

Date: February 16, 2012
To: Education Committee
From: Joan E. Venditto, Director of Education Programs, Albertus Magnus College
Re: Governor Malloy's Education Initiatives – Teacher Preparation

I understand that you are accepting testimony pertaining to Governor Malloy's education initiatives for Connecticut. While we have much to ponder in the numerous proposals set forth, and while many of these offer hope for an excellent education for all Connecticut students, I would like to focus on one concern I have.

The proposal to raise the bar for those seeking initial teacher certification in CT from B- to B+ g.p.a. leaves me with two questions that I invite legislators to consider: What evidence do we have from teachers already in our schools that those with a higher g.p.a. are better educators? Are we inviting grade inflation within our existing education programs?

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