

Friis, John

From: Susan Martinez Sendroff [sm_sendroff@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 12:48 AM
To: Friis, John
Subject: HB6666, Section 5

Dear Mr. Friis:

I grew up in New Haven, CT and have long understood the significant impact the ACES/ECA program has had on a significant portion of New Haven area youth over the decades. Growing up in New Haven in the 1980's, ECA was a creative outlet and haven -- where my peers developed and defined themselves through the arts. As an adult, I continue to see ECA thrive and evolve -- and I continue to be amazed by watching the creative output of the students.

As an educator, and art supporter -- I urge the state to support ECA. The uniqueness of this program and funding restraints demand the need for qualified part time teachers. It is unrealistic to mandate part time teachers in the arts to adhere to the same qualifications as certified teachers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan Martinez Sendroff
45 Augur Street
Hamden, CT 06517