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Rep. Cheryl Youakim (46B)
Rep. Mary Frances Clardy (53A)
House Education Finance Committee

Re: Support Bill HF 345

Dear Rep. Youakim and Rep. Clardy,

I am writing in support of Bill HF 345 which will have a direct impact on the students and families of LoveWorks Academy for Arts (LWA).

Many of our students and families strive to survive at the most basic levels of life and are still expected to meet rigorous educational standards without equitable resources. This creates a heavy burden on educators and students that also overwhelms many advocates of school communities such as ours. Yet, regardless of the several external traumas, many of our students display substantial growth behaviorally, artistically, in their attendance, academic growth per local interim assessment and overall human joy. Many of these identified measurables greatly reduce the possibility of outcomes which adversely impact our society. In addition, many of our families have increased their involvement and support of continuous improvement at the school level, community and beyond.

As the leader of the LWA LION community, I take personal responsibility in assuring successful outcomes for our children. I, along with many other staff members, spend countless hours supporting our families, students and one another through personal and professional scenarios. Without 360 degree support, many people within our community would lose hope. The HF 345 Bill provides our authorizer, Pillsbury United Communities, the support and opportunity to develop a framework inclusive of a 360 degree measurement tool. We believe this pilot program will improve educational outcomes and accountability with an equitable lens.

Thank you for your consideration and all that you do for our communities.

Sincerely,

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"There is a brilliant child locked inside every student." -- Marva Collins

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