

Re: HB 5304

Dear Senator Kane
Dear Representative O'Neill
Dear Education Committee,

I am a parent of two children, and proud to live in Roxbury, Connecticut.

I would like to thank everyone involved for their efforts in helping Region 12 get as far as we have with our plan to become an AGSTEM school. Your contribution is appreciated by the majority of residents in Region 12.

I would like to ask the State Legislature to pass HB 5304, a bill necessary to allow Region 12 to move forward as an AgriScience School.

Our community has struggled historically with the issues of how to maintain a rigorous and vibrant education in the face of a declining student population in our public schools. Our three towns, Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington, have disagreed on many different options as leaders have offered proposals in an attempt to solve our issues.

In the Fall of 2015 a three town referendum passed unanimously in Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington, in support to open an AGSTEM school on our existing Middle-High School campus. The referendum result was an overwhelming majority vote in favor to fund the difference between State funding and the cost of the project. I was so proud of the town residents that came together to show their support of a project that will provide not only an outstanding educational opportunity for all students that attend our AgSTEM Academy, but much needed opportunity for growth in our communities.

Region 12 supports this endeavor. All of our First Selectman and our Superintendent along with the entire Board of Education and the majority of the vote in all three of our towns are whole heartedly in agreement that this is a positive plan for our Region.

Please help make our dream of a strong, well rounded, technologically advanced AgriScience academy a reality in Region 12 by passing HB 5304.

My best regards,
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