

Bill No. 425: An Act Concerning the State Education Resource Center

I am writing to support this law which will define SERC's governance structure, allow SERC to work and collaborate with a Board of Directors and maintain a productive partnership with the Connecticut State Department of Education. Administrators and teachers from our school have benefitted from attending workshops provided by SERC. We have borrowed materials over the years and attended many workshops. Last year Sister Carol Ann, Executive Director, and I attended the Leadership Initiative Series Enhancing the Instructional Programs within Schools and found it to be most informative regarding current practice as it applies to our special education program. We were so impressed that we asked Alice Henley and Michelle Weaver to come to Villa and present to our teachers on PBIS and on differentiation this year. SERC is a wonderful and needed resource for the educational community in Connecticut. SERC helps educators stay informed about the latest research and best practices. As a small private school, our resources are limited, so the opportunities provided by SERC at a cost well below what private companies charge are truly appreciated.

Eileen Cassidy  
Education Director

Villa Maria School  
161 Sky Meadow Drive  
Stamford, CT 06903

Phone: 203-322-5886 ext. 103  
Fax: 203-322-0228  
ecassidy@villamariaedu.org