My name is Judy Goldberg, Vice President of Government Relations for the Connecticut Parent Teacher Association. The Connecticut Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and its over 38,000 members is submitting this written testimony in support of HB 5432.

The Connecticut Parent Teacher Association supports the establishment of a task force to study best practices regarding social-emotional learning (SEL) and requests an appointment to this important task force.

SEL is becoming a coordinating framework for how educators, families, and communities partner to promote students’ social, emotional and academic learning. Families, particularly parents, continue SEL in the home. It is important to a child’s education that they receive social-emotional learning inside and outside the classroom.

About Connecticut PTA

Connecticut PTA comprises over 38,000 members consisting of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools and well-being of children. PTA is a registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education, children’s health and child welfare. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health and welfare of children and youth.