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## Education Committee Public Hearing

**WHERE:** Public Hearing by Zoom Video

**WHEN:** Wednesday March 3, 2021 10:00am EST

*REGISTRATION CLOSES:* Tuesday Mar. 2, 2021 3:00 PM

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### **Your Turn To Speak**

- *It will help to know the number of the bill you're testifying for (for Money Follows The Child - [SB 949 \(IN FAVOR\)](#), To testify against double funding - [SB 948 \(AGAINST\)](#), and request clarification on the Special Ed component of the expansion of Open Choice program - [SB 886 \(MAYBE\)](#)).*
- *When you are called, you may begin with "Chairmen Sanchez and McCrory, Ranking Members McCarty and Berthel". Introduce yourself very distinctly so the transcriber can understand, and mention your town and the number and title of the bill you'll be speaking on. In addition, most hearings and meetings are covered by Connecticut Network (CT-N) for broadcast over local cable access stations, Channel 59 on Optimum.*
- *Indicate right away whether you support the bill, oppose it, or are offering suggestions to improve it. Then explain your reasoning. Follow this procedure for each bill you discuss.*
- *Keep your remarks short; under 3 minutes is usually enough, your views and your name will then be clearly on record.*
- *When you finish, remain attentive for a moment, in case committee members want to ask questions. You will be dismissed by the committee clerk or co-chair and you are then be removed from the hearing and may continue to watch on CT-N or [YouTube Live](#).*

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2. Include the bill numbers (SB 949, SB 948, SB 886)
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