

To Members of the Education Committee:

Words & Numbers Research, Inc. has provided evaluation and research consultation to SERC from 1985 to 2012. During this time, the work that the SERC staff performed was of exceptional quality and family-centered. In addition, it is an organization that is constantly seeking to improve its services to meet the needs that emerge in Connecticut districts. The breadth and depth of SERC initiatives target a range of diverse student populations. One of its signature programs, The Early Intervention Program which we evaluated for over 25 years, has reduced the mis-identification of students, particularly non-white students, for special education services. This not only is in the students' best interest, but this has saved districts dollars in unnecessary evaluation and placement of students. This only one example of the excellent work that SERC has undertaken. Thank you.

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