



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 of a student* at SS. Peter and Paul School, I support S.B. No. 318.

My son transferred to SS. Peter and Paul School last year. I am extremely pleased with the academics and the teaching staff at the school. The school has so much to offer. I feel that the discipline and the respect for one another creates an atmosphere that promotes learning.

Catholic schools not only offer the religious aspect, it creates an environment that is conducive to learning. The curriculum aligns with the Connecticut Common Core and teaches the students how to be discipline in order to learn.

My son takes the bus that is provided by the City of Waterbury. The busing allows me to get to work on time and we are fortunate to have the bus stop at our house.

Living in an urban school district, sending my son to the public school system was not an option. He started at another parochial school within the city. He went there from pre-k to the 5th grade. We moved to SS Peter and Paul School for 6th grade. We love the school. I love the fact that a majority of the teaching staff are certified by the State of Connecticut and have chosen to teach my child. They have been instrumental in making my son succeed.

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

Sincerely,

Susan L. Brown