

February 22, 2013

Dear Senator Dyson:

Grace Christian School is in support of SB 41 as last presented. We believe in fair and equitable practices for both public and private schools. Since the public school version of this bill is already set to begin July 1, 2013, we believe private schools who are members of ASAA should also be included. Since the bill may be revised along the way with amendments, we do want to be specific about what we are endorsing.

Since private schools have a great variety of missions and site-specific considerations, it is imperative that the bill guarantee that each school be allowed to govern themselves and to be able to decide 1) if, indeed, they will participate in the program in any given year, and 2) under what set of parameters that participation shall be governed, including but not limited to a) admission standards, b) eligibility standards, c) numbers or ratios of home-school participants on teams, and d) the financial costs of that participation.

We do not believe that any public or private school should be using the program for any kind of undue influence in recruiting. We believe schools should be and will be up-front with the public about whether they are receiving home-school students for try-outs or not and under what parameters that participation shall occur.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Nate Davis
Superintendent
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