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Thank you, Senator Slossberg, Representative Fleischmann and members of the Committee for the opportunity to testify today.

In the current modern/competitive world, every parent is putting their effort in finding a right school for their children to provide best of the best education system for them. I am not an exception and so I too have started my search and initially I couldn't find a suitable Pre-K public school in around Hartford, so I had to send my three year old son to private school for a higher fee. But we didn't stop our quest, eventually found a school meeting our expectations i.e. IMS - Magnet school.

After trying out our luck for multiple years in the lottery, finally our son got selected and joined IMS magnet school. The school infrastructure is stunning, and the students have all the possible/needed facilities within the school, and more importantly the curriculum is up to the international standards.

The school recognizes a variety of talents that students possess and the staff always treats students as part of their family and provides a high standard teaching which is rarely found in other public schools. In fact, these CREC schools are a big assets for the Connecticut state and I am sure these schools will uplift the value of the state by providing state of art students.

It is not just my story, I heard the similar stories from lot of parents who are sending their students to IMS school, so undoubtedly these CREC schools are providing a very invaluable education and hence as a parent I request state to consider these advantages of the CREC schools and provide necessary funds to continue / excel in their effort in creating smart/competitive students.

Thank you,

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