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To the Education Committee

I have just become aware of HB 6666AAC and its impact on arts teacher's certification. In my opinion the bill is a direct contradiction of the Highly Qualified Educator provision of NCLB. This bill seems to be an end run around the CSDE's rigorous certification process that insures that Connecticut students arts classrooms staffed by highly qualified teachers. Additionally the CSDE already provides the DSAP path to certification that encourages potential teachers with professional experience to enter the profession.

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