



NORWICH FREE ACADEMY

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NFA Statement -- Governor's Bill No. 786

We are thoroughly reviewing the proposed bill to fully understand its intent and determine its consequences upon Norwich Free Academy. We look forward to discussions with our elected leaders and others as part of that process.

As framed, it appears the bill would have profound consequences for NFA, which is the state's only privately governed, independently endowed academy. Since 1854, NFA has delivered both educational excellence to the region's students and economic value to all partner districts.

Independent governance is a core principle of NFA's philosophy and operations. Free of politics, and with the generosity of the NFA Foundation, Inc., Norwich Free Academy's unique structure provides our students abundant course offerings, a diverse campus atmosphere and enriching extracurricular opportunities, unparalleled in the region.

It is a legacy and a mission we will vigorously defend.

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