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Kansas Senate Committee on Education

**Written testimony in support of SB 87: Expanding educational freedom and protecting parental choice in education.**

Dear members of the Kansas Senate Committee on Education,

The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) is the largest Protestant school association and one of the largest accreditors of Christian schools in the United States, serving over 2,250 member schools in the U.S. with 31 of those schools in Kansas. Through extended services and resources beyond formal membership, ACSI has the privilege of serving and influencing over 25,000 Christian schools worldwide. Overall, ACSI serves more than 5.5 million students, connecting them to Christian education. ACSI exists to strengthen Christian schools and equip Christian educators worldwide as they prepare students academically and inspire them to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

ACSI expresses its strong support for SB 87, which upholds the right of parents to choose the best educational setting for their children while ensuring that private Christian schools maintain their autonomy. This bill reinforces the ability of families to make faith-based educational decisions without undue state interference, expanding access to high-quality education in alignment with their values and beliefs.

Parents are the primary stewards of their children's education. They understand their children's needs, strengths, and aspirations better than anyone else. However, many Kansas families encounter financial and regulatory barriers that limit their ability to choose schools that align with their convictions. SB 87 addresses these challenges by broadening educational access and ensuring that families retain the freedom to pursue faith-based education options that best meet their children's needs.

This legislation is an investment in Kansas's future. By empowering families with educational choices, SB 87 fosters a culture of excellence and innovation. It ensures that private Christian schools can continue their mission of providing high-quality, values-based education to students across the state.

We urge you to support Senate Bill 87 and stand with Kansas families in preserving educational freedom. Thank you for considering this important legislation.

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