



American Association of School Administrators

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Chairman George Miller  
Ranking Member Buck McKeon  
Committee on Education and Labor  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Miller and Ranking Member McKeon:

I regret to inform you that Dr. Mary Kealy will be unable to testify this morning on seclusion and restraint policies and practices before the House Education and Labor Committee.

Late last night we were informed that one of the teachers involved in one of the cases GAO reviewed is currently employed by Loudoun County Public Schools. Upon notification, the teacher was immediately placed on administrative leave, pending investigation. Out of respect for the parents who will be testifying today, Dr Kealy will not appear to give testimony in person, but will be submitting a written statement for the record which outlines the policies the county has in place regarding seclusion and restraints. Dr Kealy is aware that GAO has referred the matter of the teacher in question to the Virginia Board of Education for consideration. The district is investigating the case, and pending this investigation, believes it is inappropriate to comment publicly until all the facts are known.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this might have caused for today's hearing. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary Kusler'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Mary Kusler  
Assistant Director, Advocacy & Policy