

On behalf of Keystone Corporation, I speak in support of AB 330 which pertains to restoring safety and discipline to our schools . One of Keystone's missions is to promote private sector job creation. Private sector job creation can only happen if we have a strong education system and our young adults are either college ready or career ready.

Keystone is deeply concerned about the quality of public school education statewide. Students can't be college ready or career ready if their high school environment causes them to lose days of learning because of a violent incident that causes the shutdown of a school. Worse, students who have to witness violent incidents experience trauma that can lead to anxiety, depression and fear -- all of which would disrupt their education process. High schools should be a safe space -- a safe environment for our children to learn and attain critical thinking, math and language skills to allow them to be productive individuals in our community. In the 7 months alone, Clark County School District experienced acts of violence against teachers in no less than 6 middle or high schools.

This Bill is a positive step towards requiring schools to communicate and work with parents to get our kids back on the right track. Keystone particularly applauds that part of the bill that gives a principal more authority to remove a violent student and directs the principal to communicate with the parents and to move forward as a team. Teachers will still have the right to remove a student from the classroom after consultation with a principal. The best solution to ensure school safety is to implement a strong discipline system that encourages communications and a partnership between the school and parents to work with the offending student.

The Bill, as written, is excellent and should be approved. Accordingly, Keystone Corporation urges the Assembly to pass this Bill.

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*Regards,  
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