

## Statement of Support for H.B. 5283

United in an effort to fix how Connecticut's public schools are funded, we have come together as a group of advocates and stakeholders from around the state to support H.B. 5283 and the passage of a student-centered funding system.

For decades, the way Connecticut funds education has been inequitable, disjointed, and in desperate need of a comprehensive solution that provides our state's students with the resources they need to succeed in and out of the classroom.

H.B. 5283 is that solution.

If passed, H.B. 5283 would fix the state's current complex way of funding public schools, make significant strides in reducing Connecticut's economic and racial funding gaps, and fully and fairly fund all public school students based on their learning needs.

H.B. 5283 would finally deliver the equitable education funding students, parents, teachers, and communities across Connecticut have been advocating for by:

- Funding all public school students based on their learning needs;
- Fully funding the ECS grant, which supports all local school districts;
- Fully funding public schools of choice; and
- Giving districts the financial stability to make meaningful, long-term investments in resources such as teachers, counselors, social workers, school psychologists, and student support services and programs.

It is critical that action be taken now, and we urge you to join us in supporting H.B. 5283 and a student-centered funding system that will finally deliver on the promise of equitable and adequate education funding for all Connecticut public school students.

### **Organization Supporters**

School and State Finance Project  
Educators for Excellence  
FaithActs for Education  
Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now (ConnCAN)  
Connecticut Charter Schools Association  
Alex Knopp, *Sheff* Plaintiffs' Representative  
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Brass City Charter School  
Bridgeport Public Schools  
Bridgeport Prospers  
Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)  
Center for Children's Advocacy  
City of Bridgeport  
City of Waterbury  
Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)

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[www.linktr.ee/studentcenteredfunding](http://www.linktr.ee/studentcenteredfunding)

Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity  
Common Ground High School  
Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS)  
Connecticut Association of Urban Superintendents (CAUS)  
Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA)  
Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM)  
Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST)  
Connecticut Cradle-to-Career (C2C) StriveTogether Partnership  
Connecticut Farm Bureau  
Connecticut FFA Association  
Connecticut Legal Services  
Connecticut Nursery & Landscape Association  
Connecticut Office of the Child Advocate  
Connecticut School Counselor Association  
CT REALTORS (CTR)  
East Hartford Public Schools  
Education Reform Now CT  
Goodwin University Magnet Schools  
Greater Hartford Legal Aid  
Hispanic Alliance of Southeastern Connecticut  
Housatonic Valley Agriscience and Technology Program  
LEARN  
Make the Road Connecticut  
Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation  
National Association of Social Workers, Connecticut Chapter  
New Haven Legal Assistance  
Norwalk ACTS  
Park City Prep Charter School  
Property Tax Reform Collaborative of 1,000 Friends of Connecticut  
ReadyCT  
Regional School District 1  
Regional Youth Adult Social Action Partnership (RYASAP)  
Rockville High School Agricultural Science and Technology Program  
Sheff Movement coalition  
Social Welfare Action Alliance, Connecticut Chapter  
Special Education Equity for Kids in Connecticut (SEEK)  
Stamford Cradle to Career  
Staywell Health Center  
Step Up New London  
The Bridge Academy  
Thompson Public Schools  
Waterbury Bridge to Success  
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