

Please keep the funding for CHSUT
CHSUT Community Site - St. Albans PTP

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My name is Gene Quick. I'm 34 years old. I dropped out of high school in the eleventh grade. I was about 18 years old. I went to jail at the age of 19 for the first time in my life. What a culture shock that was! At that point in my life I wanted nothing more to do with school. I knew though, that I needed a high school education to get a job. I attempted twice to complete a GED course but failed both times.

When I got out of jail I tried working. Employers wouldn't hire me though because I didn't have a diploma or GED. I tried numerous times to get employment ~~but~~, it never amounted to anything concrete.

I went to jail again, for ten years in 2007. I found the Community High School of Vermont. They offered me a chance to get my diploma and use it to get a job. I secured 3 or 4 credits towards my high completion.

I got out of jail in 2011 and re-enrolled into CHSUT. Again I have the opportunity to get my diploma. The classes are easy to follow. A small number of students and not long hours. I commit to 10 hours each week to school. I love learning math, because I dreaded it in school. I know that an

Obtuse angle is more than 90° . An acute angle is more less than 90° . And a right angle has 2 sides that form a 90° angle.

MY reason for writing is such, if you take away CHSUT's funding you will be taking away my opportunity to get my diploma. As an ex-inmate I can say this, inmates need all the help they can get. Don't deny them the chance to get proper education, I have no other means to obtain a diploma.

The teachers are far and in between, meaning the few we do have work hard to teach us, and they love their jobs. They teach because they want to. Not because someone makes them. But the knowledge they leave us is endless.

I ask that you consider continuing funding for CHSUT so that others and myself can keep part taking in this incredible opportunity to expand our education's. Thank you.

Sincerely, Gene Quirk