



FROM: Andrew MacMannis, Collective Action for Education  
**Testimony in Support of SB2649**  
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**TO:** Senate Education Committee

We support this proposal because it offers a practical way to strengthen access to district schools by ensuring that available seats are used in the best interest of students and families. Many districts provide some form of school selection, but once those placements are made, seats can still remain open without a clear process for families to pursue them. Senate Bill 2649 creates that additional opportunity. Rather than leaving seats empty, it ensures they can be made available to other students within the same district through transparent procedures. This is not duplicative of current practice, rather it codifies access and makes it more consistent and equitable.

Importantly, the bill keeps students within their home district, meaning funding that follows the student remains in the district public school system. I respectfully urge passage of Senate Bill 2649.

*Andrew MacMannis*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AMANNIS", written over a faint horizontal line.

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