

Senator Rotundo, Representative Gattine, members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, and Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

Good morning, my name is Scarlett Katzenbach and I am 8 years old. I live in Farmington and I am a 3rd grade student at Cascade Brook School in RSU 9.

I really like UTime because it is about teaching people to be kind. And to follow your dreams. One UTime activity is when we made posters of helping people. The posters say kind words. On one of the posters I wrote, "Be a Bee not a Fly" which means try to see the good in people because bees see the flowers, while flies are attracted to other things.

UTimes help me be a better teammate and understand people. One UTimes we did was qualities in friends. We had to write down what we want in a friend. And then students came around and looked at them. All of them were different but we did have some of the same things. A kind friend, a friend that follows rules, and ones that are smart.

In UTime we also read books that connect to the lesson. We read the book, "I am Enough". In the book we learned about how to be ourselves, and what we are here to do in the world. For me, I want to be an actress.

I hope they don't get rid of UTimes, because it is really fun and it helps you understand everything. It makes you feel kind and helpful inside.

UTimes have made me a better person because it has given me options when I need help or someone needs help.

Thank you,
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