

June 26, 2018

The Honorable Ben Allen  
Chair, Senate Education Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2083  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 3096 (Rubio) as amended May 25, 2018 – OPPOSE**

Dear Chairman Allen:

We represent a collection of educational equity, civil rights and community based organizations and are opposed to AB 3096, which would seriously alter usefulness of the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). Under the guise of “streamlining,” this bill would actually obscure and diminish essential information currently available on the SARC for parents, families, and community stakeholders including crucial information required by the *Williams v. California* lawsuit.

We believe any profound changes to the SARC and its manner of distribution should have been the product of a comprehensive stakeholder conversation about what information families and communities need as well as how to improve the tool’s overall functionality. This should be done correctly because of its huge impact.

Unfortunately, this bill would make it more complicated for parents, guardians and families to get a clear picture of what is happening at their children’s school. For example, this bill relegates information required by the *Williams* settlement to second-class status by placing it in a separate document away from the main part of the SARC, making it less likely and more difficult for a user to track down or follow through on the information they’re seeking.

AB 3096 also substantively reduces relevant information currently housed in the SARC – it repeals statutory provisions requiring multi-year trend displays of data, information on administrative salaries (including for superintendents) versus teacher salaries, data on district and statewide averages and important transparency on progress toward minimum goals to address school safety, dropouts and teacher workloads, and counselor to student ratios – some of the very things that parents and community want to improve with LCFF dollars.

Deleting so much information and accessibility about trends on resources and on equitable opportunities to learn is unacceptable. Parents, families, communities and other stakeholders cannot help fix the challenges that their schools and students face if they cannot clearly and easily access and see what's happening. With all of this in mind, we must respectfully oppose AB 3096 and call for further future conversations on how best to improve the SARC for parents and the public and not simply and principally for administrative convenience.

Sincerely,

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