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From: Tricia Chapman <tchapman@epschoolsri.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 9:46 PM
To: House Education Committee
Subject: Approval of H-7020

Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Tricia Chapman. I live in Cranston and teach art in East Providence. I am writing to ask for your vote in approving H-7020, the Transparency in Arts Education Access and Proficiency Act, to the full house and recommend its passage.

The students of RI need this bill to raise the status of Arts Education to its rightful place as a major curricular academic subject that every child must have because the arts are an essential ingredient to a well-rounded education.

Additionally, it will ensure RIDE and districts work together to follow and maintain the arts proficiency mandates of the BEP and updated high school graduation requirements. This position at RIDE would not add any major burden since the position already exists, the RIDE Arts Education Curriculum Coordinator.

The expansion of the CTE programs and the additional credit requirements in the updated graduation regulations have left little to no room for students to fit in arts courses that, not only they desire, but that they require. This is a direct violation of the BEP.

Please consider approving H-7020, the Transparency in Arts Education Access and Proficiency Act, to the full house and recommend its passage.

Sincerely,
Tricia Chapman

Thank you,

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"In a world where you can be anything, be kind." - Jennifer Dukes Lee