

Friis, John

From: MICHAEL P SMITH [michael_p_smith@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 8:04 PM
To: Friis, John
Subject: Support for HB6666 Section 5 = Support for Part-Time Teachers at ECA

Dear Mr. Friis,

I am writing to strongly advocate for Section 5 of House Bill HB6666, 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.

I teach at a nearby school (Hamden Hall) and have had the pleasure of working with and knowing both students and faculty (both full and part-time) from ECA. It would be a disaster for the New Haven area to lose an important cultural/educational institution like ECA! Please do what you can to support keeping ECA open.

Sincerely,
Michael Smith
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