



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 single parent of a seventh grade student of SS. Peter and Paul School, I strongly support S.B. No. 318.

My daughter has attended non-public schools in the City of Waterbury since she began school. I enrolled her in Ss. Peter & Paul School in 2014 based on a challenging and proven curriculum, dedicated staff, and diversity of enrollment that mirrors that of the City of Waterbury.

It is very important to allow access to Catholic Schools to all children, based on Connecticut's diminishing population and school closures.

Due to my daily work commute between Waterbury and Hartford, bus transportation is essential. This transportation affords me the opportunity to send my daughter to any one of several after school programs, or a designated caregiver until I return to Waterbury each evening.

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

Sincerely,

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