

KEA OPPOSES SENATE BILL 7

SITE BASED DECISION-MAKING COUNCIL REFORM

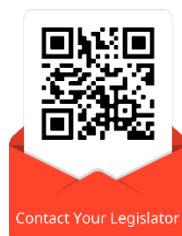


Since the landmark education reforms of KERA in 1990, Site Based Decision Making Councils (SBDM), have been a recognized national model to engage stakeholders (parents, educators, and administrators) in local control of school governance. Senate Bill 7 creates fewer opportunities for input from educators and creates new and unnecessary levels of red-tape that will hinder needed progress and autonomy in our schools.

Senate Bill 7, in its current version would:

- **Remove an educator position from the SBDM council.** *We believe instead of decreasing the number of educators to achieve parity with parents or guardians, the proposal should add another parent position to allow more opportunity for community participation in school governance.*
- Allow an educator to be transferred while serving on the school council
- Remove authority of the SBDM council to select principals and instead give superintendents ultimate authority after “consultation” with councils
- Eliminate council autonomy to make hiring decisions that reflect the best interest of the individual school
- Diminish the authority and voice of the local council by giving the school board the authority to amend and/or repeal council actions
- Require the local board of education to adopt a policy allowing the board to initiate review of a school council decision;
- Specify the alignment of council policy with local board policy
- Specify that local board members may attend council meetings
- Require school council authority to be transferred to the superintendent if a school is identified for comprehensive support and improvement

If enacted, Senate Bill 7 will diminish the input of key stakeholders in the governance of their schools. Educating children is the business of the entire community and the legislature should not enact any measures that limit opportunities for parents and educators to be meaningfully involved in that important work.



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