

My Name is Alex Steinbrick  
I live in Seymour CT and I am 13 years  
old. And I am deaf / Blind

I am here to tell you that I am opposed  
to the House Bill 1012 the separation of  
BESB into 2 parts.

For me school will be hard if I lose the  
services I get from my Teacher of the  
Visually impaired. I have CHARGE  
syndrome and She really knows a lot  
about the stuff I need to succeed in  
school. She makes sure my books are  
ordered in large print. She makes  
suggestions to my teachers that help  
me in the classroom. She is really nice  
and she has been my teacher since I  
was 3. She has been here for a big part  
of my life.

Last year was a great year for me. BESB connected me with some really cool programs.

Fishing Derby :where I won a trophy and made new friends

Essential Skills: where I learned how to do laundry, how to cook , clean, banking, and shaving. We had so much fun working as a team during our Iron Chef challenge making tacos.

I am a member of the Student Advisory Council at BESB. We get together once a month to have cool opportunities to do stuff.

The most exciting event for me was Camp Abilities. This is where it changed for me the most. I met kids just like me. It was sleepover camp for a whole week. I had more fun than you ever can imagine.

Finally I want to talk about friends. It has been really hard to make friends at my school. They really do not want to take the time to get to know me. But with BESB's help I have made life long friends.

Please consider this when you make your decision.