

Oppose Removing Transparency from Ohio's State Education System

On February 14, 2018, Representative Reineke [announced legislation](#) that would combine the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Higher Education, and Ohio Department of Workforce Transformation into a single new department organized under the governor. (See also: [Plain Dealer Article](#))

The State Board of Education, which includes 11 regionally elected members, **would no longer have any voice in state education policy**. This includes a wide range of state regulations, such as:

- Education Standards in all subjects
- Education Assessment selection at the state level
- Determination of Achievement/Proficiency Levels
- State Report Cards
- Teacher/Student Ratio's
- Private School Regulations
- Religious School Regulations
- Home Education Regulations
- Public School Operating Standards
- Career Technical Regulations

Currently all of these items (and many more) go through a public hearing process. **Under the proposed legislation, it appears that all policy making function would be further bureaucratized and no longer created through a transparent, accountable process!**

Immediate Action Needed!

1. **CALL** your state representative and ask them to **OPPOSE** Representative Reineke's "Workforce and Education Alignment Legislation." If you can make two calls, call the Speaker of the House as well.

(Look up your representative here: <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/>)

2. **SHARE** with everyone you know and **SUBSCRIBE** to updates (below).

This is time sensitive and urgent!

If we do not have an overwhelming number of calls this week this legislation could remain priority legislation for the House Speaker, be railroaded through the legislative process and result in an elimination of voter's voices in education policy!

3. **Like** my [Facebook page](#) for regular updates, this is a breaking news issue.

Thank you!

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