



TESTIMONY BEFORE THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Co-Chairs Currey and McCrory, Ranking Members McCarty and Berthel, and distinguished members of the Education Committee—thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 5212.

My name is Amy Dowell, and I am the Executive Director of Education Reform Now CT (ERN CT), a 501(c)(3) that operates as a think tank and policy advocate, promoting great educational opportunities and achievement for all students by increasing equity, protecting civil rights, and strengthening the social safety net.

H.B. 5212 would protect the additional \$150 million investment committed by this legislature to our students just eight months ago, and ensure this funding is distributed according to a student-centered funding formula.

Research has repeatedly shown that investing in education funding results in higher student achievement, higher lifetime earnings, and a more skilled workforce. That's why it's absolutely critical that we invest in our state's future by investing in our students and ensuring they receive a high-quality education, regardless of where they live and what kind of public school they attend.

I urge you to support H.B. 5212, protect the additional \$150 million investment, and distribute education dollars using a student-centered funding system.

About Education Reform Now CT

The state chapter of a national organization and affiliate of DFER CT, Education Reform Now CT is a 501(c)(3) that operates as a think tank and policy advocate, promoting great educational opportunities and achievement for all students by increasing equity, protecting civil rights, and strengthening the social safety net.