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To: Parental Involvement Bill

Subject: Parentzone Making the Difference Questionnaire

Response from the Parentzone - Parental Involvement questionnaire

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Responding as: An individual

Individual: Yes

Confidentialiy: Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

Behalf of groups:

Sharing responses / future engagement: Yes

Question 1: Not as proposed, the repeal of the SBA is not the way to do this. Parents will be involved as they wish to be , there are no impediments at present to any parent who has an interest or is able to make the slightest bit of movement to contribute to the school and its stakeholders.

Question 2: No, not as proposed, current arrangements are fine.

Question 3: No, not likely to be read by most parents. Other ways should be sought to address the confetti of information that parents get from departments that seem to have too much time on their hands.

Question 4: No. the school board system is well structured, has been thought out and allows participation within a straight forward structural and legislative framework. Boards have some visible means of support and sufficient teeth to make a difference. Your proposals will destroy this.

repealing the SBA for political reasons is not representative democracy.

Question 5: No, chaotic proposal, single issue and pressure groups will dominate, participation with the school and stakeholders will be vastly diminished. It will be much more off-putting to parents to not only have to participate but to have to establish the means of participation.

Forums are a very bad idea.

Question 6: No. Keep the current system, no new duty required.

Question 7: Even worse idea than forum(s) on a school by school basis.

Question 8: keep school boards, why change to something that generally works well and is being threatened unjustifiably for no good reason.

Question 9: No, formal constitution as per school boards. Forums will be a chaotic shambles dominated by vocal minorities serving their own interest.

Question 10: membership in the balance as per school boards i.e. parents, teachers, community, councillors, PTA, after school clubs (all represented at my children's school.

Parents should maintain the majority.

Question 11: They already are in the current school board system.

Question 12: Yes.

Question 13: right and duty to attend as currently exists

Question 14: keep the current system of school boards, this will address the functional requirements.  
Question 15: define as per the school boards act covering issues that should be legitimate topics for the school board  
Question 16: yes  
Question 17: yes  
Question 18: yes  
Question 19: yes  
Question 20: perfectly flexible and modern as they are  
Question 21: ??  
Question 22: yes

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