



Dear Legislator,

The Connecticut Coalition for Public Education (CCPE) brings together many of the major stakeholders in public education in our state. While each coalition member brings its own perspective to the issues we face as educators and parents, we are united in many of our beliefs, such as the ideal that Connecticut's future depends on our ability to provide high-quality public education to the students of Connecticut. Public education is facing unprecedented challenges at the federal, state, and local levels. The members of CCPE believe we can best advocate for the students of Connecticut by standing together.

Attached are the twelve core principles that unite the members of CCPE. These principles will guide us as we move forward in our efforts to protect and improve public education in Connecticut.

Education is the key to ensuring equal opportunity. We ask you to join us in our fight to preserve public education for all. As the budget discussions continue, we implore you to ensure Connecticut's students have the resources they need to be successful. We ask you to set aside individual differences and perspectives, as the members of CCPE have done, and focus on the goal we all share: providing Connecticut students the education they deserve.

Respectfully,

The Connecticut Coalition for Public Education