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From: Debra Bessen [bessen@bessenlab.org]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 12:38 PM
To: Friis, John
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Subject: SUPPORT HB6666, section 5

Dear Representative,

I urge you to support HB6666 Section 5 which will allow for adjunct faculty certificates to be issued to the highly-trained professional artists, who serve as ECA's part-time faculty, to continue their 35-year record of preparing Connecticut's high school students for our competitive global economy. If they are required to become certified for 12-hour per week part-time positions, they will not be able to do so and the school will close. This will be a terrible loss to Connecticut's high school students in 19 school districts.

The counterarguments made by the State DEC and Certified Teachers' Associations have NO MERIT and ARE NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILDREN.

The students at ECA LOVE THEIR SCHOOL.

The students at ECA GAIN ADMISSION TO TOP COLLEGES AND CONSERVATORIES.

The students at ECA WIN NATIONAL AWARDS.

The students at ECA appear to win national awards at a HIGHER RATE PER CAPITA THAN ANY OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL IN CT.

ECA IS ONE OF THE MOST INTEGRATED SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

Education in this country falls well short of its potential. WHY?

WHY do the teacher unions consistently attempt to block quality education if they are not in total control? Could it be self-interest, perhaps?
Teacher unions do a lot of good for their membership, but whenever they put their own self-interests above those of the children, they become a national shame.

The State Dept. of Education and the Certified Teachers' Associations are not advocating in the best interests of our children.

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