



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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## **Statement by Bob Spatz, Board President Oak Park Elementary School District 97**

### **Opposed to SB 3092**

On behalf of District 97, I urge the committee not to recommend SB 3092. The legislation and its various amendments leave too much room for interpretation regarding what are acceptable longitudinal research relationships among school districts with common students (e.g., an elementary district and its receiving high school district) and between a school district and early childhood agencies, including collaborations. Furthermore, the penalties included in the legislation impose an unreasonable amount of risk on these research relationships. These penalties would unquestionably deter districts' current and future research, severely limit their ability to evaluate the long-term efficacy of their programs and negatively impact their efforts to provide students with a high-quality education.

While District 97 supports improving student privacy and data security, we believe this particular effort needs to be restarted, and must include input from districts that would be directly impacted by the proposed policies. We believe that having independent, and perhaps contradictory, changes would likely lead to significant and unnecessary increases in legal and administrative costs for districts. We also believe any future legislation needs to consider proposed changes to federal statute, such as the current efforts being undertaken by Congress to revise the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

We appreciate your consideration of our position on this legislation, and thank you for your tireless service on behalf of the citizens of Illinois.

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