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I can go on all day with stats & numbers but I'm coming to you as a parent of one child in Brass City Charter School in Waterbury and hopefully another child will attend this September. I moved back home over a year and a half ago after being in NYC for almost 8 plus years. I wanted my children to have the education I had growing up in Connecticut, I can tell you that to my surprise the public schools are not the same nor are the private schools. To my surprise what has topped everything are the Charter schools in Connecticut, which we should all be proud of. Charter schools make the parents be accountable and being involved in their child's education from Pre-K onwards that has been lost in both the public and private sector from what I've seen.

We need to have a generation of young children that will be the next man to go to the moon, the next president, the next person to discover a cure for all cancer, the next person to come up with inventions to save our dying planet. Why can't these kids come from Connecticut and from a successful well funded charter school program that has the backing for years to come from all the constituents in Hartford.

One day that doctor that gives you a life saving operation, or a cure for your cancer or your grandchildren's ailment that no one had a cure for 20 years ago came from this great institution that I am so lucky my lovely little boy is part of Brass City Charter School and many other charter schools just like this that the state has to offer.

Let's face it we as a nation are losing the battle on education, the best and the brightest are being lost in this country due to lack of resources to children in rural neighborhoods. Children in some third world countries are doing better than our kids, how does that even make sense? It's time we all get on the ball as parents, teachers, lawmakers and fund these great schools. These children really need our help to look at it as an investment in your future, our future, the state and country's future. Everyone wants a good return on their 401k, pension, stocks and bonds, mutual funds, real estate investments, it's all the same.

Ladies and gentlemen thank you for your time but I have two little ones, I plan to make my face known to you in the future on many occasions.

Regards, Tara Ramlal