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Honorable Eric Coleman, Co-Chair
Honorable Gerald Fox, Co-Chair
Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee

Re: H.B. 6682

I appreciate the Committee's raising H.B. 6682, which would require local and regional boards of education to enter into cooperative agreements with their local law enforcement agencies concerning the how law enforcement personnel will interact with school personnel.

Attached please find further, brief supporting testimony from Connecticut Appleseed, a Connecticut non-profit whose members, particularly the Hon. Mary Sommer of the Connecticut Superior Court, helped initiate the successful pilot program for such cooperative agreements in Stamford. I sit on the Board of Connecticut Appleseed with Judge Sommer and am pleased to support expanding this initiative state-wide. As a former Board of Education chair in Hamden, I share the view is that clear protocols should be established between schools and our protective services as they navigate the fine line between student discipline and law enforcement.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to present this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,


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April 2, 2013

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Dear Co-Chairs Coleman and Fox:

I am pleased to enter this statement in support of H.B. 6682, which would require local and regional boards of education to adopt policies or enter into memoranda of understanding with law enforcement agencies concerning the use of law enforcement personnel in schools.

One of Connecticut Applesseed's Board members, the Honorable Mary E. Sommer, was instrumental in the pilot which developed Stamford's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city's Board of Education and the Stamford Police Department. Our understanding is that feedback on Stamford's MOU has been very positive.

Connecticut Applesseed is deeply experienced in public education issues in the state, having developed a series of reports over the past 5 years that reflect our close collaboration with school districts and boards of education. On the basis of our experience, we respectfully submit that the collaboration required by H.B. 6682 would be highly constructive. In particular, we support the bill's requirement that districts disaggregate and report their school arrest data by race, ethnicity, gender and age.

Yours truly,

Martin L. Budd, Chair
Connecticut Applesseed Board of Directors