



October 20, 2011

Councilman Samuel D. Zurier
City Council Office
25 Dorrance Street
Room 310
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Councilman Zurier:

We are writing to respectfully request that this Honorable Council not vote on the Achievement First Resolution this evening but rather assign this matter to committee where there can be a full public vetting prior to Council action.

Shortly, our Unions shall join with students, parents and community organizations in proposing a comprehensive plan that will improve all our schools and provide a vision to move our district forward over the next several years. We believe that such a plan will be receptive to you and all members of this Honorable Council and that the Resolution presented this evening does not achieve similar "entire district" benefits but would in fact funnel much needed resources away from our district and our students.

Please postpone tonight's vote so we have the opportunity to put our best ideas forward.

Sincerely,

Steven F. Smith
President
Providence Teachers Union

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Business Manager
Public Employees' Local Union 1033