

The following is my written testimony in support of SERC:

I have been to conferences organized by SERC, as well as worked with consultants who have done in-house training in my school, O'Brien STEM Academy in East Hartford. The workshops that I have attended covered topics such as engaging parents in the Early Intervention Process (EIP), Kathy Collins and literacy development, and others. Without getting into great detail, these workshops and conferences provide valuable training to educators in Connecticut and cover a wide-array of topics that otherwise would not be touched on through traditional professional development. They are a key component to keeping up with the latest in educational practices. I use many of the techniques and practices that I have learned through SERC in my daily instruction and planning. It would be a major loss to the education system in Connecticut if any changes are made to the way that they are able to operate and provide these services. I know that I speak for anyone who has attended or been a part of SERC training. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions,

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