

Members of the Senate Education Committee,

Please support SB 948 the “Play-Based Learning” bill. This is an important step in addressing the harmful imbalance that has happened in recent years in which a “joyless” model of early childhood education has taken hold.

The overemphasis on standardized testing and the resulting narrowing of the curriculum has had a devastating impact on our children. Many students now have little access to discovery-based or play-based learning as a way to learn.

The increased regimentation and routinization of learning, mostly Reading and Math, risks making children dislike not only Reading and Math, but dislike the adventure of learning for the duration of their schooling.

This dehumanizing of learning is a tragic development. We have lost our way. We must return to the best practices of early childhood education that we have largely abandoned.

Please support SB 948.

Respectfully,

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