

Dear Chair and Committee Members ,

I am writing to express my strong support S-2208/ H-7271. Since its establishment in 1989, UCAP has consistently provided critical academic and social-emotional support to students in a small, alternative setting, enabling them to bridge learning gaps effectively.

During my twelve years as an educator at UCAP, I witnessed firsthand the transformative impact this institution has on its students. The supportive and caring community at UCAP empowers students to overcome adversity and equips them with the necessary tools for success. Many of the students I served excelled in high school and beyond, finding their voices and achieving immeasurable growth.

UCAP's unique approach to pedagogy, social-emotional learning, and personalized support is exemplary. Rather than closing this institution, Providence Public Schools should look to UCAP as a model for educational excellence.

Students deserve access to high-quality instruction to address achievement gaps. Supporting S-2208/ H-7271 strengthens UCAP's long term sustainability by allowing additional districts to refer students.

I stand firmly in support of UCAP School and urge you to support this important legislation.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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