



Dear [Insert name of your legislator]:

Hello. My name is [insert name] and I have been a resident of [your city] for [length of time]. I am a proud proponent of public education, and I believe there is no place for partisanship on public education school boards.

I urge you to vote No on SB 287, requiring party designation for school board candidates. Voters, parents, and citizens are perfectly capable of making decisions for their school board without a party affiliation. Local voters have the same access to information as they would with any other candidate. Local communities hold forums for discussions, and worthwhile candidates spend time out in the community making their views clear. This was expressed by many citizens during public testimony. The voices of Hoosiers are clear—we do not want partisan school boards.

It's worth a reminder that according to the ISBA School Board Candidate Information manual (2024), there: "...is a fundamental understanding that governance is not administration. There is a clear delineation between the two roles. School boards are responsible for setting policy, program oversight, superintendent evaluation, approving the budget, approving recommendations brought by the superintendent, establishing appropriate and safe facilities, and acting as liaisons to the community." School boards are not making decisions about curriculum, instruction, or educational best practices, as these decisions are best left to the experts—educators and district administration. Partisan ideals play no role in this oversight and governance.

*[If you have a personal anecdote to share about your local school board, please add it here. For instance, if your school board experienced a partisan fight, or saw an influx in dollars being spent from outside the community, emphasize how none of this provides support for academic excellence or student success. Personal stories are very powerful. If not, remove this section.]*

Indiana residents have decidedly spoken on this matter. What matters to us in selecting the best school board member is how a candidate will best support their school district. This is what matters to Hoosiers, not a party designation. Please vote No on SB 287.

Thank you,  
[your name]



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