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I am opposed to the proposed legislation in Kansas (HB 2420) would require parental consent before school counselors can provide Tier 2 or Tier 3 mental health support to students. I have been teaching elementary school for 24 years and I have seen a lot of students come and go.

The students who need school counselors the most, those who are already high-risk, experiencing trauma, family instability, mental health stigma, or fear of punishment at home, are the very students most likely to lose access to support.

This legislation creates barriers, blind spots, and delays. When access to help is restricted, problems don't disappear. They escalate.

This doesn't protect students. It increases risk and sends a dangerous message: "Help comes with conditions."

Please, for the love of our students, do not pass this legislation.

Sincerely,
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