



## ***Education Committee - Board of Representatives***

Mary Savage, Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 18, 2015  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Education Committee met as indicated above. Present were: Chair Savage, and Committee Member Representatives Buckman, Cerasoli, Di Costanzo, Kolenberg, Nabel and Quinones. Absent or excused were: Committee Member Representatives de la Cruz and Wallace. Also present were: Representative Kieran Ryan; Cindy Grafstein, Special Assistant to the Mayor; Dr. Hamilton, Jackie Heftman, Michael Meyer, John Perrotta and Polly Rauh, Board of Education; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; and Manny Paola, Traffic Engineer. There were eight students present.

Chair Savage called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
<sup>1</sup> 1. E29.014	REVIEW; Student Advisory Council 2014-15. 08/06/14 – Submitted by Rep. Savage 08/20/14 – Report Made & Held in Committee 09/17/14 – Report Made & Held in Committee 10/22/14 – Report Made & Held in Committee 11/19/14 – Report Made & Held in Committee 12/17/14 – Report Made & Held in Committee 02/18/15 – Report Made & Held in Committee	Report Made

Dr. Hamilton addressed the Student Advisory Council on the topic of Student Attendance. She reviewed the policies on the books, consequences and follow-up. The course offerings available to students are key to maintaining a desire to come to school. Mr. Meyer reported that data is being collected and closely monitored. Student attendance is a component of every school's School Improvement Plan. Improvement in student attendance has been noted but more gains need to be obtained. Students and committee members had many questions. Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Meyer responded.

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<sup>1</sup> Video Part 1

- <sup>2</sup>3. [E29.020](#) REVIEW; Progress on Interdistrict Application and School Construction, including Traffic Study. (at 7pm) Report Made  
03/03/15 – Submitted by Rep. Buckman

The Committee next considered Item No. 3. Lou Casolo, City Engineer, presented an overview of the status of the Interdistrict Magnet School and the Traffic Study which is presently a working document.

- <sup>3</sup>2. E29.019 REVIEW; the use of school security guards to enforce school attendance policies and mitigate truancy. (at 7pm) Report Made  
03/03/15 – Submitted by Rep. Quinones

Mr. John Perrotta, Safety and Security Administrator, reviewed the role of Security Guards, supervision, and follow-up with students who are reluctant to attend classes. He offered questions posed by Committee Members. Dr. Hamilton also spoke to the role and function of the Security Guards. All Security Guards are State certified.

The April Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 6:00 pm, pending Steering Committee approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Savage, Chair.

This meeting is on video ([Pt. 1](#) & [Pt. 2](#)).

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<sup>2</sup> Video Pt. 2 Time Stamp 00:00:52

<sup>3</sup> Video Pt. 2 Time Stamp 00:41:50