

Education Committee
Public Hearing – March 17, 2021
HB 6617 AAC Authorization Of State Grant Commitments For School Building Projects And
Revisions To The School Building Projects Statutes
-Section 2, Subsection 6

Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

My name is Scott Schoem and I am a resident of West Hartford. I am the President of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. I would like to thank the leadership and members of the Education Committee for providing me with the opportunity to express my support for House Bill 6617 which in Section 2, subsection 6, will require that any newly constructed public school, or a public school undergoing major renovations, include water bottle filling stations. I would also like to request that language be added to this section to strengthen the bill.

“Section 2, subsection 6 of this bill contains language that would require any newly constructed public school, or any public school undergoing major renovations, include water bottle filling stations in their plans. While I am in strong support of this language, I respectfully request that it be amended to include language that will ensure that there are minimal standards to follow with regards to the placement of these stations. It needs to be stated that there should be “at least one water bottle filling station per 100 students; at least one water bottle filling station on each floor or wing of the building; and at least one water bottle filling station in all food service areas.” I feel that with the requested amended language that this will be a much stronger bill for which we are in full support.”

It is essential that there are enough water filling stations to avoid crowding and contamination.

Thank you for supporting this bill. I wish I had this available when I was in school.

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