



## Louisburg Unified School District No. 416

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Sharon Zoellner, Superintendent

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To: Senate Commerce Committee  
From: Dr. Sharon Zoellner, Superintendent  
Re: HB 2023 Paycheck Protection Act

Dear Committee Members:

Thank you for permitting me to share this written testimony with you.

I consistently hear that elected officials are supportive of K-12 education. However, the recent introduction of HB 2023 would suggest otherwise. This bill, which is being advertised as a paycheck protection measure, is merely an attempt to remove one convenient method for our teachers to pay for their voluntary dues to an association.

Positive teacher morale is critical to a quality education program. Our teachers have continued to perform their duties in an extremely professional manner, even during these difficult economic times. It is beyond comprehension as to why the legislative body would want to remove the option of payroll deduction for our teachers other than to possibly squelch a dissenting voice in our democratic society.

I strongly urge you to vote against this legislation. Thank you for your time.

*Sharon L. Zoellner*

*Our goal in Louisburg USD 416 is to teach every child - allow each child to progress to the limit of his or her capabilities. We will provide a wide range of programs and methodology to allow for individual differences, while educating the whole child.*