



Why I Support Raised Bill 7082

Good afternoon. My name is Khalil Lovejoy and I am a sophomore at University High School of Science and Engineering in Hartford. And this is my support for House Bill 7082.

Schools should have more African American studies especially when they are predominantly Black. In lots of schools, unless a teacher goes out of the way to immerse their student body, the school doesn't normally add African American Studies to its curriculum, in depth.

Teachers in History and English should be taught these subjects – to be able to properly educate their students, instead of just focusing on white perspectives.

Black history is not only slavery and glossing over the *actually* black history.

Personally, at my school, Black history is not taught. I would love to learn about Black Wall Street, Nat Turner, Brown vs. Board of Education, and less explored topics in our history.

Thank you for your time and we hope you can support this bill.