

Education Committee Public Hearing

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Dear Chairman Fleischmann, Chairman Gaffey and members of the Education Committee,

First and foremost let me thank you for allowing RB# 7358 a public hearing.

As a concerned parent I am excited about the possibility of a new future for our Gifted and Talented children.

In the process of raising my son I am learning that our school is not equipped to handle his constant growing potential. Many of the teachers are already over whelmed with the children who are struggling behind the average. They have no time or energy to supplement the children who are excelling beyond the classroom. It is even more difficult when you are not educated specifically in Gifted and Talented teaching methods. These childrens energy level and engagement is constant and takes enormous amounts of energy and time. In a classroom situation they are many times cast off as "problem children."

My child is and always has been so excited to learn....about EVERYTHING! I am watching this fire and passion start to weaken for he is bored at school.

Please help us to have the ability to take these minds and help them to grow to their full and wonderful potential.

Thank you for your time.

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