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The Rhode Island School Superintendents Association (RISSA) is in support of H7396, a bill that will give a constitutional right to an education. Our neighbor in Massachusetts benefits from the original wording of its state constitution. Had this existed in Rhode Island, a remedy would be present for the inequity that exists that allows funding for Pawtucket and Woonsocket to be below that state per pupil average, despite the high levels of poverty in those communities.

A constitutional right to an education would have the potential to level the playing field to address inequities and inadequacies of our current system.

The Rhode Island School Superintendents strongly favor this bill.

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