

Testimony before the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee
Testimony of Clifford Silvers
Education Arbitration Board

Good morning Senator Duff, Representative Janowski, Senator Kane, Representative Buck-Taylor and members of the Executive and Legislative Committee.

My name is Clifford Silvers and I am honored to appear before you today to speak about my desire to continue to serve on the Education and Arbitration Board as a Labor Representative.

I reside in Milford Connecticut with my lovely wife Evelyn who I have been married to for 55 years.

We have two adult children, our daughter Stacy Carlo who is married to her husband Rick and our son Scott Silvers who is married to his wife Claudia.

We also have three precious granddaughters Megan, Arianna and Juliette.

During my career I have worked in the field of education for 42 years, 10 years as a teacher in Bridgeport and 32 years for the Connecticut Education Association.

During my 32 years at CEA I worked 11 years as a Field Representative, 3 years in the Communications Department and my final 18 years I was the Director of Affiliate and Member Development Department that was in charge of negotiations, grievances, organizing and membership training.

I retired from CEA in 2004. While employed at CEA and when I retired I have continued to serve as a Labor Advocate Arbitrator for the Education Arbitration Board.

One year after my retirement I was appointed as a Labor Arbitrator at the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration.

I am also an Arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau (BBB).

Approximately 3 years ago I was appointed as a Public Member on the State Teachers Retirement Board (TRB).

My years of service in the field of education have been rewarding and I developed strong friendships and working relationships with those who I have worked with all these years.

I want to thank you for being given the opportunity to appear before you today and sincerely hope that I will be able to continue to serve as a Labor Arbitrator for the Education Arbitration Board.

I would be happy to answer any questions you have for me at this time. Thank you.