

February 10, 2022

Chairwoman Kristey Williams and Committee Members  
Room 546-S, State Capital  
Topeka, KS 66612

RE: HB2662 Parent Bill of Rights

Dear Representative Williams and Committee Members,

I am Brooke Waters. I am a teacher who lives in Topeka, KS. I am writing in opposition to HB2662 also referred to as the Parent Bill of Rights.

Two large reasons I am in opposition are the following.

1. All materials must be posted by July 1--- This is a heavy burden to put on staff (new and veteran). How will this be organized? Will teachers be compensated for their time over the summer to complete this?
2. Teacher stress--- This bill will only add to the already severe teacher shortage in the state of Kansas. Teachers are overwhelmed with tasks and responsibility; this bill is an unnecessary task to add to teachers plates.

I have considered quitting my job as a teacher many times this past year as the stress has been overwhelming. If this heavy burden of planning out and preparing materials before even meeting my students becomes part of my job, it will be even more difficult for me to have a desire to continue in this profession. I have to meet my students before I can make decisions about the school year. Every day at my job is new and full of surprise. I adjust my plans every week. I will not be an effective teacher if I have to plan ahead prior to ever meeting my students.

Due to the heavy burden and stress this bill will put on teachers, I request that you oppose HB2662.

Sincerely,

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