

State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

April 28, 2014

Mayor Erin Stewart
27 West Main Street
New Britain, CT 06051
Dear Mayor Stewart:

We are writing to express our concern about the dispute between your office and the New Britain Board of Education regarding the budget for New Britain schools. In our opinion, rolling-back the budget to \$118.8 million would violate the state's minimum budget requirement (CGS § 10-262i(c)), and the students of New Britain the high-quality education they deserve.

Our delegation works extremely hard to secure significant state education funds for our schools so as to ensure our students get the best possible education.

Education funding has consistently increased every year for New Britain. The delegation and Governor Malloy promised, over the past three years, to increase education funding to the New Britain school district and we have delivered on that promise.

State education ECS and Alliance grant funding to New Britain, which does not include other funding such as commissioners network and grants, is as follows:

- **2012 \$73,816,491**
- **2013 \$75,111,949**
- **2014 \$81,027,680**
- **2015 \$85,008,849 (projected)**

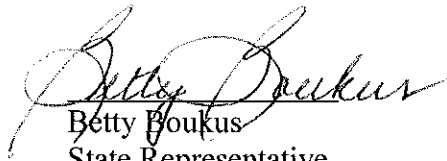
The current impasse over the education budget allocation is troubling and we fear the implications it might have on future education funding.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance as we all care for the future of our most important municipal endeavor – educating New Britain's children.

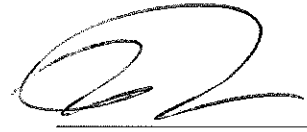
Sincerely,



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