

Chairwoman McLachlan, Vice-Chair Young, and esteemed members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Benjamin Waters and I'm writing today representing Stand for Children, a non-profit advocacy organization focused on ensuring all students receive a high quality, relevant education, especially those whose boundless potential is overlooked and under-tapped because of their skin color, zip code, first language, or disability.

Our mission here at Stand for Children Colorado is simply that: to stand up for children, especially the underprivileged that all too often our system fails. One of the most self-evident disparities in Colorado schools is the actual physical building. Too often in schools that are at the bottom of the J-curve in the school funding formula, our school buildings are often the last item of the budget as they prioritize students before capital investments.

SB21-202 is a wonderful bill that will drastically improve the learning conditions for thousands of Colorado students by allowing schools to make these important investments. Please vote yes on SB21-202.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Waters