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March 14, 2012

TO: Senator Jean Schodorf, Chair
Senate Education Committee

FROM: David Dennis, Chair
State Board of education

SUBJECT: Seclusion and Restraint

On March 13, 2012, the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE) passed a motion to take action on the Kansas Guidelines on Seclusion and Restraint as passed in 2007 and amended as Emergency Safety Interventions, inclusive of all students, in 2011. The motion requested time to seek guidance from the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC). SEAC is to include representatives from Families Together, Disability Rights Center, Kansas Association of School Boards and Special Educators. SEAC is to discuss the current guidelines, proposed legislation and make recommendations to KSBE. These recommendations will be carefully considered and acted upon at the April 2012 KSBE meeting.

This motion of KSBE came after much discussion amongst Board members, who recognize the need for such action on a sensitive, timely, and important matter. KSBE respectfully asks the Senate Education Committee to not take action on HB 2444. In April, KSBE will take informed action, to benefit all Kansas children, in regards to Emergency Safety Interventions (ESI).

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