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The Honorable Rep. Arthur J. Corvese
Chair, Rhode Island House Committee on Labor
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Oppose as drafted, House Bill 5227

Dear Chair Corvese and Honorable Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on H5227 – Relating to Education.

At this time, the **Rhode Island Department of Education does not believe this bill is necessary**. The Local 2012 Negotiation Team and the RIDE Management Negotiation Team are both at the table, negotiating regularly. At this time, we have mutually agreed to five tentative agreements that are substantive and signed off by both parties. Just last week, we met to negotiate for over four hours. RIDE feels confident that, through our collaboration with Local 2012 members, a fully executed and final contract will be forthcoming, in short order.

Thank you for considering this feedback. If there are any questions or additional information would be useful, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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CC: The Honorable Rep. John G. Edwards
The Honorable Members of the RI House Committee on Labor