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Written Only Opposition to Parental Bill of Rights

Requires school districts to annually publish list of training and learning materials and activities used for student instruction and teacher professional development on the internet:

I am writing today in opposition to the proposed Parental Bill of Rights.

Good teachers determine lessons based on many factors, including meeting students where they are. It would be an insurmountable task for teachers to be expected to plan in any level of detail in June prior to meeting their students in August or September. We change our academic tasks based on anecdotal observations or student needs in addition to current assessment data.

In addition, parents are already able to communicate with teachers. I publish a syllabus and share general materials I will use with parents at Back to School Night. In addition, questions can be asked at conferences which are held twice a year in my district. Parents are already able to request an alternate assignment if they have objection to content. This law could potentially be used to the detriment of teachers & cause parents to become unnecessarily combative.

The bottom line is that parents can access curriculum at any time online and upon inquiry. Your suggested Parental Bill of Rights just asks teachers to engage in one more task in addition to communication they already provide.

Please OPPOSE this harmful recommendation to current public policy.

Regards,

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