WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF THE
CONNECTICUT PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)
BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE’S INSURANCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 27, 2018

RE: AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING
Raised Bill No. 199

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 the following bill:

SB 199 AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

The establishment of a more predictable special education funding formula and mechanism can only improve the ability of towns to provide a quality education for all students. Spikes in special education funding often result in significant adverse budget problems and necessitate cuts elsewhere in local school budgets. It is the PTA’s belief that predictability equates to quality.

Further, the CT PTA supports the creation of a Special Education Predictable Cost Cooperative Implementation Committee and would appreciate the opportunity to recommend the appointment of a parent or guardian of a child requiring special education to the committee as established in Section 2 of this bill.

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.