



Opponent, Written Only Testimony on Senate Bill 49  
Senate Education Committee,  
February 6th, 2025  
Dr. Brent Yeager, Superintendent, Olathe Public Schools

Chair Erickson and Members of the Committee:

Olathe Public Schools opposed Senate Bill 49 and the mandated use of staff and board resources in a manner that is less efficient, more costly, and divergent from our mission to educate children. We support policies that reduce administrative burdens when current procedures produce the same statutory required results with less use of resources.

Olathe Public Schools serves approximately 29,033 students in fifty-one public schools in five high schools, ten middle schools, and thirty-six elementary schools. The time, energy, and concentration of resources to comply with the provisions of SB 49 are not costs.

The focus and commitment of our Board to our community is on setting and fulfilling high expectations for all our students. Our Board focuses valuable resources on ensuring students have the opportunity to succeed in special education, at-risk programs, with quality, committed staff. Our robust school improvement system holds schools accountable for academic achievement and progress. Senate Bill 49 adds administrative burdens with limited impact.

The current assessment process maximizes efficiency so that Board members and all staff do not have time to participate. As with each function of elected leadership, their skills and time are valued and not best expended in the exercises of the provisions of SB 49.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Yeager', is positioned above the typed name.

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