

House K12 Committee  
Testimony on HB 2048

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My name is Deena Holmes and I am a freshman at The Independent School. This year might have been my first year here, but it has impacted my life in so many ways. Being able to attend

The Independent School has truly been an honor to me and my family. Independent has motivated me to not only want to go to school but to go to school and want to learn, I can't name a moment where I haven't felt like I wasn't made to be there. Out of every teacher I've had this year there wasn't one who was not willing to take extra time out of their day to help me and my classmates understand the class work. I am a student athlete and I have never felt like I had to quit one of my sports in order to pass my classes. It's like my life is backwards, when I was in middle school I was really stressed and worried about my work and now that I'm in high school I never have to stress or worry which is usually vice versa in most people's lives. Independent has not only helped me academically but it has helped me mentally, since I've been here, I haven't felt judged at all. I feel so free to be myself, at independent we are treated as young adults meaning we're able to make decisions that some other kids might not be able to because this school has taught us the importance integrity and being responsible, the teachers here respect us as young adults. Independent has inspired me to want to be someone when I get older, it has motivated me to want to pass all my classes and pass with outstanding grades. Here we are not taught to be average but to be beyond that. Attending the independent school has got to be one of the best decisions my family and I have ever made, and I am so fortunate to be able to attend The Independent school. Thank you.