

**Friis, John**

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**From:** Wendy Mauro [wawmauro@gmail.com]

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**To:** Friis, John

**Subject:** HB6666 sect. 5

I am writing in support of ECA Magnet School, and I urge you to support HB6666 sect. 5. My son was a student at ECA with a concentration in music, and came from the Naugatuck school district which declined to pay his subsidy. Although it was a struggle for our family, we paid the tuition, and Mr. Parker was gracious enough to allow us to make monthly payments to keep him there. **THIS PROGRAM SAVED MY SON!!!**

While Naugatuck has a basic music curriculum, it in no way measured up to the fine, professional instruction offered at ECA. My son's positive experience there, with **incredibly dedicated teachers** in all departments, motivated and encouraged him to persue a music degree at City College, NYC and he currently teaches instrumental music at a private school in NYC, and has many performance opportunities as well. ECA transformed a disinterested, discouraged high school student into a dynamic, creative musician with clear goals for his future.

I am so thankful that ECA was a choice for my son, and I hope it will continue to be a place where our children can grow and express their talents and creativity.

Sincerely,

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