

# LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY



FROM BLUE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 229

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2292  
Hearing Date: February 23, 2015**

On behalf of Blue Valley USD 229, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition of House Bill 2292 (HB 2292). HB 2292 repeals the Kansas College and Career Readiness Standards (KCCRS) and reinstates the standards in place prior to 2012.

USD 229 opposes HB 2292 for several reasons. One, all schools districts in the state are well underway in developing curricula and training around the current standards. To go back to an old standard wastes time, effort and money spent. This is not a good use of tax payer dollars. Two, advanced placement courses and dual credit programs, two programs that Blue Valley students make great use of, could not be offered as they are not aligned with the old standards. Our community will not stand for the elimination of these programs. Three, USD 229 feels that there are well-established controls in place to govern the use of educational data. Most of these controls stem from a school district's compliance with several federal rules and regulations, most notably that of the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). USD 229 feels that current regulations on data use are more than adequate to protect students, families, and teachers.

For these reasons, we ask for your opposition of HB 2292.

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