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Senator Lindsey Tichenor
702 Capital Avenue, Room 381
Frankfort, KY 40601

Dear Senator Tichenor,

On behalf of the members of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, I write to express our support for Senate Bill 3, legislation that adds transparency to school district finances, inviting greater accountability and greater community engagement. We also support the bill changes made by Senate Floor Amendment 1.

SB 3 clarifies timelines and roles in school district budget development, requires district financial websites that provide key information on revenue and spending, and calls for Kentucky Department of Education approval of each district's working budget. Together these provisions strengthen public understanding of how education funds are used and they create more opportunities for parents, educators and community members to study and ask questions about local financial decisions that affect students and schools.

We are especially encouraged by the bill's emphasis on public access to financial information and its role in strengthening sound fiscal practices, including attention to required reserves through KDE review of district budgets. Greater transparency and clearer processes will help build public trust and support better local decision-making.

Thank you for your leadership in expanding public access to important data and deepening opportunities for the people of each community to study and participate in local financial decision-making.

Respectfully,

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