

Dear Members of the House Health Finance and Policy Committee,

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My name is Karin Miller. I am a wife, mother and educator from Dakota County who cares passionately about the future generations of Americans.

I am writing in opposition to HF 2930 / SF 2995 because it seeks to establish School-based-health-centers. This will form an unholy alliance between the MDH and the MDE – conflagrating the education of children’s minds with the medical treatment of their bodies – in a way that further drives a wedge between parents and children.

Schools are supposed to EDUCATE our children – PERIOD! Schools are supposed to educate our children’s minds – not medically treat their bodies! Especially NOT without parental presence, awareness, consent, and support! Teachers are educated to TEACH their subject matter – NOT to practice medicine!!

This creates a direct conflict with parental rights and only further drives the wedge of government between parents and their children.

Adding School Based Health Centers will only DISTRACT much needed time, money and energy from caring for the intellectual health and growth of students.

Keep medical care OUT of public schools. It does not belong there.

I and many other parents are paying attention to the legislative trend this session, and we hold grave concerns about the damaging impact it will have to our children and to families.

First we have the passing of the Protect Reproductive Options Act – HF1 / SF1 – which now guarantees **unlimited access to abortion and sterilization**, etc. to any minor of any age– without informed consent or parental consent.

Last week the House passed HF 146 (SF 63) – The bill which gives **unrestricted access to gender affirming care** to every child without age limit, without parental presence or consent. This bill also authorizes the State to custody of a child away from his / her parents if they do not support this decision.

And NOW – comes along HF 2930 / SF 2995 to **establish School Based Health Centers** – a medical gateway in the schools where minors could conveniently access birth control, abortion, sterilizations, puberty blockers and gender reassignment surgery, even immunizations and the Covid-19 shot – ALL without the parental presence, awareness, or consent!!

I urge you to oppose HF 2930 because it is a direct threat to the health and well-being of children, because it further severs the parent-child relationship, and most of all, because the practice of medicine does NOT belong in schools!

For the sake of our children who are falling behind, please prioritize academic initiatives in EDUCATION.

Sincerely,  
Karin Miller