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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Tom Sannicandro**

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General  
 Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to education.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Tom Sannicandro | 7th Middlesex |

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to education.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1. **Whereas** the achievement gap defined by MCAS test scores for minorities, ethnic subgroups and poor students still exist.
2. **Whereas** intervention is needed to improve underperforming schools.

1. **Whereas** student drop out rates has reach a 14% high while still other students remain unaccounted.
2. **Whereas** the Hancock vs. Driscoll Case has demonstrated that school resource deficiencies still exist within the Massachusetts school system and Supreme Judicial Court left the resolution up to the legislature.
3. **Whereas** the funding formula adjustments are needed for both traditional and charter public schools, and the funding restored for MCAS remediation.
4. **Whereas** assessments for teachers through evaluation programs (603 CMR 35.00) and the program funding support is still lagging.
5. **Whereas** the Department of Education staffing shortfall has not been corrected.