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Testimony Supporting H.B. 6370  
An act concerning a middle college system

Co-Chairman of the Education Committee, Representative Fleischman and Senator Gaffey, I want to thank you and your distinct members of the Education Committee for allowing me the opportunity to testify before you today on behalf of the J.M. Wright Technical High School Citizen's Advisory Council in Supporting H.B. 6370.

I am currently the principal of J.M. Wright Technical High School in Stamford, CT. Prior to this assignment, I was the principal at Bullard Havens Technical High School in Bridgeport, CT. I've served in that capacity for 23 years. During that period Bullard Havens has been an awarded recipient by the U.S. News and World Report in their January 2009 issue. We've also received commendations for our CAPT performance both from the State Board of Education and the publication, Education Weekly.

As the newly appointed principal at J.M. Wright Technical High School, I've had a very clear mission. My priorities for our school were clearly outlined in a letter I sent to the editor of The Stamford Advocate, Stamford Times and The Norwalk Hour. I'm very aware of the history of J.M. Wright Technical High School and its struggles during the past several years. In other words, I took this position knowing some of the real issues and challenges facing our school.

I'm supporting this bill 6370 because of the expanded academic opportunities that will be available to our students and the benefits to having our plans thoroughly embedded for future classes. Our entire school community believes that our attempts to turn J.M. Wright Technical High School into a great school are inextricably linked to our association with Norwalk Community College.

In closing on behalf of J.M. Wright Technical High School I want to thank you for allowing me this opportunity to speak to you. Please support this bill. Thank you.

*"Wright Tech is Technically the Best"*