

Sample Letter to State Legislator

Dear [*Insert title and name of legislator*]

As a resident of Pinellas County and an involved parent of a student in Pinellas County Schools, I am writing to strongly urge you to support the proposed Senate Bill 688. This change in law would give our school district more control and flexibility of when to start and end the school year. By state statute, the school year can begin no earlier than 14 days before Labor Day. I support SB 688 and its proposed change of allowing school to start no earlier than 21 days before Labor Day.

The added week would provide more instructional time and provide the opportunity to administer semester exams prior to Winter Break. This would give the local School Board the ability to develop an instructional calendar that best serves the needs of students and families.

I urge you and the legislature to adopt this change.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Your name]