



Testimony in Support of SB2212
April 15, 2026

TO: Senate Education Committee

At Collective Action for Education, we strongly support SB2212, relating to education and the certification of teachers. This legislation would provide no-fee certification extensions and expand pathways to teacher and administrator certification. As an organization advocating for more accessible routes into the classroom to address ongoing educator shortages and remove unnecessary barriers for aspiring educators, this bill aligns closely with our core values.

By directly addressing financial burdens associated with licensure, SB2212 helps create a more equitable pathway into the teaching profession.

Collective Action for Education is committed to ensuring that every Rhode Island student, especially those in historically marginalized communities, has access to a great public school: whether that be a district public school, and charter public school, or otherwise. This bill would be of significant importance to all public sectors in education. Achieving our goal requires fully staffed classrooms led by qualified, supported educators. SB2212 moves Rhode Island closer to that reality by removing barriers to certification and helping ensure that schools have the educators they need to serve students well. For these reasons, we respectfully urge passage of SB2212.

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