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Testimony in writing to the House Education Committee  
In opposition to

**HB 2183:** Requiring a computer science course for high school graduation.

**Stand Up Blue Valley: Families for Our Schools**

February 17, 2019

Stand Up Blue Valley: Families for Our Schools is a parent and patron advocacy group in the Blue Valley School District. We advocate for legislation that supports Blue Valley Schools and work to help our community understand the importance of their votes to our schools.

**Stand Up Blue Valley opposes HB2183** for the following reasons:

- The State Board of Education, with input from local school districts and local Boards of Education, should be the body making decisions about curriculum requirements.
- The State Legislature is not positioned to take into account all of the other requirements for high school graduation, and is not fully informed and aware of other implications including various alternative needs and opportunities including AP and College Now courses, career preparedness courses such as CAPS (Center for Advanced Professional Studies). Blue Valley students, in particular, have a plethora of opportunities in high school and adding additional requirements for graduation may not be in the best interest of every student.

Our opposition to this legislation is primarily that the Kansas Legislature is not the governing body that is responsible for curriculum decisions for Kansas public schools. We encourage legislators to allow and encourage the duly elected State Board of Education, along with elected Boards of Education of Kansas school districts, to retain full authority in curriculum decisions. In fact, our opposition also extends to HB2166: Requiring personal financial literacy courses for high school graduation, which was discussed last week in your committee, as well as any other attempt to legislate curriculum for Kansas public schools.

Additionally, we request that the Kansas Legislature devote its immediate attention to funding our schools by answering the Supreme Court ruling requiring an adjustment for inflation.

Sincerely,

Patty Logan

For Stand Up Blue Valley: Families for Our Schools