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**To:** Office of the Legislative Counsel  
**Subject:** Personal thoughts about discussed amendment.

Honorable ladies and gentlemen,

Thanks kindly in advance to you all for taking the time to read and consider this. I apologise that I can not be there in person, but tricky weather situations have limited my ability to travel.

Please consider the following thoughts on these issues before making any amendments. These are but a few constraints which I feel impede my ability to offer students under my care and inspiration to access the best quality education.

- i) PowerTeacher and Tienet
  - Using up valuable teaching time.
  - Instant posts to Power School lead to less student accountability and increased anxiety.
  - Attendance management
  
- ii) Scope and Practice for Teachers:
  - Devaluing professionalism and judgement
  - Work - Life Balance = Better Classrooms
  - Student discipline
  
- iii) Assessment and Evaluation:
  - Mandated Assessments
  - Credit Recovery
  - Return to deadlines
  - Return to retention policies
  
- iv) Planning for Student Success:
  - Not teacher driven; but rather contrived collegiality
  - Numbers of meetings
  
- v) Technology and Work Processes:
  - PowerSchool - No Training
  - Poor Infrastructure
  
- vi) Restrictive curriculum and outcomes
  - limiting opportunity for exploration, practice and mastery of learning.
  - style of delivery is hampered, outdated and bound by limitations of classroom and school infrastructure.

Thanks kindly for your time,  
Yours sincerely,  
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