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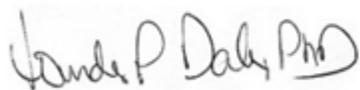
Testimony in Support of
S.B. No. 318, 'An Act Concerning Private School Transportation'
Before the Education Committee
March 2, 2016

As a parent of students at St. Timothy's Middle School and St. Thomas the Apostle School, I support S.B. No. 318.

Both of these schools have provided my daughters with amazing educational experiences while being in a support school environment. We think that it is important that all children, especially those with less financial means, be provided with this opportunity. We also think that it would be important to offer bus transportation so that these children can more easily get to school. Inter-district transportation to elementary and middle school students would likely result in an increase in the number of students applying to these programs and, in turn, allow the schools to have more financial resources to pay teachers a more reasonable salary.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lourdes P. Dale, PhD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear "P" and "D" in the last name.

Lourdes P Dale, PhD