



## 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.

*This school has offered our family the opportunity to educate our children with the religious component. It has been in our family and it's very important not only for our children but the future of many children.*

*I stress the importance of keeping and making access to Catholic Schools available to all children, especially in light of declining demographics in our state and recent school closures. It's imperative that Catholic Schools remain open and accessible to all. Our Children deserve an Equal opportunity to learn without any stressors which may interfere with just that. Busing them to and from school and home is a necessary component and should be considered always. It's essential to maintain inter-district transportation to elementary school students that live out of town and need transportation to SSPP. Our school is a solid foundation in Waterbury.*

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Veronneau