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Dear CT State Board of Education,

Good Morning..Or is it? Not for me and my Scholars of SCSE. My name is Teresa Brivett, Ee-Ma (grandmother) and proud parent of 2 amazing boys that attend SCSE, Sincere (going in 5th gr) and Ja'Ziah (going in 4th gr)

For us, you are trying to take away the greatest education my middle school scholar can get. My boys work hard..very hard for their grades alongside with their teachers that are DEDICATED for them to be EDUCATED.

I have told you our story on three separate occasions and for some reason you're not understanding how your decision on our charter will effect the education of my scholars.

I'm a living testimony to advocate for our scholars. Maybe you remember the article from the Stamford Advocate that stated my name in the 1st line or the many meetings I've been to. I started with SCSE when they first opened. The 1st year was great, however my boys asked if they can try a school with out uniforms. I let them try, and Stamford Public Schools failed them, not only educationally, but they racially profiled one of them and tried to lable him as a behavioral problem child. They couldn't see that the work was not challenging him. Everything they were teaching at public school, my scholars did the year before at SCSE. My boys were crying, literally crying to go back to SCSE. And they cry now to keep it going.

Unfortunately they had to wait until the following Sept. but they are back where they belong. The staff and teacher's love my children.

Mr.Fischer and every person in that building knows every name of our

scholars, they are proud to be a part of our families and the productive growth of their education. I know some of your kids come home and say "oh, no homework, we had a substitute, lol." Not our scholars, no substitutes, always homework, they have to earn special days like dress down day or pj's day. They educate our scholars 8am-4pm, no before school or after school. These teacher's communicate with us parents on a daily basis so we all stay on top together. People say they're kids, let them enjoy their youth. Today you can not do that, fun is okay but they are too impressionable. I use to hear in classrooms, when you graduate and if you go to college blah, blah, blah. At SCSE The educators instill in our children everyday with pride "Your choice is not if, your choice is what college do you want to attend?"

Please tell me which CT public schools go over their school days on a daily basis with the parents to give extra help in making sure their scholars understand the classwork and homework. They even do this on weekends, holidays, and breaks. They hold our scholars to a high standard and responsibility to better themselves and prepare them for this thing we call life and or world. Not to mention they are teaching some of us parents new strategies to help and encourage our children.

I can go on and on how this school has become our family, our inspiration, and our dedication to our scholar's future. If the test scores don't speak loud enough for you, just ask one of our scholars and they will tell you how much this school means to them.

Dr. Charlene Reid, the Founder of SCSE alongside her staff are on Board with our scholars, giving them the best education possible. Why can't the Board of Ed be on board as well?

Our children's future is on the line here, don't they deserve a chance too?

Thank you for once again giving me the opportunity to be heard today.