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**MEMO IN SUPPORT
S.4430 (Ryan)**

The Lower Hudson Education Coalition (LHEC) supports S.4430 by Senator Ryan, which reduces the threshold number of signatures candidates must collect for nominating petitions for library board of trustees and school boards in the 2021 election cycle.

A temporary reduction in the number of signatures required for nominating petitions will be crucial for adhering to public health guidelines, given the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. The start of petitioning is imminent for school districts and libraries, and so timely guidance is needed to ensure that all stakeholders are up-to-date on the requirements. Therefore, expeditious passage of this legislation is imperative.

LHEC urges the Legislature to support the passage of S.4430 to ensure a safe and accessible election process.

Established in 1976, the LHEC is a joint project of the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents, Dutchess County School Boards Association, Rockland County School Boards Association and Westchester Putnam School Boards Association. Our mission is to serve as a regional leadership hub in public education advocacy.