



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

Mary Savage, Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017  
**Time:** 7:00 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 Reps. Cerasoli, de la Cruz, Di Costanzo, Nabel and Wallace. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. Jacobson, Kolenberg and Quinones. Also present were Representative Zelinsky, Dr. Tamu Lucero, Richard Lyons and John Perrotta. Chair Savage called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. E29.042	REVIEW; Administration and Oversight of School Bus Transportation Operations including reports and/or data used. 05/26/17 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz	Held - Referred to BOE Operations Committee per Superintendent Kim.
2. E29.053	REVIEW; Provisions for Pedestrian Safety Around Stamford Public Schools. 06/04/17 – Submitted by Rep. de la Cruz	Report Made

The initiative “Safe Routes to Schools” and the involvement of Emily in its implementation was discussed. A question arose as to the possibility of removing the one mile from school mandate for students who ride school buses. After a brief discussion, it was seen to be more of a danger than a solution. At this time, it appears the schools most at risk in the area of pedestrian safety were Hart, Stark, KT Murphy and Rippowam. All school principals received an email requesting input regarding pedestrian safety around their school. Four responses were read into the record. Distracted driving on the part of the parents, and the lining up of cars prior to arrival and dismissal times were seen to be problematic. Mr. Perrotta said he would initiate contact with the Police Department to visit buildings to gather data and assess the needs at the site. An action plan, with periodic reviews, will be put in place once the data is gathered. Chief Fontneau will be contacted for input and follow-up. Plans should have long term and short term goals. The staff at each of the schools was commended for the excellent job they do in monitoring safety at each of the buildings. Mr. Travers will also be requested to assist in the visitation of the schools and in gathering the data.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Savage, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).