



## SS. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL

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The SS. Peter and Paul School Family ministers to students in pre-k to grade 8: encouraging actions that model Jesus.

- S Strengthens Catholic teaching through prayer and community service
- S Supports students' academic, spiritual and emotional needs
- P Promotes a safe and positive learning environment to an increasingly diverse population
- P Provides opportunities for family involvement in children's religious, academic and social lives.

### **Testimony in Support of**

### **S.B. No. 318, 'An Act Concerning Private School Transportation'**

Before the Education Committee

March 2, 2016

As a parent at SS. Peter and Paul School, I support S.B. No. 318.

I love SS. Peter and Paul School. My son has been attending SS Peter and Paul four the past four years. He loves his teacher, staff and friends. He is a remarkable student because he works hard and he loves his school. We have a strong school community and we take a lot of pride in our school, faculty, and children.

My son was given the option of taking the bus to and from school but I am fortunate enough that my work schedule allows me to drop him off and pick him up each day. Many of his friends take the bus because their parents aren't able to pick them up or drop them off. This is a great help for those families that have difficult work schedules and more than one child that may attend t different schools. Allowing a reimbursement to towns who voluntarily provide inter-district transportation to elementary school students that live out of town will help our school. It is crucial to keep our urban schools open and accessible to students whose schools have closed in neighboring towns.

The best decision I have ever made about my son's education was sending him to SS. Peter and Paul School. It is really important to our school and other Catholic Schools to keep making access available for all children and families.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to support S.B. No. 318.

Sincerely,

AnastasiaVelez