

**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 Skyla Ogurick Mendez at SS. Peter and Paul School, I support S.B. No. 318. Saints Peter and Paul has been a part of my family for more than 35 years. My two brothers and I all attended SSPP in the past and our mother Paula has been teaching there for over 35 years. I couldn't imagine this school not being part of our lives and our future children's lives. My daughter Skyla is in second grade and loves the school, the students, and all the faculty. I'm so impressed and proud of the student she has become and I thank the teachers for allowing the children to be themselves and learn in such a fun and safe atmosphere. The amount of work, projects, and creativity Skyla comes home with really proves to me how much these teachers truly care about the students education and their well being. It warms my heart that everyone cares so much and I will be truly hurt if this was no longer available. My daughter Autumn is a year and a half and I would love nothing more than to send her to SSPP when the time comes. SSPP has changed our lives in so many great ways and I thank them so much for doing so!

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

Sincerely,
Maren Ogurick