



Neutral, Written Only Testimony on Senate Bill 263  
Senate Education Committee,  
February 27, 2025  
Dr. Brent Yeager, Superintendent, Olathe Public Schools

Chair Erickson and Members of the Committee:

Olathe Public Schools strongly supports every school district's engagement in all necessary training, preparation, prevention, and mitigation efforts related to active shooter events. Senate Bill 263 articulates policy changes to facilitate a statewide set of guidelines. We support policies that reduce administrative burdens when current procedures may be absent, but our interest in favoring local school board decision-making on this issue warrants our neutral position. The mission of SB 263 is already being implemented and refined on a regular basis.

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 already committed to safety and security is significant.

The focus and commitment of our Board to our community is the safety of all our students and employees. Our local board can be quick and nimble to adjust to situations, circumstances, technology, and methods to ensure student and staff safety. We favor that flexibility in our responsiveness. There is value in the State Department of Education identifying best practices and providing technical guidance for districts, but statutory designation should consider local elected decision making as well.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Yeager", written in a cursive style.

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