Testimony to Senate Education Committee SB 176 Limiting Negotiations under the Professional Negotiations Act February 23, 2015 Representative Jerry Lunn

Chairman Abrams and members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to present testimony in support of SB 176, which would limit the number of mandatory subjects of bargaining under the Professional Negotiations Act.

I recently discussed mandatory subjects of bargaining with superintendents of Johnson County school districts and learned that they prefer to have the least number of mandatory subjects possible to maximize local control. Doing so allows them more flexibility in making operating decisions that they feel are in the best interests of students.

I believe SB 176 accomplishes that mission and encourage you to support the bill.