

Chairman Ron Highland and House Education Committee Members,

Personal Financial Literacy

I have taught a Personal Finance course at Blue Valley North High School for over 10 years. I am passionate about this topic because I believe this is important for the financial health of our future citizens.

Enrollment in my Personal Finance classes has been increasing over the past five years, due in large part to the fear generated from the great recession. Even with increased enrollment, only about 10% of our students at Blue Valley North get a chance to take the course.

Parent teacher conferences are coming up and EVERY parent I speak with tell me how important this course is to their family because they want their kids to be prepared for the world of money when they graduate. Every single one of them say they wish they had taken a course like this in high school and they agree that it should be a required course for all high school students.

I can also speak on this topic as a parent. I have a son who is a senior in the Shawnee Mission School District. He did not take a finance course as he could never fit it in his schedule. And believe me, he could use some financial education! I am his parent, but I think he would have benefitted from having a semester long course in the subject.

Young adults will face many obstacles in their life: disease, unemployment, accidents, etc. Knowing financial peace will help them get over many of them.

Thank you for considering my letter in support of HB2232.

Sincerely,

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