Kansans For Liberty



This testimony submitted in opposition to HB 2099

The legislature and many of us activists fought long and hard to preserve student privacy last year with SB 367. SB 367 requires that parents must "opt in" to these intrusive surveys.

HB 2099 would strip those parents inherent rights and force them to "opt out". The reason of the "opt in" is because in this day and age most parents, myself included, barely can keep up with everything.

We surely lack the time to check electronic media boards for "survey notices," also it insures that even if a paper notice gets lost in the back pack children don't end up participating.

Finally attached is a copy of the survey, I personally find some of the questions offensive on many levels. When I consider my sheltered 10 year old 5th grader being asked about drugs like cocaine, crack, LSD, liquor, family make up and stealing, etc. etc.

These questions I believe it is my job as a responsible parent to ask when I deem appropriate.

Some might ask why I take the time from my busy schedule to pen this testimony the following might explain.

"No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation"

~ Douglas MacArthur quote

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