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Red Alert

Time for Action is Now – Defeat HB 1300

Open Enrollment is back. The committee of conference on HB 751 has finally been scheduled. They will meet on Monday to try to figure out a way forward on open enrollment after SB 101 was defeated a few weeks ago. It is clear that no matter what they come up with, open enrollment will not work here without fair and adequate funding for our local neighborhood public schools first. AFT-NH urges opposition to the proposed open enrollment legislation.

Red Alert – Your Action is Needed Now

HB 1300 mandates every city and town vote on a school property tax cap during state elections in November, passed the Senate on Thursday. This disastrous bill:

- Forces every city and town to vote on limiting the amount property taxes and limits school budget growth to the rate of inflation
- Undermines local control, erases New Hampshire's strong town meeting tradition, and

potentially puts public schools in a position to not be able to give students the robust education they deserve.

Because this bill was amended by the Senate, we must now wait for the House to either vote again on the bill or ask for a committee of conference to work out the differences between two versions. We are asking you to please take action by taking action to contact your state representative(s) by clicking the following link: [Protect Public Schools - Defeat HB 1300](#)

The House this week also passed SB 434, a bill that could ban books in New Hampshire. Governor Ayotte has vetoed this legislation before and while this bill still needs a final vote or a committee of conference, she should do it again.

It's crunch time in the legislature and there will be a lot of fast-moving pieces as we approach this last month of the session. Please stay alert and be ready to act. We appreciate all that you do to defend public education in NH.

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