

JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION HEARING

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Testimony of Maundy
In Support of: Senate Bill 367

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Hello. My name is Maundy. I'm a senior in high school. In my free time, I love watching Formula 1 — because I like seeing the drivers take their seats and work with their team to make big decisions. Students deserve that same chance — to have a voice — **and more importantly, a vote** — in the decisions that shape our schools.

I am a representative for Students Speak. Students Speak helps students raise their voices about issues that affect our schools and communities. I'm here today to share why I support Senate Bill 367.

This bill matters to me because students deserve not just to be heard, but to be listened to. Having student representatives with **full voting rights** on every school committee means that students can finally get a say in the decisions that impact them.

When I was a freshman, our school gathered students to share ideas about what could be improved. My classmates had great suggestions — things that could have made a real difference. But even though we spoke up, nothing changed. It felt disappointing, because if our school had listened, students could have had a better experience.

In the same way, it's not enough for students to simply be on the school committee. Without the ability to vote, student representatives are observers, not participants. **They must get a vote.**

Students Speak is working to build a coalition of organizations across the Commonwealth to support Senate Bill 367 **and** student voices — because when students speak, schools should listen. And if schools listen, they will get better.

I strongly support Senate Bill 367. Please consider improving the bill by giving students voting powers.

Thank you for your time.