



## Granite State Christian Schools Association

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To the Honorable Members of the Senate Education Committee:

The Granite State Christian Schools Association, an organization comprised of over twenty-five New Hampshire Christian schools, **strongly supports prompt expedition and passage of SENATE BILL 372-FN.**

This proposed bill is compatible with our organization's goals both philosophically and methodologically.

The main benefit of this proposed legislation consists of a reduced cost burden on the public schools of all New Hampshire municipalities, as options are made more viable for some families desiring Christian school alternatives to public education. Both present and future over-capacity situations in public schools will be relieved. Demand for expansions and new public school construction will consequently be reduced, which will result in significant savings to municipalities and to the taxpayers.

Beyond this substantial reduction in future costs to the municipalities, passage of SB 372-FN would bring some degree of much-appreciated relief to the many Christian school families now required to bear a double cost burden for their children's educations.

Thank you for your attention to this most important step in re-establishing fiscal stability in our state and for your support of the many New Hampshire families choosing a Christian school alternative to public education.

Sincerely,

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