

RE: ~~SB~~ SB107 Proponent

Dear Representatives and Charrman,
MY name is Kit Johnson from EAST Helena.
I write This in The Lobby as you are Currently
Running behind schedule and I have an
engagement That I must Attend in a few
minutes. Thank You for Your Time and
Consideration To This bill.

As a long time business owner, Communittee
member, School Board Trustee and President of
The EAST Helena City Council, I would like To
let you know how proud we are of our own
EAST Helena identity and Culture. We are an
incorporated city without a highschool;
without local control. My daughter Could NOT
make The Transition from a close-nit K-8
school system To a large, crowded High school
in another Town. She Dropped out amid many
Tears, frustrations and angst, for All of us.

There is No winner/losser here. Just
win-win for All envolved. The Bigger school
Districts (Het Billings, missoula, Helena) will
get some funding To compensate. They also
will get smaller, more intimate classes, That
Research continually proves be-gets better test
scores, lower Drop out rates, happier Students.
Please See attached Article.

Thank you for your hard work and
attention to this matter. Please Support SB107.

Sincerely - Kit Johnson - EAST Helena
406-465-8960

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School Shootings, High School Size,
and Neurobiological Considerations
David A. Kaiser, PhD

...Median public high school enrollment now stands at 1,200 in suburbs and 1,600 in cities despite the fact that smaller schools are superior to large schools on nearly all academic and social measures of success including graduation rate, student satisfaction, conduct infractions, athletic participation, absenteeism, and dropout rate. Educational institutions should adapt to the neurobiological limitations of children instead of forcing children to adapt to the unnatural requirements of such institutions...

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An Excerpt from ASBJ:

Where Everybody Knows Your Name

William R. Capps and Mary Ellen Maxwell

... The trend toward bigness and consolidation continues unabated. It is driven by political, economic, social, and demographic considerations, rather than by the extensive research indicating that school size has a demonstrable effect on how well we educate students. School officials who are contemplating consolidation, new school construction, or the prevention of school violence would do well to consider what this research says about the merits of small schools.

*Kathleen Cotton, a research specialist at the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory in Portland, Ore., conducted an exhaustive review of the available data on school size and concluded that "research has repeatedly found small schools to be superior to large schools on most measures and equal to them on the rest." (Cotton's 1996 report, *School Size, School Climate, and Student Performance*, can be found online at <http://www.nwrel.org/scpd/sirs/10/c020.html>.) For example, the teachers in small schools know the students well, so they are more likely to notice if a child is having academic or emotional problems. In addition, small schools, on average, have fewer discipline problems, better student attendance rates, and fewer dropouts than large schools. (These attributes should be especially appealing to school officials in states that have instituted accountability standards that measure school success on the basis of these criteria.)...*

This selection first appeared in *The American School Board Journal's* September 1999 issue. Sorry I don't have the full citation.

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My name is Nikita Pratt. Please bare with me, I'm not very good with public speaking, but because SB 107 is something I believe in so much I am up here facing my fear talking to you. I went to East Helena and tranferd to Helena High. When I was at Helena High I had teachers tell me that they did not have time for me and to go find someone else. I ended up dropping out after two weeks, but because of the 8th grade education I recieved in East Helena I got my G.E.D. and before I left my job to have my daughter, I was a manager of a local store all thanks to East Helena. I want a high school in East Helena so my daughter and nephew can have a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Nikita Pratt

East Helena

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2018-2019

My name is [Name] and I am [Age] years old. I am currently a [Grade] grade student at [School Name]. I have been a member of the [Organization Name] for [Duration]. I have participated in various activities such as [Activities]. I have also been involved in [Projects]. I have learned a lot from my experiences and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of [Organization Name].

Thank you
[Name]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]