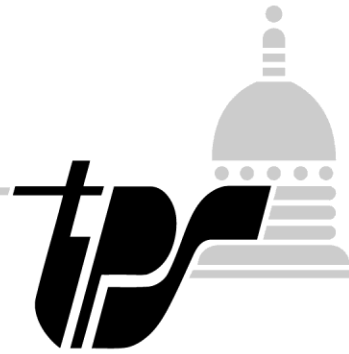




March 4, 2015
HB 2345

Chairman Ron Highland, and Honorable Members of the Education Budget Committee:

HB 2345 presents an important issue for consideration by the Kansas Legislature. Public servants and candidates for office should be learned in such areas as education, business, family, client or customer relations, ethics and abuse of power or government. Genuine conflicts of interest of school board members or candidates are already regulated by Kansas law. K.S.A Chapter 75, Article 43 regulates local level conflicts of interest for public officers and employees. The Topeka Public Schools Board of Education respectfully opposes legislation that would impose unreasonable restrictions on public servants and their families.

It is important that we encourage participation and service on local school boards. We strongly oppose any legislation that would prohibit any person in the boundaries of Topeka Public School currently qualified under the law, from pursuing the opportunity to serve our public schools in Shawnee County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Julie Ford'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Julie Ford
Superintendent of Topeka Public Schools