

**Friis, John**

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**From:** Gina [gina@darkcloudproductions.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2009 11:25 AM  
**To:** Friis, John  
**Subject:** raised bill #946, section 3 AND commissioner's proposal for teacher certification for part time magnet schools  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Friis,

I am voicing my concerns on two issues that could severely affect my family.

As a concerned parent, I am writing to ask you to **OPPOSE** (bill 946 section 3) and delay any action until further study can be made on how such a change will impact ACES Educational Center for the arts in New Haven, (which has allowed some of us parents to subsidize private tuitions in the absence of our sending school districts for over 30 years.)

The private pay option (in place of our sending town's) was the only way my daughter, Molly Gajdosik was able to attend the Visual Arts Program at ECA this past year as a freshmen.

If our sending towns do not have the funds to send every child accepted each year, then I feel, we as parents should have the right to pay the town portion, so our children can participate in this wonderful program. The passage of this section of this bill would have a negative impact on the entire region and the impact of reducing the number of students at ECA by 25% could close the school, an incredible institution for these talented High School students.

In addition, I am in favor of the alternative permit suggestion, rather than certification for the part-time professionals who teach at ECA, which would best enable the school to continue with its current roster of "WORKING PROFESSIONAL ARTIST TEACHERS". It is most important for our kids, the art and writing students at ECA to see a positive example of artists who work in their field, an in addition give back to others by teaching what they know.

I urge the Education Commission not to overlook the value of part time magnet schools, and their special needs and situations.

Sincerely,  
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