

To whom it may concern,

I am the parent of two children fortunate enough to be in the Greenwich Public School's Advanced Learning Program, I am the 5th Grade, 2nd Grade and Building Rep for the Advanced Learning Program at Old Greenwich School and strongly support "AN ACT CONCERNING GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS. To require an employee of the Department of Education to be responsible for providing information and assistance to the public relating to gifted and talented students and to require the Department of Education to conduct a study that examines the best practices in the provision of services to gifted and talented students."

I am alarmed vis-a-vis the second portion of Section 2 which states that the study would also evaluate "using technology to extend and advance curriculum materials to provide instruction to gifted and talented students without promoting such students to higher grade levels". Whilst technology may be helpful for some students, there is currently a dearth of data available as to its effectiveness and surely we can all agree that we would not want technology to replace the important role of teachers for those children who have been seen to benefit from learning with their academic, as opposed to age, peers.

Thank you for your continued consideration of this matter.

Yours

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