

Dear Education Committee:

I am going to make this quick. Governor Malloy is attempting to ruin education, not improve it. Are you or anyone else concerned that teachers will teach more to the test and do WHATEVER it takes for their students to have great test scores so that they look good and keep their jobs?? This has the potential to make teaching more of a joke for some people. And teachers will give easier assignments so that students will be more successful.

The elimination of due process (tenure) and seniority is another example. As a 38 year teacher who thrives in the classroom (I have doubled the size of the prior stagnant orchestra group from 45 to almost 90 in six years as well as their artistry) I should not have to worry about losing my position because of a town that might want to save money by getting someone in less experienced, and try to make up a reason to dismiss me.

I would work quickly to reject Malloy's changes. There are so many ill thought through proposals, I can't address them all here., and I can't come to testify because I am TEACHING. Please read my OP ED piece in the Courant  
<http://www.courant.com/news/opinion/hc-op-valenti-malloy-unfairly-attacks-teachers-021-20120211,0,2624375.story>

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