Jim Justice

Governor of West Virginia

April 26, 2017

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mac Warner
Secretary of State
State of West Virginia
Building 1, Suite 157-K
State Capitol
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Re: Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 2196

Dear Secretary Warner:

Pursuant to the provisions of section fourteen, article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 2196. This bill would allow home school, private school, and parochial school students to be eligible to participate in Secondary School Activities Commission (SSAC) interscholastic activities.

The bill is unnecessary due to Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 630 being signed into law. Specifically, Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 630 permits home school and private school students to participate in co-curricular and extracurricular activities in a school district if enrolled in a virtual school program, and it further requires students enrolled in a virtual school program to be counted in the net enrollment of the school district for the purposes of calculating and receiving state aid. I believe this would more effectively assist counties with offsetting any costs incurred for non-public school students that opt to participate in SSAC co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

I believe Enrolled Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 630 provides a better solution to address this issue moving forward and, therefore, I disapprove and return Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill 2196.

Sincerely,

Jim Justice
Governor

cc: The Hon. Tim Armstead
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The Hon. Mitch Carmichael
President of the Senate