance, home economics, how to interview for jobs, basic math and reading.

It seems that even when these skills are taught, the expectation is so low. Many go on to sign contracts and have no idea what they agree to do. Others have no clue if their bank balance is correct or how to balance a checkbook. I know most will use debit/credit cards but, they still need to know how to verify the charges are correct and that they made the charges. Identity theft is on the rise so they need to know how to watch for scammers in texts, emails and phone calls. I also would like to see the high school kids invite seniors to educate them on how to spot scams. I have not voted for funds for public schools for many years because of the lack of real education.

Our children do not need to be taught racism, transgenderism, or to hide behaviors from their parents. Schools hold parents accountable for their children but will go behind the parents backs to encourage children in behavior that the parents may not want them to learn or participate in. I believe this leads the children to feel isolated as they are often instructed not to share what they have learned with their parents.

Lastly, our schools need to spend more time trying to eliminate bullying.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

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