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Dear JCPS SBDM Member,

We hope this letter finds you well. We wanted to make you aware of a bill that is making its way through the general assembly and is poised for passage as early as next week. That bill is SB3, also known as the SBDM bill.

The entire bill can be found on the LRC website or on the Save Our Schools Kentucky website at www.saveourschoolsky.org/sbdm.

The most significant changes proposed include:

- alter principal hiring process requiring principal to be selected by the superintendent (instead of the school council);
- reduce the number of teachers serving on the council to two (currently three);
- allow a teacher to be involuntarily transferred while serving on the school council;
- specify that a council decision is appealable to the local board; and
- require school council authority to be transferred to the superintendent if a school is identified for comprehensive support and improvement.

We would like to encourage you to **contact your legislator** and share with them personal accounts of how an SBDM operates, and help them visualize how some of these proposed changes could play out in actuality. Offer to be a point of contact as they work to understand this bill, among the myriad of bills they no doubt will be expected to digest and vote on this session. The LRC message line is 800-372-7181.

In addition, we encourage you to **reach out to other legislators across the state** and help them understand differences between rural and urban districts, and how altering SBDM powers in JCPS could cause unintended consequences they may not be considering.

You may want to begin by **contacting the House Education Committee members**. Since the bill has already passed the Senate, the House Education Committee is the next group that will determine the fate of this bill. Their email addresses are on the back of this letter. There is also a link at the web address above, making it easy to email them all in one click.

If you would like to review some more in-depth analyses of what other groups or stakeholders have expressed as concerns, again, you may find that at the web address above. There are also other helpful links and conversations on the Save Our Schools Kentucky Facebook page.

These changes, if passed this session, could go into effect right away, and your powers as an SBDM member could be greatly reduced. If you have any questions, or would like to speak with someone to get a better understanding of these changes prior to reaching out to legislators, please contact me at 502-565-8397.

In solidarity,



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