



Opposition, Written Only Testimony on Senate Bill 339
Senate Education Committee,
January 22, 2026
Dr. Brent Yeager, Superintendent, Olathe Public Schools

Chair Erickson and Members of the Committee:

Olathe Public Schools is opposed to Senate Bil 339. Our curriculum, including elementary and secondary health conforms both the State Department of Education standards and to our Board's affirmation on grade-appropriate health and recess policies. We support the bill sponsor's focus on the health, mental health, and learning process for elementary students. However, our locally elected board relies on our policy that implementation of policy, including elementary student exercise, are determined by the local boards.

Our community and elected Board are committed to addressing the issues in SB 339. Olathe Public Schools' policy. Currently our elementary schools currently have 35 minutes per day. Mandatory recess times may be a challenge because recess is only considered instructional time in certain situations. An unintended consequence of this bill may be forcing districts to add time to the school day or lengthen the school year to meet the required instructional minutes.

We support Senate Bill 339 as a framework and guide for all schools to set high standards and goals. We support the ability of each elected school board, and non-public school governing body, to determine, within state standards, measures to improve student health and wellbeing.

There is great value in Senate Bill 339's elevation of the impact of recess. We support a different means for school boards use to accomplish those goals.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify.

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

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