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# MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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Addiction gets a bad wrap. I was one of those individuals that once looked at kids that did drugs as losers, making terrible decisions to mess up their lives. That was until my beautiful boy decided to do drugs himself. Little did I know that all the things I was doing right as a parent weren't enough to combat the access and temptations he had at his own high school. He would tell us that he couldn't go to the restrooms at his school because kids were vaping and smoking marijuana. That constant exposure didn't help my son resist anymore. Once we found out about the drugs that lead him to a path of self-harm, pseudo seizures, hospitalizations, and residential treatment, we thought he could reenter high school. We had a plan, worked with the counselor, and thought he was ready to transition back to high school. It only took four days there to relapse. We had no other option. We pulled him from school and signed him up for online school. This sober school would save my son and so many other kids just like him. They are amazing individuals that made a decision that has impacted them and their families for the rest of their lives. These kids are resilient, creative, smart, and so much more. They deserve to get an education in an environment that is free of drugs, temptations, and where they are surrounded by winners. My son was an honors and AP student. He was successful in school. He, and other kids struggling with addiction, should have the same opportunities as everyone else to learn in a place that provides opportunities for life beyond drugs. Right, our public high schools are not it. Administration does the best they can, but drugs are everywhere. Since legalizing marijuana, it has caused an epidemic with our youth. Adults are modeling this dangerous behavior for our younger generations. Drugs are everywhere. How do you expect our kids to not do them when they have access as easy as buying a pack of gum. This sober school is a chance to help the next generation that can have the biggest impact on the future. Please don't write them off because of access and choice. My son deserves to graduate and teach others his mistakes. He wants to give back as a substance abuse counselor. Help him be able to do that in a sober school.



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I believe if this high school happens it will change the lives for these teenagers. Getting sober and staying sober is not easy and having a high school with other peers wanting the same will make all the difference for a lot of these kids. Kids can't get sober and go back to the same place where their old habits are. It doesn't work that way. This high school will save lives. I truly believe this with all of my being. My son got sober at the Crossroads Program. He was and is surrounded by a community of people who were helping each other get and stay sober. Without that, I don't know where we would be today.



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Our daughter got caught up with drugs and alcohol at school, it was supposed to be a safe place, somewhere where she wasn't exposed to drugs and alcohol. Once we realized how bad it was we pulled her out and had her do virtual school along with rehab. Once she was sober, she was too scared to go back to school. She missed out on her Jr and Sr proms and all of her Sr stuff this year. Highschool is supposed to be a safe place and teens should be able to go to school and be around peers that all want to be sober. Not tempted every time they go to the restroom with the smell of marijuana in all the bathrooms. Our daughter was able to still graduate through virtual learning but it would've helped her sobriety and the r difference it could've had if she was around peers that carded about her staying sober. She felt completely isolated and alone all of this last year as she attended classes virtually and frankly she was robbed of any kind of normal Sr year. We never knew the substance abuse problem was this bad until it happened to us. I believe a sober Highschool could be a life changer in the Saint Louis area. Thank you



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This recovery high school is extremely important and evidence has shown it can help so many teens in their recovery process. I have personally witnessed the detriment public high school can do to teens in recovery and send them down an even darker path. Having this resource for them would be extremely helpful and not only beneficial to them but their families and the community. Please vote yes on this bill.



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Hello. I have an amazing 16 year old son, who is currently in a drug rehab program, in the St. Louis region. He would love to be in high school right now, but he knows the temptations would be too strong. I'm writing today, to express my strong support and need for Recovery High Schools. Since I can remember, there has always been an issue of drugs and alcohol within our High Schools, though today, with the legalization of marijuana and the new methods of use, drugs have become a much bigger problem within our schools. Weed cartridges are extremely easy to conceal, the scent is not as strong and they are very affordable for high schoolers. Weed dispensaries are selling products that contain levels of THC, that are up to 99%. It was around 4 - 8% THC back in the day. This means, kids today are at a much higher risk of increased anxiety, depression, psychosis and addiction. I also want to mention, that there are many myths about Marijuana not being addictive, or not having the same repercussions as other substances. Let me tell you, that my sons life spun out of control, ours included, there was deep depression, anxiety, anger, isolation, and there's also the withdrawals. When my son was a Freshman in High School, he went to a sleepover with his wrestling team, and he was introduced to weed for the first time. Knowing all the dangers of drugs, his curiosity still won and he instantly fell in love with Marijuana. It took very little time before he was using all day and everyday, without anyone knowing. His grades dropped, lost friends, lost wrestling, he was suspended and eventually we pulled him out of school to attend a treatment program in Arizona. After two months of being away and sober, we sent him back to school, but sadly he began using immediately. The temptations at his school, were everywhere and it was no longer a safe place for him to be. It had taken us a few months to catch on, that he was using, again and that it was a serious problem. We made the difficult decision to pull him out of school, at the end of his sophomore year and place him in a new treatment program, in St. Louis. He hasn't been back to school in almost a year. It was at this time, we truly realized that our son was on borrowed time and that his life was more important than his education. I'm so proud to say that my kid is now 8 months sober, but it's a long recovery with many challenges, school being one of our biggest battles. He would love to go back and we would love nothing more, than to see him get his diploma, but the risks are too high. The online school does not work for my son, with his short attention span. A Recovery High School would give him and others the same opportunity. Every kid deserves a safe environment for education. The task of taking the already existing schools and keeping drugs out, is nearly impossible. There are the "normies" who can use here and there without a problem, at least for now, and then, there are the kids, like mine. These kids battling addiction or in recovery, deserve a space to develop coping skills, without the pressure, or normalization of substance use. There has to be a different path available for them to thrive, have fun, and get the education they deserve. There was a law passed years back, that no child, be left behind. This law should apply to every child, including kids in recovery. Lastly Mental Health is a massive concern for today's youth. Drugs and Alcohol only amplify these struggles, acting as a

bandaid. A Sober High School could offer the support needed through counseling, peer groups, etc., that tackle the root problems, rather than self medicate. Thank you for taking the time to read. I fully support Recovery High Schools.



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Drugs are rampant in the school districts, and my daughter was caught Prey to it not only in her old school, but she couldn't be secluded from other schools who were also pulling her in deep. The Crossroads Program is helped her tremendously and has been the only thing that has been able to do so when I support this in order to help children



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Members of the Committee.My name is Elizabeth Peterson, and I am the leader of the Youth Advisory Board (YAB). Our mission is to empower young people ages 14-26 to actively engage in shaping the policies, programs, and services that affect their well-being and their communities. We are a collective voice of youth advocating for improved mental healthcare resources, reducing stigma around mental health challenges, and ensuring better access to high-quality, affordable, youth-centered care. I'm here today to voice my strong support for House Bill 1386, a bill that would expand the scope of pilot recovery high schools by allowing charter and private schools to sponsor these programs. In Missouri, 65,000 adolescents — 13.4% of youth ages 12 to 17 — needed treatment for substance use disorders in 2022. Unfortunately, only 26,000 of those young people, or 5.3% of the population, actually received the treatment they needed. That leaves a huge gap, with thousands of adolescents who need help but can't access it. While we don't have an exact number for the unmet treatment needs of our peers, we know it's a significant issue, and that's why HB 1386 is so important. This bill would help ensure that more young people get the support they need to recover and succeed. Recovery high schools are an essential part of this support system. They offer an environment where young people in recovery can continue their education while also getting the therapeutic support they need to heal. These schools are about more than just academics — they provide a safe space where students can focus on their recovery and their future without the pressures that come with traditional school environments. But we also know that there simply aren't enough of them. Expanding the number of schools that can sponsor recovery high schools by allowing charter and private schools to get involved opens up new opportunities for youth who might otherwise miss out on this vital service. The Youth Advisory Board believes that young people deserve access to care that is not only effective but also tailored to their unique needs. That's why we advocate for youth-centered programs like recovery high schools. By expanding the number of schools that can support these programs, HB 1386 would increase the availability of this crucial resource and help address the unmet need for substance use disorder treatment in Missouri.Please vote yes on HB 1386.



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Why is a recovery high important for our St. Louis community? This question is quite simple for me to answer. My name is Julie Wiseman and I have been sober for 27 years. I have a daughter that struggled tremendously in school because of dyslexia which lead to a dangerous path of alcoholism and barely graduating from high school. By the grace of God ONLY, she is now sober for three years and is a substance abuse counselor for teens struggling with addiction issues addiction. My son was also diagnosed with dyslexia at an early age which lead to depression, and an incredible low self esteem. By the age of fourteen he had turned to smoking weed and drinking to numb the pain of feeling different in class. My husband and I sent him to three rehabs by the age of sixteen with the third facility being the most successful for him. He was involved in The Crossroads Program in St. Louis. At Crossroads, he became friends with countless kids at or around his age that had one goal in mind: to get sober as a teenager as their peers around them in high school began their drinking careers. He thrived at Crossroads. Life began to come back in his eyes and for the first time, he began to feel comfortable in his own skin. Unfortunately, the pandemic hit. As the world was shutting down and isolating, my son began to isolate and drink as well. Those vital connections that he had formed with his peers and counselors were much more difficult to maintain over a computer screen. When it was time to crawl out of the darkness of isolation, my son returned to high school only to have his addiction peak. He eventually dropped out of high school and has never gotten his GED. A recovery high is CRUCIAL for a teenager that struggles with addiction. Had this type of program been in place when he went back to high school, I am confident he would have had a much better chance of graduating. Addiction is a serious, deadly disease that rips apart families and leaves the addict feeling hopeless and full of despair. Teens with addiction issues MATTER. They are ALL really great kids with so much to offer in this world but need HELP to get them on a positive path. That all begins with a recovery high school where they can feel safe in their minds knowing that everyone in their school is working to give them the best chance at recovery and a bright future that they ALL SO DESERVE.



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By sophomore yr in highschool grandson was addicted to pot. He attended Webster groves highschool. His parents withdrew him fr school and he went to an out of town orogram for at risk kids. Upon his return to school. He returned to pot. His parents felt that Webster was no longer a safe place for him and enrolled him in another recovery orogram. This program is based on the 12 steps and has made a huge difference for my grandson. He is 8 months sober. He has not been in school since fall of 2023. His parents feel that staying sober is more important than school at this point. BUt he would be in school if there was a recovery school he could attend where he not inly had academics but also support for sobriety. In no way am I indicating this is Webster's fault. But I would dare to say that weed is prevelant on almost every campus oublic and private alike here in STL. I cannot figure out why all schools here are not working harder to provide a safe school environment. As long as weed is available in schools, there will be a beed for a/several recovery highschools. I beg tou to make this House bill 1386 a priority for passage this session.



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My name is Rachael Patterson and I fully support Recovery High Schools. So many teenagers want to be sober and find it difficult if not impossible to do so when they are encountering drugs in school. These high schools would allow a safe place for kids too get an education while maintaining sobriety. Thank you.



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My son fell into substance abuse addiction the summer of his junior year. He had been academically successful prior to this and very involved in athletics. He enjoyed school and wanted to still attend while continuing his recovery program for sobriety. On the first day of school his senior year he had been in his recovery program for 3 weeks. He made it through the first hour of school before texting me that he needed to leave. I called him and he told me he's at risk of relapsing if he stays at school because several kids have already offered their vape pens to him, suggested they go out to the parking lot to sell him a vape pen or other drugs. He said the triggers at school are too much- too many kids he's used with, too many kids offering him drugs, too many thoughts of how he's now in this position of not being able to focus on school because he's so focused on maintaining sobriety by avoiding all the triggers & friends inadvertently sabotaging his sobriety. Most of these kids are recreational drug/alcohol users and have no understanding of how someone with addiction is different from themselves who are using for fun or social purposes. Someone with addiction is beyond that for fun recreational level and at significant risk being around others who aren't educated on addiction. My son was not able to finish his senior year in school with his friends. He had to finish by taking the HISET test, which thankfully he was able to do on the first try because of his prior academic success. Unfortunately, others aren't as fortunate and end up failing to pass the HISET & GED with little to no support. We are setting these students up for failure. We are failing this group of kids by not supporting them by providing a safe Recovery High School option. We would not allow kids with any other health conditions to be left unsupported & allowed to just give up options for an education. Why are we allowing this to happen for students with substance abuse? This is a disease that requires a significant amount of help and support along with a safe, supportive & understanding school setting for these students to achieve success in sobriety and graduation. My son missed his entire senior year. He missed being able to be on the wrestling team & lacrosse team, he missed all of the dances and social events that year, he missed walking across the stage with his friends he had been in school with since kindergarten. I know a Recovery High School is desperately needed in the St. Louis area. Too many kids are being left out of education options because regular high school is not a supportive place for a student struggling with sobriety. I would also love to see schools stop suspending students for 10days or more for drug use and instead be able to utilize a Recovery High School as a placement option for assessment during that suspension time for those students and early intervention options instead. Schools suspend kids for dug use on school grounds, but offer no real resources for those students for assessment of their drug use and resources for those that need recovery options. Please vote yes on a Recovery High School!



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A recovery high school is needed in the St. Louis area. My daughter was introduced to drugs at her high school. She attended one of the best high schools in the St. Louis area and it was full of drugs. When she was caught with a vape pen, she was suspended for two weeks. This did nothing to help her. While she was attending the Crossroads rehab program for teens, she attended school in the morning. I thought this was a safe place but she was getting high at school every morning before attending rehab in the afternoon. Our kids need a safe space to learn, free from drugs and alcohol and the pressure to use these substances. Please support a sober high school in St. Louis.



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As the father of 4 children, I am in full support of a recovery high school. We have a huge problem with drugs and alcohol abuse with adolescents. My oldest child struggle with drugs starting at the age of 14 and spiraled out of control. The impact on our family was immense. We spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to help with his recovery only to come-back home and reenter the same environment we removed him. This high school would have been an excellent option for him. Our children need peer to peer support to grow throughout their lives. As of taxpayer of the state of Missouri, this is one program I would fully support, and the benefits will certainly outweigh the expense.



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I am Opposed to this Bill as this is a duplication of Alternative High Schools, Drug Rehabilitation Services and Mental Health Care being offered by many Grants, Not-For-Profit Organizations and other Community Partners across of Our State. The Fiscal Not is in excess of \$10,500,000.