

Hello:

I write in opposition SB 183 and the proposed changes to the statute affecting TEAM. Please keep the current statute in place and fund TEAM mentoring and TEAM dashboard.

Stamford and the state do a great job of providing training and support for new teachers and mentors now. Without the funding and without the consistency from district to district, I am sure it will be an unsuccessful and unsatisfying situation.

We need to save TEAM. TEAM is valuable, and shouldn't be cut as proposed in SB 183. Funding and the full program must be restored. The impact of SB 183 on this program will have a detrimental impact on Stamford.

I am happy that I have made the relationship with the new teacher at my school and I know that if I was not a TEAM Mentor I would not have made that relationship as well as with other colleagues who are Mentors, Mentees, and Trainers (such as Lynn who is an exceptional person to have met and learned from).

Therefore, this program clearly benefits new and veteran teachers and ultimately the students who get the benefit of having a teacher who feels good and confident instead of stressed and depressed.

Thank you for your time.

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