



Dear legislators,

I am writing to voice concerns about two bills you are hearing today, AB 268 and AB 269.

Schools need stability to make lasting improvements for students. As local school districts, we have worked hard to responsibly balance our budgets, minimize the impact of state cuts on our schools and maintain high quality services for children.

When state funding is uncertain and ever changing, also removing local control around referenda can create an environment of instability that hurts public schools.

Not allowing local communities to schedule referenda when they are needed or taking recurring funding, which has been approved by a community, out of the base of a district's budget creates exactly the kind of confusion and instability that inhibits our progress on behalf of children.

When local communities wish to support their public schools, the state legislature should not limit their ability to do so. We ask you to oppose these bills and support our school district's abilities to work with local communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cheatham
Superintendent