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Good Morning,

What makes PTU members less than any other teacher in the state. We have been under state control for years, under transformation, mandated to complete hundreds of hours of training and professional development. We come to work ready to do whatever it is for our students. We buy them snacks, clothing and personal hygiene supplies out of our own pockets. We are highly trained in working with special needs and MLL populations, having the highest percentages here than any other district. We have to deal with trauma based students, a mobile population, high poverty rates, students under the fear of violence and immigration policies, yet we thrive. At my school, we have students going to Brown University, Holy Cross, WPI, Providence College and Johnson and Wales for free or with huge scholarships. We have kids playing on varsity sports and unified sports, civic leaders, students that work full time and still come to school. In spite of our hard work and success, we are always being scrutinized and criticized and now this bill wants to make us targets of dismissal and pay cuts based on personal bias, or performance of individuals we cannot control.

I am strongly in opposition of this bill and am shocked that Mr. Zurier who had his own children attend PPSD would even suggest this. We are not of less value than any other teacher in this state, public, charter or private. In fact, we are working harder and more educated than most.

Please DO NOT APPROVE THIS BILL

Sincerely,
Leah Ross-Coke
a proud PPSD graduate and employee for the last 32 years