

- I. **Intro: Vic Colman as director of COPC**
 - a. We are a statewide advocacy group that looks for policy ideas that make healthy choices easier
 - b. We are always interested in bills related to getting kids moving and educated about physical activity and think it important to surface waiver issues

- II. **It is Time to Assess the Waiver Process**
 - a. It is needed because we need to value physical education as a core component of school.
 - b. We are aware of the pressures on schools to provide for the whole child but the current waiver process seems to confuse the concepts of physical education with physical activity
 - i. While sports participation is clearly value-added and promotes physical activity we cannot equate “movement” with a physical education curriculum
 - ii. What we don’t necessarily have is a good handle *statewide* on the current number and types of waivers
 - >> HB 2669 does include specific accountability provisions for several aspects of PE, including waivers
 - >> perhaps that is a good starting point for assessing policy changes
 - >> we would be happy to work with all sides in assessing if changes are needed in the waiver process

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.