



The Illinois Coalition of Nonpublic Schools (ICNS) is the official voice for all nonpublic schools in Illinois and the recognized state affiliate with the Council for American Private Education (CAPE). In upholding our mission and our commitment to the nonpublic school movement, ICNS is opposed to HB 2827.

We believe that the bill would unnecessarily increase regulation in all nonpublic schools. Among other things, the bill allows the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and/or the respective Regional Office of Education (ROE) to request student names, birthdates, addresses, and the address of at least one parent from any nonpublic school. This increase in oversight of our schools carries the potential for even greater regulatory pressure on our nonpublic schools in Illinois.

As noted in the stated [summary](#) on the government website, HB 2827 “...makes conforming and other changes in the Freedom of Information Act, the School Code, and the Illinois School Student Records Act, including *requiring* (rather than allowing) nonpublic schools to register with the State Board of Education.” (*Italics added for emphasis.*)

We believe that this is an example of government overreach and the path toward a slippery slope. You should know that legislation regarding nonpublic schools is proposed in basically every session in Springfield...and rarely (if ever) with input or collaboration on the front end. As many other states increase their commitment to school choice, thus far we remain in a much less friendly environment for school choice initiatives.

If you are willing to join us in opposition of HB 2827, please take a moment to contact your state representative in both the House and the Senate.

Let them know that you are opposed to this bill by following the prompts in this [ACTION ALERT](#).

Please be respectful and professional in all communications, thank them for listening, and be sure to also thank them for their commitment to your district and our state.

Sincerely, on behalf of ICNS –

Matt Davidson

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