

**Wallingford Adult Education  
Participation in Online Learning through Connecticut Distance Learning  
Consortium/ Adult Virtual High School diploma**

**Education Committee Public Hearing  
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**Testimony**

**By**

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**Good afternoon Senator Gaffey, Representative Fleischmann and Members of the Education Committee. My name is Diana Yates-Toman, Counselor and coordinator for the High School Credit Diploma/online learning with Wallingford Adult Education. I am here today to support Raised Bill 7354, An Act Concerning The Commission On Educational Technology and Virtual Instruction For Connecticut Public Schools and Internet Safety.**

**Staff at Wallingford Adult Education is honored to be included in the opportunity to educate our students through online learning. We are delighted with the success of our students.**

**We have participated in online courses offered through CTDLC since January 2005. Students have experienced broader learning with great success. 95 % of our students succeed with each student participating, on average, in 2 courses per term.**

**CTDLC offers over 20 academic course selections. We cannot possibly offer such variety within our budgets. These courses are offered through highly qualified teachers with high standards for learning.**

**The structure of the software allows teachers and mentors to monitor student progress online, viewing date of student work completed, time logged on each assignment, grades, assignments, teacher comments, use of several communication methods, etc.**

**Courses are worked around the students' schedule. Online learning allows students to work at home and at school without time restrictions.**

**Why should online learning be extended to regular middle school and high school students?**

**It adds variety and quality to course offerings.**

**Gives flexibility to home bound students.**

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**Allows low enrollment courses to be offered to students who would otherwise not be given the opportunity to take such a course.**  
**This type of learning also prepares students to continue with ease and comfort online learning at the post secondary level.**