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The Honorable Joseph McNamara
Chairman, House Education Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

Subject: Support for Bill H7232 - Education Accountability Act

Chairman McNamara and Honorable Committee Members:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center (The Met), I write to express our strong support for Bill H7232, the Education Accountability Act. Our school has always championed the inclusion of our families, students, partners, and mentors in shaping our educational goals and processes. We believe that this bill aligns perfectly with our vision of holistic and inclusive education.

Bill H7232's emphasis on evaluating the performance of local education agencies and individual public schools through diverse and inclusive methods resonates with our core values. The bill's provisions for annual assessments, taking into account cultural and linguistic diversity, and considering various learning styles and impediments, are particularly commendable. These approaches ensure that all students have equitable opportunities to succeed, reflecting our own commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Moreover, the bill's focus on the continuous improvement of curriculum and instructional effectiveness aligns with our ongoing efforts to adapt and evolve our educational strategies. We appreciate the emphasis on collecting comprehensive data to inform decision-making and the requirement for districts to submit improvement plans, ensuring accountability and transparency in the pursuit of educational excellence.

In conclusion, we believe that Bill H7232 represents a significant step forward in enhancing educational accountability and quality in Rhode Island. Including the voice of our constituents and partners, including parents, students, staff, and eventually student mentors is essential for schools to best understand their impact, leverage successes and improve existing gaps. We are excited about the positive impact this bill will have on our students and community and are eager to contribute to its successful implementation.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to the bill's passage and the opportunity to work collaboratively towards a brighter educational future for our students.

Sincerely,

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Director
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