



**TESTIMONY of the CT ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS  
BEFORE THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
IN REFERENCE TO:**

**S.B. No. 1099 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A VISION AND STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CONNECTICUT EDUCATION SYSTEM**

The CT Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) which represents the Superintendents of CT's Public Schools and over a hundred other school district central office administrators supports S.B. No. 1099, AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A VISION AND STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CONNECTICUT EDUCATION SYSTEM.

For a number of years, CT's public educational system has incorporated a number of new features but those features have not cohered with a vision for what the educational system should be. This lack of coherence has resulted in confusion and frustration caused by lack of direction and this, in turn, has generated resistance to the new features themselves.

CAPSS has tried to remedy this situation by publishing NextED which does articulate a vision in which the education system is transformed into one that is student centered and personalized. Many school districts in CT have begun this process of transformation.

CAPSS, however, does not have the standing to establish a vision for public education in the state. Only the state government can do that. SB 1099 starts the process whereby this can take place.

CAPSS is pleased that SB 1099 specifies that four superintendents each from different types of school districts would be voting members of the Commission and that CAPSS itself would be a non-voting member. The organization and its member superintendents, therefore, look forward to discussing with other relevant caretakers of the educational system what public education in CT needs to be to meet the needs of the state's children in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.