

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM PTC REGARDING ECS CUTS  
WRITE TO PROTEST THE GOVERNOR'S CUTS TO EDUCATION FUNDING**

To all parents/guardians:

Governor Rell is proposing to cut over \$426,000 in state educational aid to Stamford, **MONEY THAT WAS ALREADY PROMISED TO OUR CITY**. It is essential that you take a few minutes to write the Governor, Lt. Governor and our state delegation.

Below is a model letter- similar to the one the pt council executive board sent. Feel free to cut and paste it, or to edit it, or write your own.

Below the letter are the email addresses of the intended recipients.

Please include your address at the bottom of your letter- they must know the letters come from their constituents.

**THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND CAN HAVE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT. THESE OFFICIALS RARELY GET MASS LETTERS FROM OUR CITY. WE NEED TO FIGHT THESE CUTS.**

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO WRITE.**

Dear Governor Rell, Lt. Governor Fedele and Members of Stamford's Legislative Delegation:

As a Stamford resident and taxpayer, I am writing to protest the Governor's proposed cuts of over \$426,000 in Stamford's Educational Cost Sharing (ECS) funding.

Stamford's school district has substantial and costly needs. Over 40% of Stamford's students qualify for free and reduced price lunch, almost 15% of its students are English Language Learners, 37% of its students come from homes where English is not the first language and about 10% of our students have disabilities. Despite this level of need, Stamford has historically been underfunded by the State. In fact, our district must rely on local funding for 86% of our budget. Our district receives one tenth the amount of ECS funding that most similarly situated municipalities receive.

In our struggle to compensate for inadequate state educational funding, our city contends with divisive battles over the school budget every year. Year after year, our schools have to cut staff, services and programs. With dwindling resources, we must meet ever increasing mandates.

It is inconceivable that the state would wreak further havoc to our schools by cutting already promised funding. Such cuts will be devastating to our school budget. Regardless of the economic climate we are in, we must continue to properly educate all our children. Depriving students of needed educational resources will only cause our students to fall behind. The lasting consequences of an inadequate education are far more costly in the long run than any short term savings that may accompany such funding cuts.

I urge you not to make the cuts to the ECS funds. Neither our City nor our State can afford the lasting damage that will result.

Sincerely,

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Thank you and have a nice weekend.  
PT Council