

Dear Ms Broxterman and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of HB 2513. Parents are and should be the main decision makers about their child's education and wellbeing.

As a public school teacher in Kansas for over 28 years, this so called Social and Emotional Learning has no part in the Kansas curriculum standards. Our public schools are being transformed into places of social reform rather than places of learning. Some school districts are going behind parents' backs to obtain private information from unsuspecting students without any previous consent.

As a former member of the Kansas State Board of Education, I am dismayed that the implementation of SEL would be tied to state accreditation. This is highly improper and such indoctrination should not be taking place in public schools.

I am and have always been an advocate for parental choice in the education of their children. This betrayal of parental trust highlights even more why this is an important change needed in our Kansas educational tradition. Kansas has always been a leader in public education starting when every township reserved a parcel of land for a school. Let us continue to assure that all students receive a chance for a quality education in whichever setting the parents feel is best.

Please support HB 2513 and oppose/repeal any former legislation requiring Social and Emotional Learning in our Kansas schools.

Sincerely,

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