

Appropriations Committee Testimony
SUPPORT: Executive Budget Charter School Per Pupil Increase
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

My name is Kenneth Joseph and I work at Booker T. Washington Academy (BTWA) in New Haven, CT.

At BTWA, our students have exposure to many unique global experiences. They're able to enjoy smaller classrooms benefitting from more focused instruction.

However, more is needed for our students. Our students aren't afforded all of the necessary opportunities like students in other public schools. More resources are needed for technology, interventionists, social workers, and special educators to meet students where they are and give them that fighting chance for success.

Our students are neighborhood students and come from a variety of different economic backgrounds. There is so much potential for our students, but without adequate funding and resources their future is limited.

This is the reason I am writing. Our school needs more support to provide our students with the resources they need and deserve. We know they can be successful and in partnership with their families, we're working to achieve this success. Please show your support by helping in the best way you can and protecting Governor Lamont's proposed increase to funding for charter schools.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Joseph