

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 550 OF 2007-2008.]

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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 **1.** **Whereas** the achievement gap defined by MCAS test scores for minorities, ethnic subgroups and poor
2 students still exist.
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- 4 **2.** **Whereas** intervention is needed to improve underperforming schools.
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- 6 **3.** **Whereas** student drop out rates has reach a 14% high while still other students remain unaccounted.
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- 8 **4.** **Whereas** the Hancock vs. Driscoll Case has demonstrated that school resource deficiencies still exist within the
9 Massachusetts school system and Supreme Judicial Court left the resolution up to the legislature.
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- 11 **5.** **Whereas** the funding formula adjustments are needed for both traditional and charter public schools, and the
12 funding restored for MCAS remediation.
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- 14 **6.** **Whereas** assessments for teachers through evaluation programs (603 CMR 35.00) and the program funding
15 support is still lagging.
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- 17 **7.** **Whereas** the Department of Education staffing shortfall has not been corrected.
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