

This is who we are

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To the editor:

In response to the Jan. 8 letter to the editor titled, "Who are these people?" -- Stamford Residents for Excellence in Education (SREE) is a political action committee comprised of a large group of Stamford citizens who are concerned about Middle School Reform. The group was formed in 2009 to bring together, in an organized fashion, Stamford residents who support Middle School Reform, but believe that aspects of the reform that place below-grade-level children and above-grade-level children in the same classes for core subjects are a mistake and unsupported by credible research. Ms. Napolitano clearly did not attend the myriad of Board of Education meetings in 2009 during which dozens of residents -- many members of SREE -- spoke against the problematic aspects of the "reform," nor did she explore the website on which our petitions to the Board of Education with hundreds of signatures on them are included.

There are many outstanding issues surrounding Middle School Reform and SREE will continue to be involved to make sure that they are publicly addressed, like any other advocacy group.

SREE invites anyone who is concerned about the education system in Stamford to join our group by adding your name to the e-mail list on our Web site. Our mission is to ensure that the educational system challenges all students to reach their fullest potential and we hope to accomplish that through working with the Board of Education and the superintendent to ensure that all residents' needs and concerns are addressed. The contributions requested are used to maintain the Web site and e-mail tool and to support future Board of Education candidates' campaigns.

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