

The Walters Family

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To Senator Gaffey, Representative Fleischmann, and Members of the Education Committee:

A few weeks ago as we prepared to celebrate the 100th day of this school year, our family reflected on those who afforded our son, Nathaniel, the opportunity of a good education. These individuals included teachers, school administrators, volunteer staff and the list goes on. At the very top of this list are those who got Nathaniel placed in a great school, Project Choice. We owe a wealth of gratitude to Nessa Oram and Project Choice for the phenomenal work they have been doing.

As a Hartford resident I am somewhat embarrassed to say that the Hartford Public School System, in its current condition, just wasn't an option for us. We believe in education, not just for our son but every child deserves an opportunity to obtain a good education. With that said we were blessed to learn about the opportunities afforded to Hartford residents via Choice.

As a "Choice Family" we have been well oriented to the program, told what to expect, and how to handle various situations that may arise. We were particularly impressed by the amount of

effort that Choice administrators placed on making sure that each participant and each the participating schools were aware of the happenings of the program. Details regarding the bussing system and the availability of student advocates were well communicated. The Choice program staff has been extremely professional and thorough, making our transition into the program smooth and as a result our son is thriving in school.

We commend them on a job well done and the success of this program and thank them for making such an impact on our son's education!

Thank You,

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