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LD 919

I am writing in strong support of LD 919, LD 1395, and LD 1439. These bills are common-sense measures that prioritize student safety, parental rights, and transparency in our schools.

LD 919 ensures that no student who is a minor is required to complete a survey or questionnaire that includes their full name without the affirmative written consent of a parent. Parents should be fully informed and give clear permission before personal information is collected from their child.

LD 1395 mandates that digital and online library resources accessible to students in grades K–12 block access to materials that contain child pornography, obscene content, or depictions of the sexual exploitation of minors. This is a necessary safeguard in our increasingly digital education environments.

LD 1439 prohibits schools from conducting student evaluations—whether intellectual, emotional, behavioral, psychological, or physical—that are intended to diagnose a condition, without first obtaining parental consent. Parents must be part of any process that could impact their child's development or well-being.

In the name of full transparency, I ask: why would schools object to these measures? If there's nothing to hide, why resist greater parental involvement and consent?

I respectfully urge the committee to vote “ought to pass” on LD 919, LD 1395, and LD 1439. Let's keep our kids safe, respect parents' rights, and promote transparency in our schools.