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Ida Chong,

I implore you to do all that you can possibly do to have the gaming funds for PACs reinstated.

I have been a PAC executive member for the past nine years. Currently I am VCPAC representative for my son's middle school, and also Executive at-Large for my daughter's high school. I have spent two terms as PAC President. I am fully aware of many things that gaming funds are spent on. They are one of the few ways that parents have to have some autonomy in deciding what type of programs they want to support for their children's education.

Parents who are active in schools should be encouraged to participate actively at an advisory level, not just waste their time and energy with fund-raising activities. At our schools, the band programs do the majority of the fund-raising, and the PAC is just not able to compete with their activities. Also, if PACs increase their fund raising activities, they will be competing directly with the other groups in the school.

Thanks for your consideration.

Patti Linden