

*Robert J. Paek*

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA 2013 SEP 12 A 9 25  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS TOWN CLERK  
740 MAIN STREET EAST HARTFORD  
EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

**7:00 Executive Session**

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**Announcement of Exit Locations (C.G.S. § 29-381)**

Pledge of Allegiance 7:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA
3. RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS
  - A. Protectors of Animals Day in honor of Linda Williams
4. OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS
  - A. Other Elected Officials
  - B. Other Residents
  - C. Mayor
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. September 3, 2013 Executive Session/Tax Appeals & Negron
  - B. September 3, 2013 Regular Meeting
6. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS
  - A. Presentation by EHPD: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA)
  - B. Presentation by Board of Education: East Hartford Public Schools Test Scores
7. OLD BUSINESS
8. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Greater Hartford Transit District re: Dial-A-Ride Grant
9. OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION
10. COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS
  - A. Workers' Compensation Claims: Trent Reopell
11. OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK
  - A. Other Elected Officials
  - B. Other Residents
  - C. Mayor
12. ADJOURNMENT (next meeting: October 1, 2013)



## *PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, In 1998 Linda Williams was able to devote her talent and energy as a full-time volunteer at Protectors of Animals; and*

*WHEREAS, she has evolved from a volunteer to a true POA champion, serving on the Board of Directors and helping to find Protectors of Animals a much needed permanent home in 2000 at 144 Main Street in East Hartford with the help of her husband Jim; and*

*WHEREAS, Linda served on the Board of Directors as Fundraising Coordinator, coordinating the Fur Ball for eight years, as well as the Holiday Fair and numerous other successful fundraising activities throughout the years; and*

*WHEREAS, for 15 years Linda has been the organization's "go-to" person; training 63 volunteers, scheduling and training 16 clean and feed volunteers at the Glastonbury PetSmart, maintaining supplies for both the cat and dog divisions, fostering cats and kittens, putting together the quarterly newsletter and bulk mailings, producing and placing advertising and posters, sending out thank you letters to POA's generous donors, and even calling the plumber, Linda has helped the cat shelter run smoothly; and*

*WHEREAS, Linda has immersed herself in POA's mission of animal rescue and the organization has been reaping the benefits of Linda's hard-work, dedication and compassion for 15 years*

*NOW, THEREFORE, Let It Be Known, that I, Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor of the great Town of East Hartford am proud to join with animal lovers, family and friends to proclaim this day September 17<sup>th</sup>*

### *Protectors of Animals Day in Honor of Linda Williams*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I herewith set my hand and cause the seal of the Town of East Hartford to be affixed this seventeenth day of September Two Thousand and Thirteen.*

*Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor*

*Robert J. Bart*

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TOWN COUNCIL MAJORITY OFFICE

SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Majority Leader Barbara-Ann Rossi, Minority Leader Eric A. Thompson, Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Linda A. Russo, Ram Aberasturia, Patricia Harmon and Esther B. Clarke

ABSENT Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr.

ALSO Scott Chadwick, Corporation Counsel  
PRESENT Brian Smith, Assessor

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

MOTION By Eric Thompson  
seconded by Barbara Rossi  
to **go into** Executive Session to discuss the following cases:

1. Edward Wilson v Town of East Hartford – Tax Appeal
2. 800 Connecticut Boulevard, LLC v Town of East Hartford – Tax Appeal
3. Commerce Center One, LLC v Town of East Hartford – Tax Appeal
4. Solar Todd Trust v Town of East Hartford – Tax Appeal:
  - a) 818-850 Silver Lane
  - b) 794-810 Silver Lane
5. Rafael Negrón v Town of East Hartford – Personal Injury Claim

Motion carried 8/0.

MOTION By Eric Thompson  
seconded by Barbara Rossi  
to **go back to** Regular Session.  
Motion carried 8/0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Eric Thompson  
seconded by Barbara Rossi  
to **adjourn** (7:32 p.m.)  
Motion carried 8/0.

Attest



Richard F. Kehoe  
Town Council Chair

*Robert J. Rossi*

EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

2013 SEP -9 A 9:12

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TOWN CLERK  
EAST HARTFORD

SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair William P. Horan, Jr.(arrived 7:50 p.m.),  
Majority Leader Barbara-Ann Rossi, Minority Leader Eric A. Thompson,  
Councillors Marc I. Weinberg, Linda A. Russo, Ram Aberasturia, Patricia  
Harmon and Esther B. Clarke

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. The Chair announced the exit locations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §29-381, after which the Council joined him in the pledge of allegiance.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Susan Kniep, 44-46 and 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) suggested that the Council provide some insight into the matters on the Executive Session at the start of the regular meeting, so that the public has an opportunity to speak to those issues; (2) believes that the agenda item on the relocation of billboards should be more specific, listing the property that the billboards will be relocated to; and (3) strongly urged the Council not to approve the relocation of the billboards at 275 Conn Boulevard due to (a) the noise generated by the electronic signs, (b) the lights from the digital display could be excessive, and (c) the environmental impact on the community.

Mayor Leclerc (1) stated that there is a new CERT class on September 19<sup>th</sup> – applications are available at the Public Safety Complex and the Mayor's office. The Mayor also announced that Jeff Cummings will be honored at that meeting for his commitment to the CERT team; (2) announced that the EHPD reported that August 28<sup>th</sup>, the first day of school, was successful in traffic control and student safety; (3) reminded all that Fall Fest will begin October 12<sup>th</sup>; (4) showed the Council the newspaper article on Susan Hansen, the new Library Director and reiterated what a great addition she is to the Mayor's team and will have an update for the Council on the progress of the Library renovations in October; and (5) fully supports the relocation of the billboards presently at 275 Conn Boulevard and hoped the Council will support it as well.

At this point, Chair Kehoe noted the deaths of Wallace "Wally" Inkpen, the town's Deputy Assessor for the past seven years, and Gregory Choquette, the brother of John Choquette who is the Assistant to the Mayor. They will be missed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 20, 2013 Executive Session/Eady

MOTION By Barbara Rossi

seconded by Pat Harmon  
to **approve** the minutes of the August 20, 2013 Executive Session/Eady.  
Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Russo, Thompson

August 20, 2013 Public Hearing/Mayor's Salary & Relocation of Billboards

MOTION By Barbara Rossi  
seconded by Bill Horan  
to **approve** the minutes of the August 20, 2013 Public Hearing/Mayor's  
Salary and Relocation of Billboards.  
Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Russo, Thompson

August 20, 2013 Regular Meeting

MOTION By Barbara Rossi  
seconded by Pat Harmon  
to **approve** the minutes of the August 20, 2013 Regular Meeting.  
Motion carried 7/0. **Abstain:** Russo, Thompson

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation from Ordinance re: Relocation of Billboards at 275 Conn Boulevard

MOTION By Bill Horan  
seconded by Barbara Rossi  
to **approve** the proposed agreement, dated August 28, 2013, between the  
Town of East Hartford, Martin Motors, LLC, The O'Meara Foundation and  
The 1900 Corporation, as outlined in a letter dated August 30, 2013 from  
Robert DeCrescenzo, Attorney for the 1900 Corporation, to Rich Gentile,  
Assistant Corporation Counsel.

MOTION By Eric Thompson  
seconded by Bill Horan  
to **amend** the motion by adding the following to the original motion:  
"...provided that such billboard facings not be visible or audible from the  
residential properties on Roberts Street".  
Motion carried 9/0.

On call of the vote of the amended motion, motion carried 9/0.

Municipal Tax Lien – Mobile Homes

MOTION By Bill Horan  
seconded by Barbara Rossi  
that the Town Council **waive** the bidding requirements set forth in the  
Town of East Hartford Code of Ordinances §10-7 and, pursuant to  
Connecticut General Statutes §12-195, assign tax liens as set forth on  
Exhibit A of a letter from VMF TL1, LLC to Michael Walsh, Finance  
Director dated August 8, 2013, to VMF TL1, LLC for the total sum of  
\$5,000.00.  
Motion carried 9/0.

Refund of Taxes

MOTION By Marc Weinberg  
seconded by Eric Thompson  
to **refund** taxes in the amount of \$5,009.90  
pursuant to Section 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes.  
Motion carried 9/0.

Bill	Name	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info.	Over Paid
2012-03-0050423	AGARWALA SANDIP	2004//3N1CB51D14L463055	\$ (29.76)
2012-03-0051182	ANDERSON EXELEEE	2002//1G8JW54R32Y539347	\$ (24.41)
2012-03-0051530	ARI FLEET LT	2008//3FRWF65Z28V646536	\$ (120.32)
2012-03-0051657	ARRIETTA RAYMOND A	1996//1FALP6534TK213868	\$ (10.75)
2012-03-0052209	BAKER WALTER F	2003//1FMZU77E73UA99253	\$ (98.77)
2012-03-0053381	BLAKE ALTON	2000//JNKCA31A0YT113619	\$ (13.69)
2012-03-0054607	BUDAJ MICHAEL J	1996//1FMCU24X5TUC54879	\$ (23.05)
2012-03-0054780	BURNHAM MARK L	1997//1G2NE52M9VM558728	\$ (6.45)
2012-03-0055398	CARBALLO JOSE A	2002//JS1GR7HA722106103	\$ (59.93)
2012-03-0056424	CHILD MARK J	1952//528B6424	\$ (12.55)
2011-02-0042669	CLEAR WIRELESS LLC	284 PRESTIGE PARK RD	\$(3,132.22)
2011-04-0081817	DALE MARVIN T	2008//1N4AL21E78N474405	\$ (280.40)
2012-03-0058616	DALY MARY D OR DALY CHARLES D	1998//1LNF97V0WY727200	\$ (28.98)
2012-03-0061452	FASCIONE SUSAN M	2007//1FAHP31N77W124919	\$ (19.06)
2012-03-0062782	FREEMAN BRADFORD D	1991//JP3CU14A1MU020671	\$ (9.43)
2011-04-0088701	HAAS DEBORAH J	1996//1FMEU15NXTLA78255	\$ (40.18)
2012-03-0065694	HEBERT KEVIN K	1996//1G4HP52K1TH450669	\$ (7.33)
2012-03-0065841	HENRY WILLIAM	2001//4A3AA46G71E105701	\$ (19.14)
2012-03-0065914	HERNANDEZ EUDESIA J	1998//1FTYR10CXWUA46980	\$ (9.62)
2011-03-0066651	HJ CONTRACTORS	2004//WVGCM67L94D010217	\$ (145.20)
2012-03-0066564	HONDA LEASE TRUST	2010//1HGCP2F77AA089121	\$ (185.52)

2012-03-0070616	LIDSTONE ELIZABETH R OR LIDSTONE PETER	2003//2G1WF52E839374681	\$ (29.01)
2012-03-0073443	MICHAUD NANCY	2001//1FTRX17W11NA98317	\$ (15.72)
2012-03-0073755	MIRANDA JOSEFA U	2001//JN1CA31D21T626049	\$ (14.88)
2012-03-0075873	OLHABERRY ALAIN P	2000//1G3WH52H8YF186074	\$ (17.43)
2012-03-0076626	PANTANO PAOLO	1998//1LNFM82W0WY630217	\$ (22.35)
2012-03-0078310	POSTEMSKI HEATHER L OR POSTEMSKI ROBER D JR	2007//1G1AL15F177281458	\$ (21.51)
2011-01-0007233	POWELL-DYER LORNA	21 FRANCIS ST	\$ (99.61)
2012-03-0079492	REYES-SIFUENTES AIDA N	2003//4A3AA46G93E163067	\$ (24.10)
2012-03-0080057	RIVERA RENE M	1996//1Y1SK5263TZ065504	\$ (6.54)
2012-03-0082029	SANTIAGO ODETTE A	1999//1G3WS52H5XF316814	\$ (8.25)
2011-04-0087433	SNOW KELSIE M	1997//JN1CA21D0VT873022	\$ (29.95)
2012-03-0083617	SNOW KELSIE M	1997//JN1CA21D0VT873022	\$ (114.58)
2012-03-0085732	TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP	2011//4T1BF3EK7BU124437	\$ (316.34)
2012-03-0085996	TUGGLE RANDY J	1994//2T1AE09B3RC079175	\$ (6.45)
2012-03-0088380	WILSON CARLOS R	1999//4T1BG22K2XU507527	\$ (6.42)
		TOTAL	\$(5,009.90)

#### Appointment to the Hockanum River Commission

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Barbara Rossi  
to **approve** the appointment of Fern Strong to the Hockanum River  
Commission, whose term shall expire December 2014.  
Motion carried 9/0.

#### Appointment to the Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals

MOTION By Linda Russo  
seconded by Barbara Rossi  
to **approve** the appointment of Eileen Driscoll to the Property Maintenance  
Code Board of Appeals, whose term shall expire December 2015.  
Motion carried 9/0.

#### Outdoor Amusement Permit Applications:

##### Gengras Harley-Davidson Fall Open House

MOTION By Bill Horan  
seconded by Barbara Rossi

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application, entitled "Gengras Harley-Davidson Fall Open House", as submitted by Hannah Gavin, Events Coordinator for Gengras Motor Cars, Inc., to conduct an open house featuring music, a free lunch for customers and a stunt show to be held at 221 Governor Street on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 5PM, with music during those same hours, and Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 3PM, with music during those same hours, subject to compliance with adopted codes and regulations of the State of Connecticut, the Town of East Hartford, and any other stipulations required by the Town of East Hartford or its agencies.  
Motion carried 9/0.

Scout Family Fun Day

MOTION By Ram Aberasturia  
seconded by Eric Thompson  
to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit entitled, "Scout Family Fun Day", submitted by Timothy Lynch, Activities Chair for the East Hartford Boy Scouts – Hockanum River District, to conduct a scouting demonstration event to be held at Alumni Park on Main Street in East Hartford on Saturday, September 7, 2013 from 8AM to 4PM with music from approximately 9AM to 3PM, subject to compliance with adopted codes and regulations of the State of Connecticut, the Town of East Hartford, and any other stipulations required by the Town of East Hartford or its agencies; and to **waive** the associated permit fee under the provisions of Town Ordinance Section 5-6(c) as the Boy Scouts of America is a not-for-profit organization.  
Motion carried 9/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

None

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Edward Wilson v Town of East Hartford – Tax Appeal

MOTION By Barbara Rossi  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **accept** the Corporation Counsel's recommendation to settle the pending real property tax appeal known as Edward Wilson v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-12-6015608S, involving 235 East River Drive, Unit 206, from the fair market value of \$380,000 to the fair market value of \$320,000 which shall generate a reduction of \$1,797.18 in property taxes.  
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain:** Horan



Commerce Center One, LLC v Town of East Hartford – Tax Appeal

MOTION By Barbara Rossi  
seconded by Esther Clarke  
to **accept** the Corporation Counsel's recommendation to settle the pending real property tax appeal known as Commerce Center One, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-12-6015902S, involving 333 East River Drive, from the fair market value of \$9,640,430 to the fair market value of \$9,100,000 which shall generate a reduction of \$16,187.50 in property taxes.  
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain:** Horan

800 Connecticut Boulevard, LLC v Town of East Hartford – Tax Appeal

MOTION By Barbara Rossi  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **accept** the Corporation Counsel's recommendation to settle the pending real property tax appeal known as 800 Connecticut Boulevard, LLC v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-12-6015712S, involving 800 Connecticut Boulevard, from the fair market value of \$6,940,680 to the fair market value of \$5,500,000 which shall generate a reduction of \$43,152.70 in property taxes.  
Motion carried 6/2. **Nay:** Thompson, Clarke **Abstain:** Horan

Solar Todd Trust v Town of East Hartford – Tax Appeal:

818-850 Silver Lane

MOTION By Barbara Rossi  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **accept** the Corporation Counsel's recommendation to settle the pending real property tax appeal known as Solar Todd Trust v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-12-6015436S, involving 818-850 Silver Lane, from the fair market value of \$3,432,950 to the fair market value of \$3,150,000 which shall generate a reduction of \$10,106.15 in property taxes.  
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain:** Horan

794-810 Silver Lane

MOTION By Barbara Rossi  
seconded by Linda Russo  
to **accept** the Corporation Counsel's recommendation to settle the pending real property tax appeal known as Solar Todd Trust v. Town of East Hartford, Docket No. CV-12-6015436S, involving 794-810 Silver Lane, from the fair market value of \$1,054,450 to the fair market value of \$1,000,000 which shall generate a reduction of \$1,630.94 in property taxes.  
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain:** Horan

Rafael Negron v Town of East Hartford – Personal Injury Claim

MOTION By Barbara Rossi  
seconded by Ram Aberasturia  
to **accept** the Corporation Counsel's recommendation to fully and finally settle the personal injury claim brought by Rafael Negron, with a loss date of July 11, 2011, for the total sum of \$15,000.00.  
Motion carried 8/0. **Abstain:** Horan

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Susan Kniep, 44-46, 50 Olde Roberts Street, (1) thanked the Council for the specific information included in the Executive Session motions; (2) suggested that the amount of taxes in dispute should be included when listing the tax appeal cases on the agenda; (3) believes that the Town Council failed to address the impact of electronic billboards to the property values in the community; (4) thinks the Council should be mindful that the tax lien sales on the agenda represent residents losing their homes because they cannot afford the taxes based on the mill rate; and (5) asked that the Council update the public as to the financial impact of the MDC lawsuit to the community.

Marc Weinberg wished all Jewish residents a happy Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Councillor Weinberg also reminded all that Friends of Center Cemetery will hold their Lantern Tour next weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Eric Thompson  
seconded by Bill Horan  
to **adjourn** (9:00 p.m.).  
Motion carried 9/0.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Town Council would be on September 17, 2013.

Attest Angela M. Attenello  
Angela M. Attenello  
TOWN COUNCIL CLERK

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T O W N O F E A S T H A R T F O R D  
O F F I C E O F T H E M A Y O R

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**DATE:** September 11, 2013

**TO:** Richard Kehoe, Chairman

**FROM:** Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc 

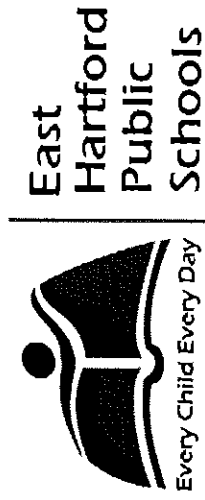
**RE:** PRESENTATION: CALEA

Chief Sirois has requested time on the agenda for a presentation and update on the CALEA program.

Please place on the Town Council agenda for the September 17, 2013 meeting.

Thank you

**C:** M. Sirois, Chief, Police Department



# East Hartford Public Schools

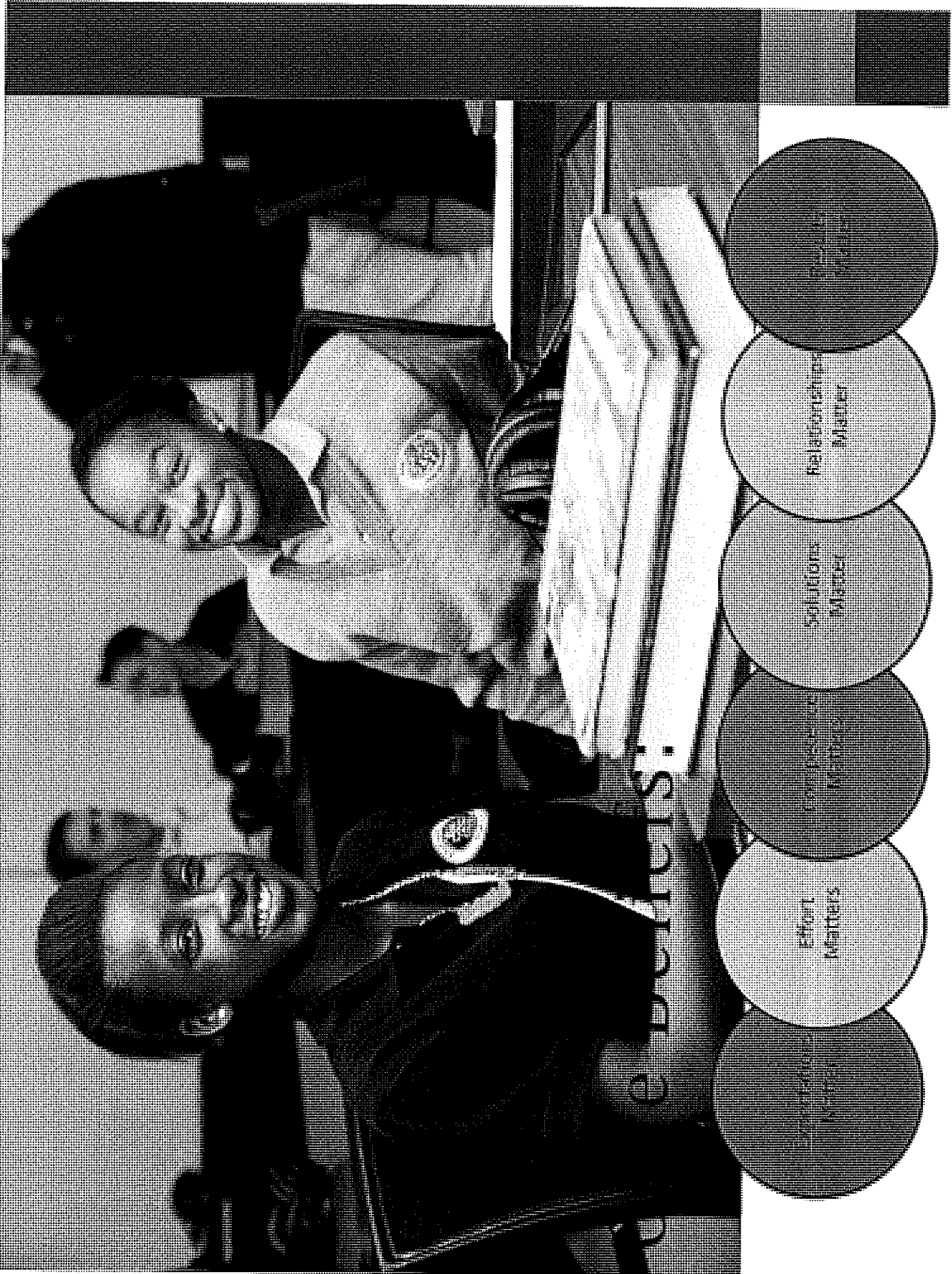
Presentation to Town Council  
September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013

CMT/CAPT Testing Update



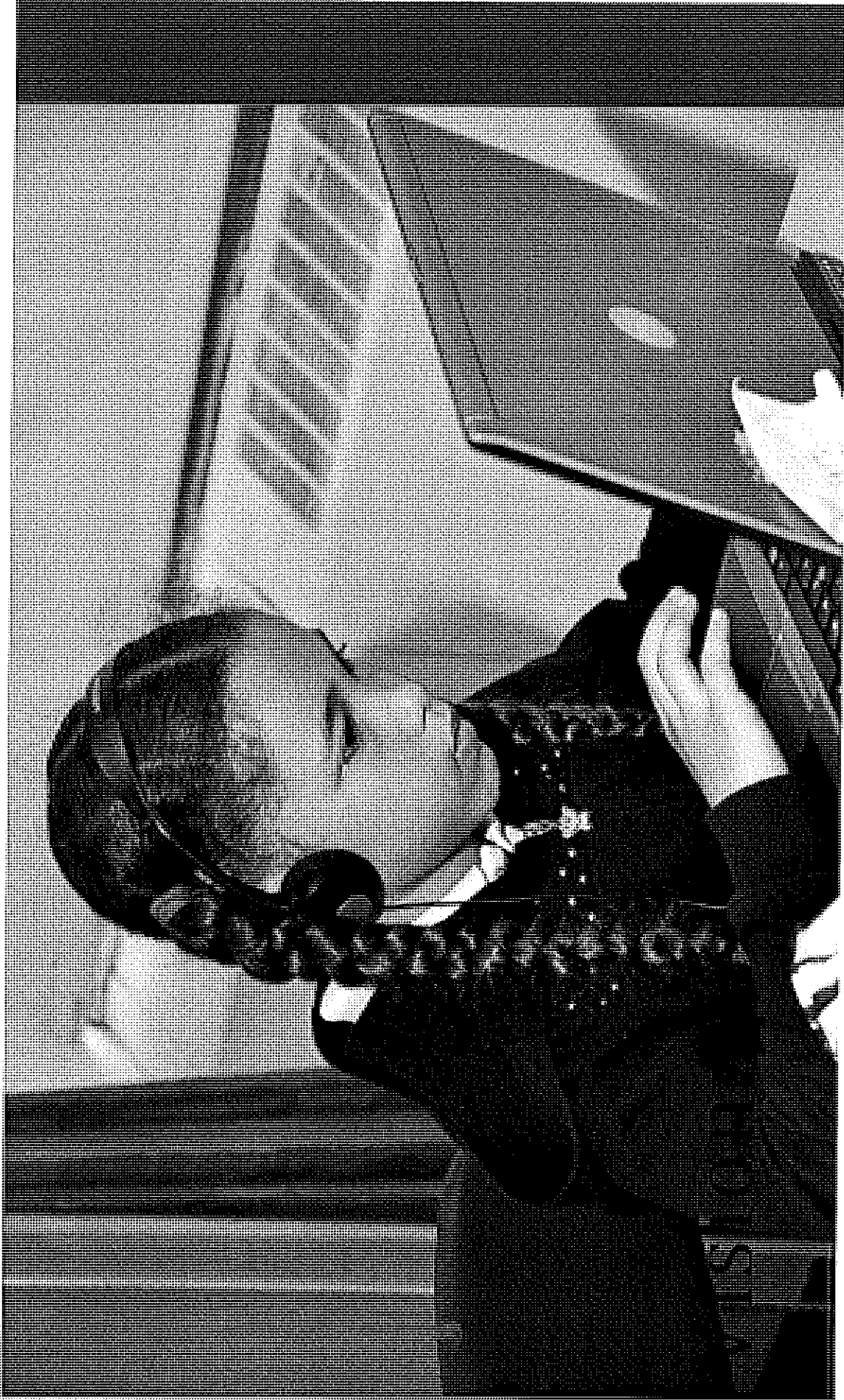
# Agenda:

- To review our student achievement data from 2012-2013 as a directional guide for our district and schools.
- To review our district to school planning process that leads to **efficient** implementation.

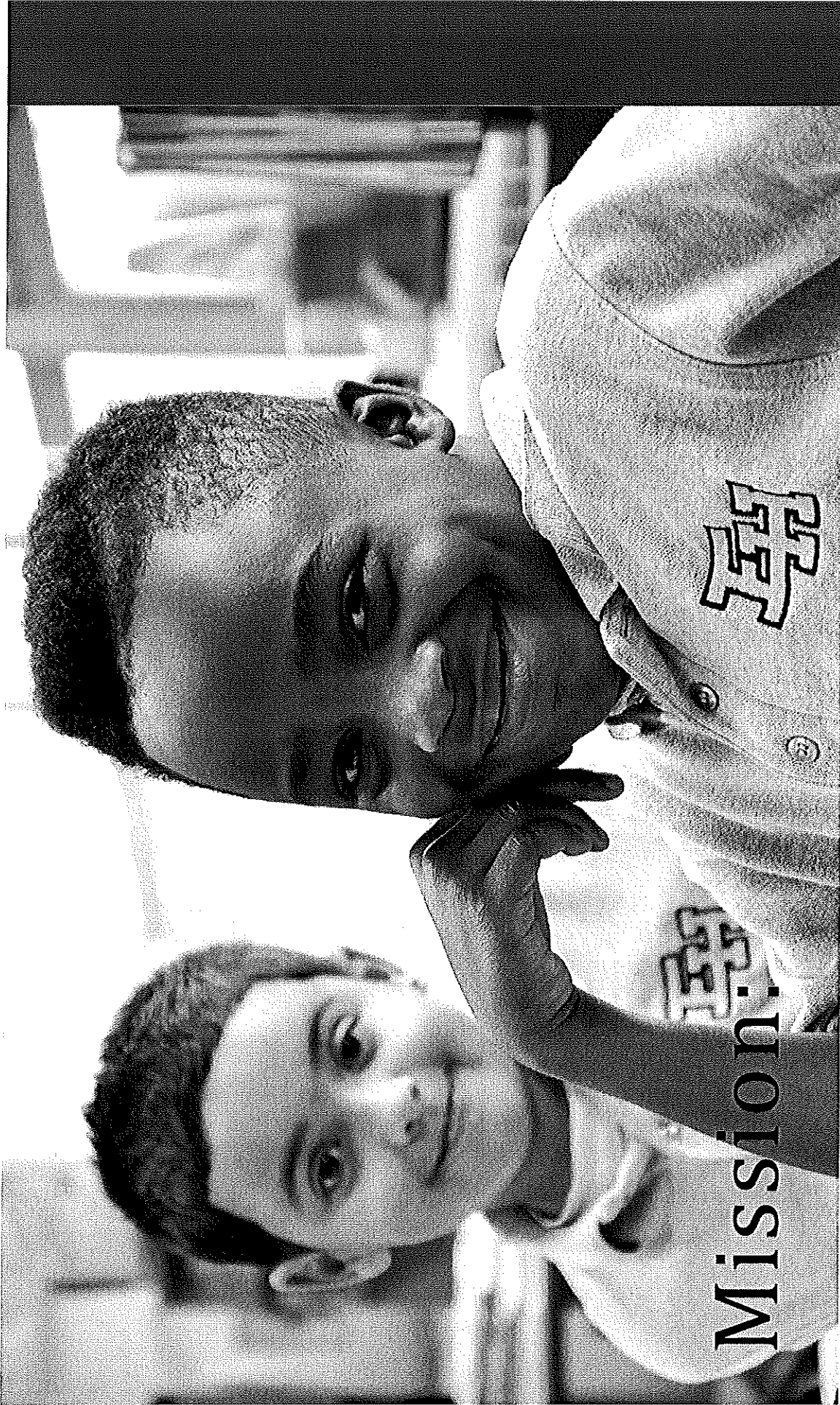


# EDUCIS!

- Effort Matters
- Communication Matters
- Solutions Matter
- Relationships Matter
- Attitude Matters



**Schools that are the Pride of our Community**



**MISSION:**

*To deliver a high quality learning experience for  
**EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY.***







## Looking Backwards to See what is in Front

Understanding our current performance levels in order to drive change

# Some Definitions

## **Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT)**

- The standard assessment administered to students in Grades 3 through 8. Students are assessed in the content areas of reading, mathematics, writing and science (Grades 5 and 8).

## **Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT)**

- The standard assessment administered to students in Grade 10. Students are assessed in the content areas of reading, mathematics, writing and science.

*\* Reports of individual student achievement relative to performance standards for these assessments are provided to the school districts and parents/guardians of each student tested.*



# Some Definitions

- **Raw Data:** Raw district data provides a comparison of grade levels over time (ex: Scores of 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders in 2011-2012 as compared to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders in 2012-2013). It should be noted that raw data does not reflect “cohort” or similar students across grades.
- **Cohort Data:** Cohort data provides a comparison of relatively the same group of students compared across two school years, ie. Grade 5:2011-2012 to Grade 6: 2012-2013. This data provides a better picture of growth or regression in terms of learning.
- **Trend line/pattern:** A statistical term used to demonstrate a prevailing direction of data points. A trend line is often used to sort large amounts of data to predict future occurrences.
- **Statistical Significance:** A measure that expresses the probability that the result of a study has merit or meaning in terms of results.



# Celebrations of 2012-2013

## Awards:

- Top Work Place Award (2X)
- EHHS College Board Honor Roll 3X
- CIBA: #1 Magnet High School in CT, #2 in New England (US News)
- EHMS New England League of Schools: Spotlight School

## Work Accomplished (non conclusive):

- New District Strategic Plan (EH15)
- New District Vision/ Mission Statements
- Restructured District Organization
- IB PYP Initiation Year O'Connell School
- NCTL: Extended School Day, O'Connell School
- CK-3LI Pilot Year Norris School
- Alliance Plan Implementation (Mayberry, Norris, O'Brien, Silver Lane)
- Quality Review Audit at Alliance Schools
- Stevens Alternative High School Audit/Redesign Plan
- K-6 Standards Based Report Cards



District Raw Performance Data 2012 vs. 2013:  
 (ex: Grade 5:2011-2012 as compared to Grade 5:2013-2014—different kids)

GRADE	SAFETY Prof	MATHS Change	READ Prof	READ % Change	WRT Prof	WRT % Change	SCI Prof	SCI % Change
3	67	9	65	7	64	Not tracked	Not tracked	
4	66	7	59	3	75	8		
5	62	0	64	0	76	5	59	1
6	69	3	70	5	77	1	Not tracked	
7	63	7	63	0	68	5		
8	68	4	64	0	76	0	45	
10	57	2	61	7	84	13	60	8

## District Academic Achievement Data



District Cohort Data 2012 vs. 2013:  
 (ex: Grade 5:2011-2012 as compared to Grade 6:2013-2014-roughly same kids)

Grade	Grade 2012 2011-2012	East Hartford Math Prof % Change	State Math Prof % Change	East Hartford Reading % Change	State Reading % Change	East Hartford WMT % Change	State WMT % Change
2 (first school)	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	4	6.1	3.2	5.8	0.3		
4	5	7.3	0.7	9.5	1		
5	6	5.3	0.2	16.8	4.8		
6	7	2					
7	8	2.5	3.2	9.7	1.8		
Camden University of Health							
East Hartford							

## District Academic Achievement Data



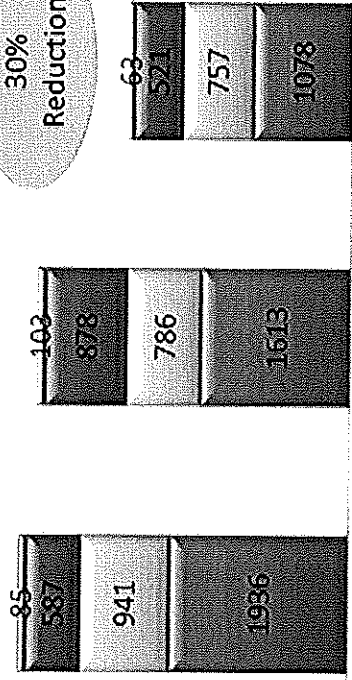
# School Highlight Data Points

- ★ Goodwin grade 4 students increased 14% points in reading and 16% points in writing at proficient and above.
- ★ Hockanum grade 4 students performed 19% points above the state average at goal and 10% points above state average at proficient and above in math.
- ★ Langford grade 5 students moved 14% points in writing at proficient or above.
- ★ Mayberry grade 4 students improved 24% points in reading at proficient or above.
- ★ Norris grade 6 students improved 23% points in writing at proficient or above.
- ★ O'Brien grade 6 students increased 16% points in reading at proficient or above.
- ★ Pitkin grade 6 students performed 13% points above the state average at goal and 16% points above the state average at proficient and above in reading. 100% of students in grade 6 at Pitkin achieved proficient or above in reading.
- ★ 88% of EHHS grade 10 students scored at proficiency or above in writing. (14% points increase)
- ★ 46/51 of CIBA grade 10 students received a 3 or better on all tests. (CAPT Scholars)



### EHPS In School Suspension over Time

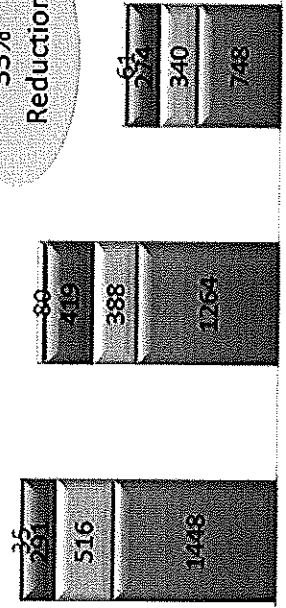
- High (All schools 9-12)
- Elementary (All schools grades K-6)
- Middle (7/8)
- Students in Grades K-1



30% Reduction

### EHPS Out of School Suspension over Time

- Students in Grades K-1
- Middle (7/8)
- Elementary (All schools grades K-6)
- High (All schools 9-12)



33% Reduction



## District Discipline Data





## District Climate Survey Data





I feel very, very proud to work for East Hartford Public Schools.

I always wake up in the morning and I never want to leave but I hate

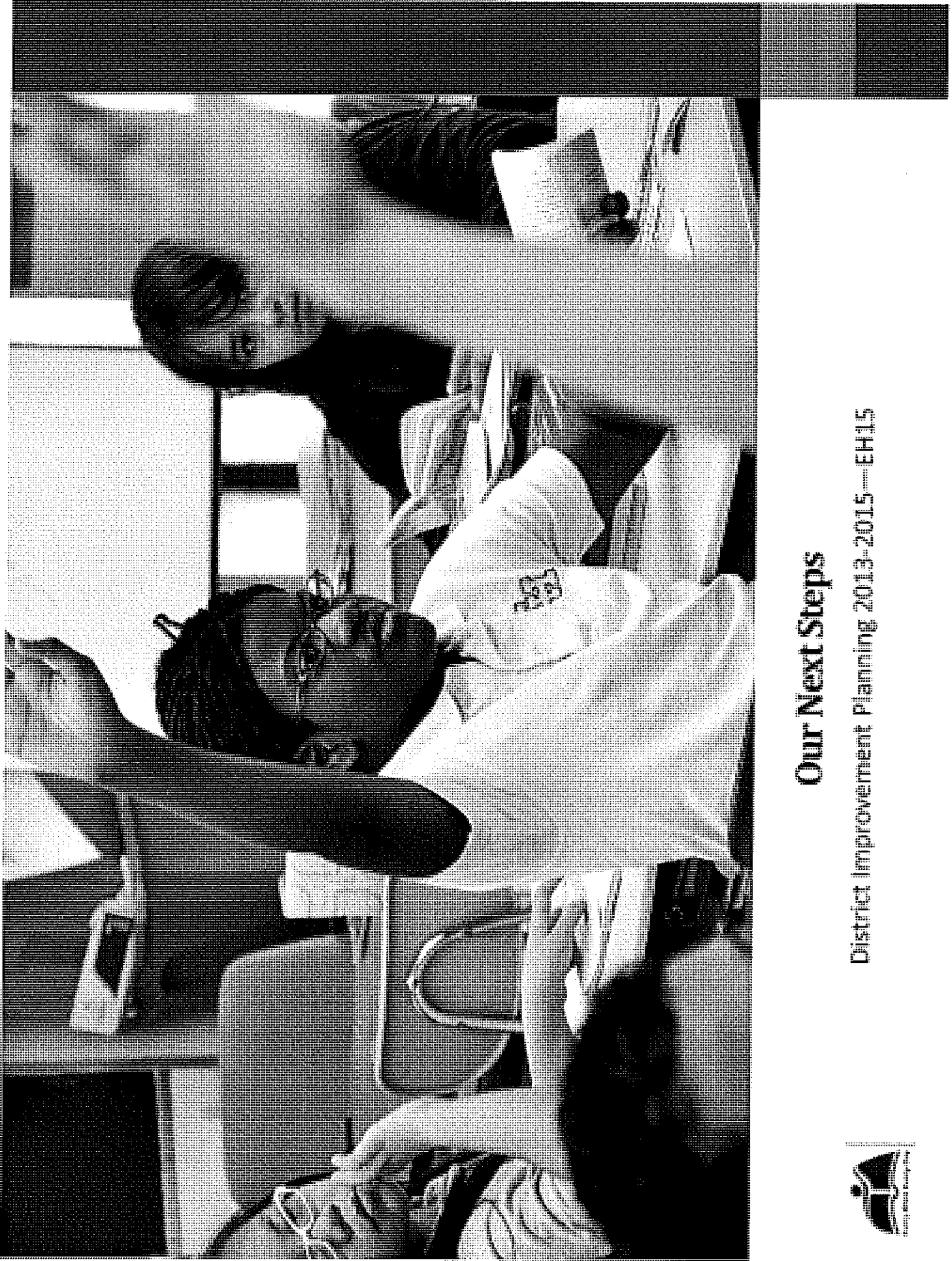
I would like to say that to me this school is safe and I always wake up in the morning and I never want to leave but I hate

and always want to go to school I love this school and I never want to leave but I hate

(sic) to I will visit this school again someday!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I like this school because my kids are safe, and they learn to be friendly plus it's preparing them for college

**The words of our schools...**



## **Our Next Steps**

**District Improvement Planning 2013-2015—EH15**



# EH15 Core Plan Elements

- Focused Vision
- Tight Organization
- Defined Communication
- Accountable Metrics



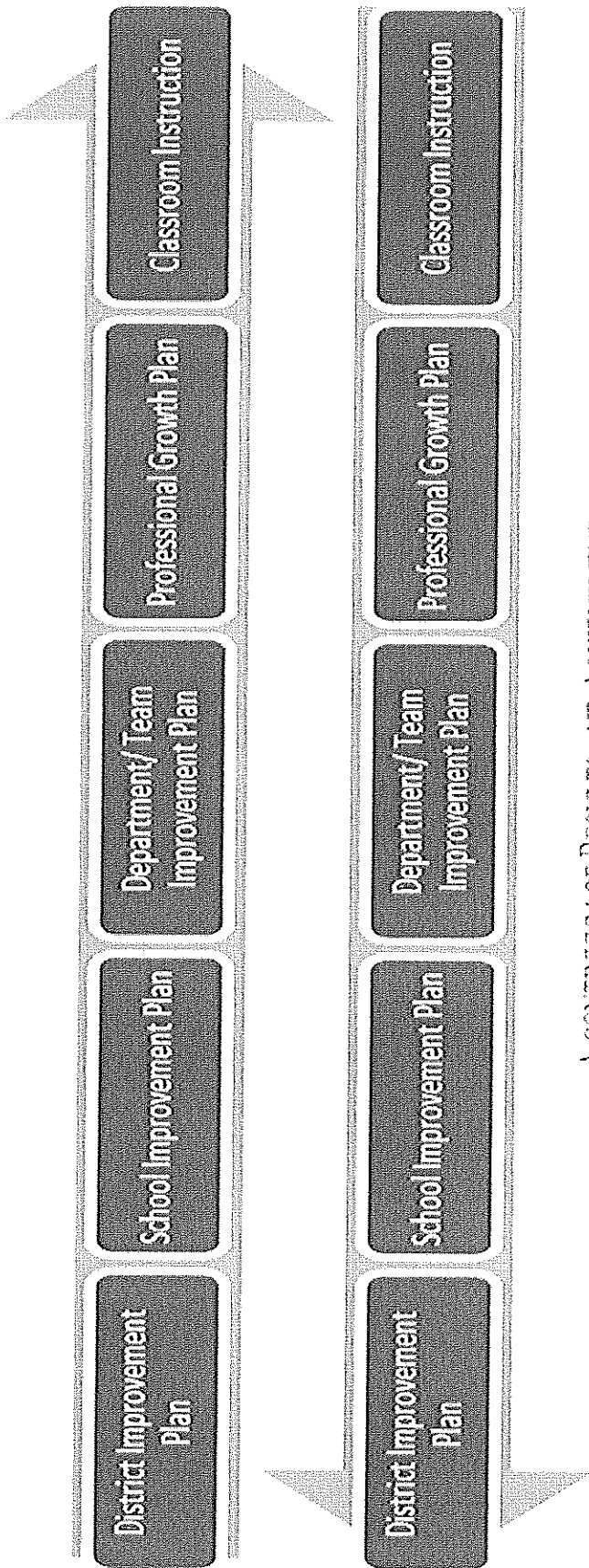
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# A Continuum of Planning and Initiative

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A CONTINUUM OF RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENT

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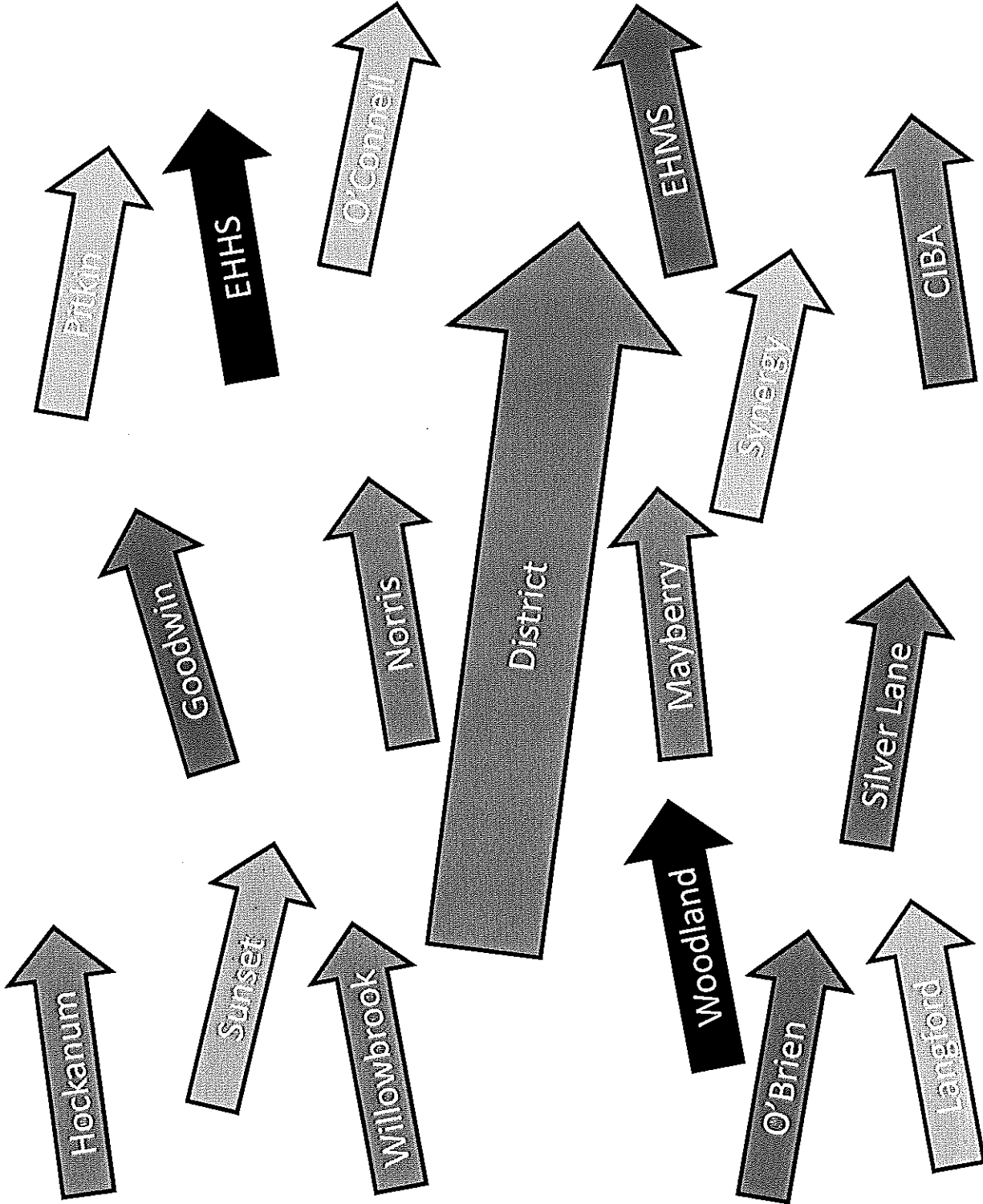
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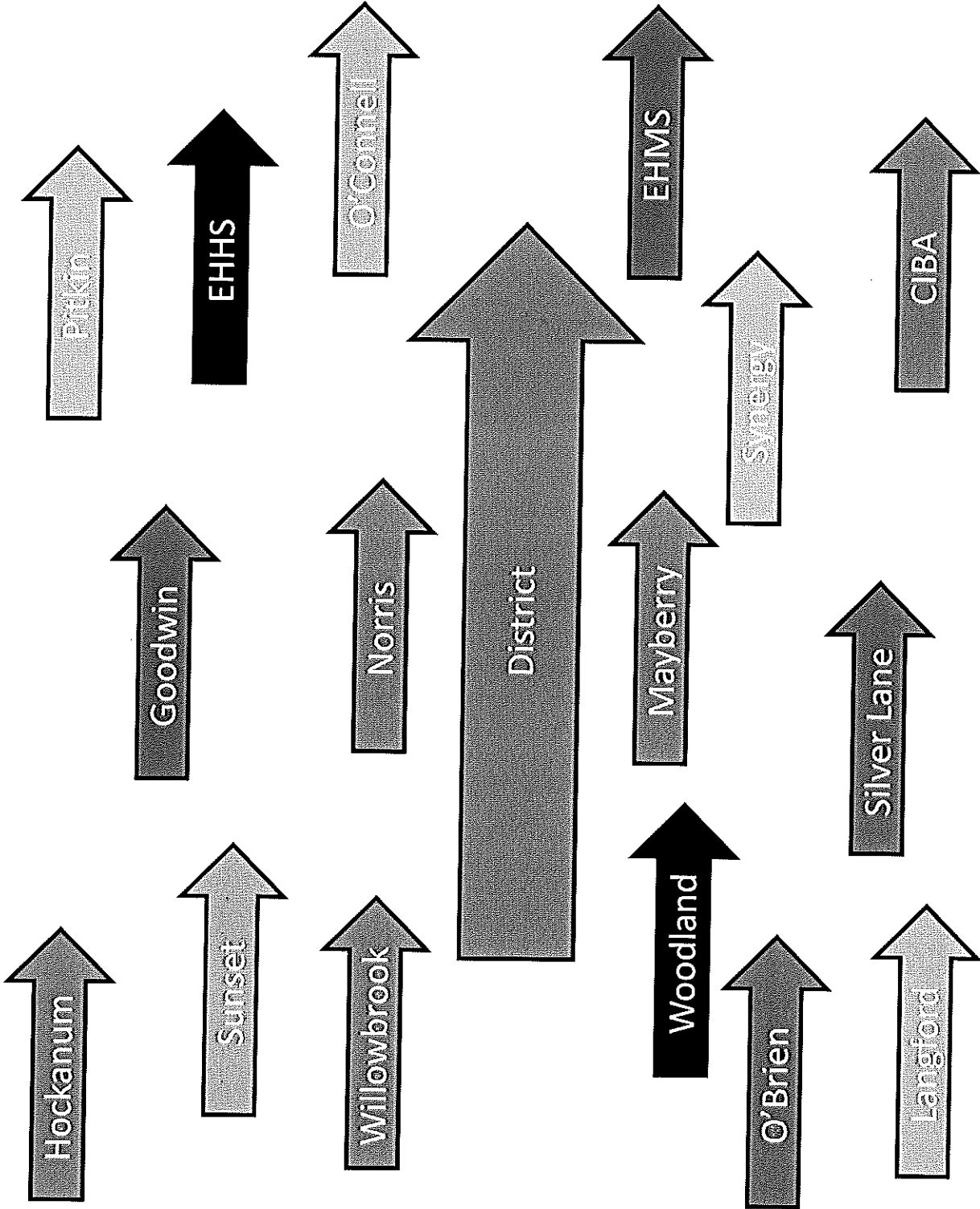
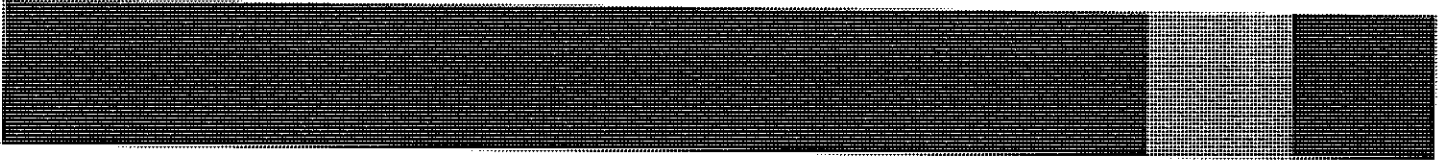
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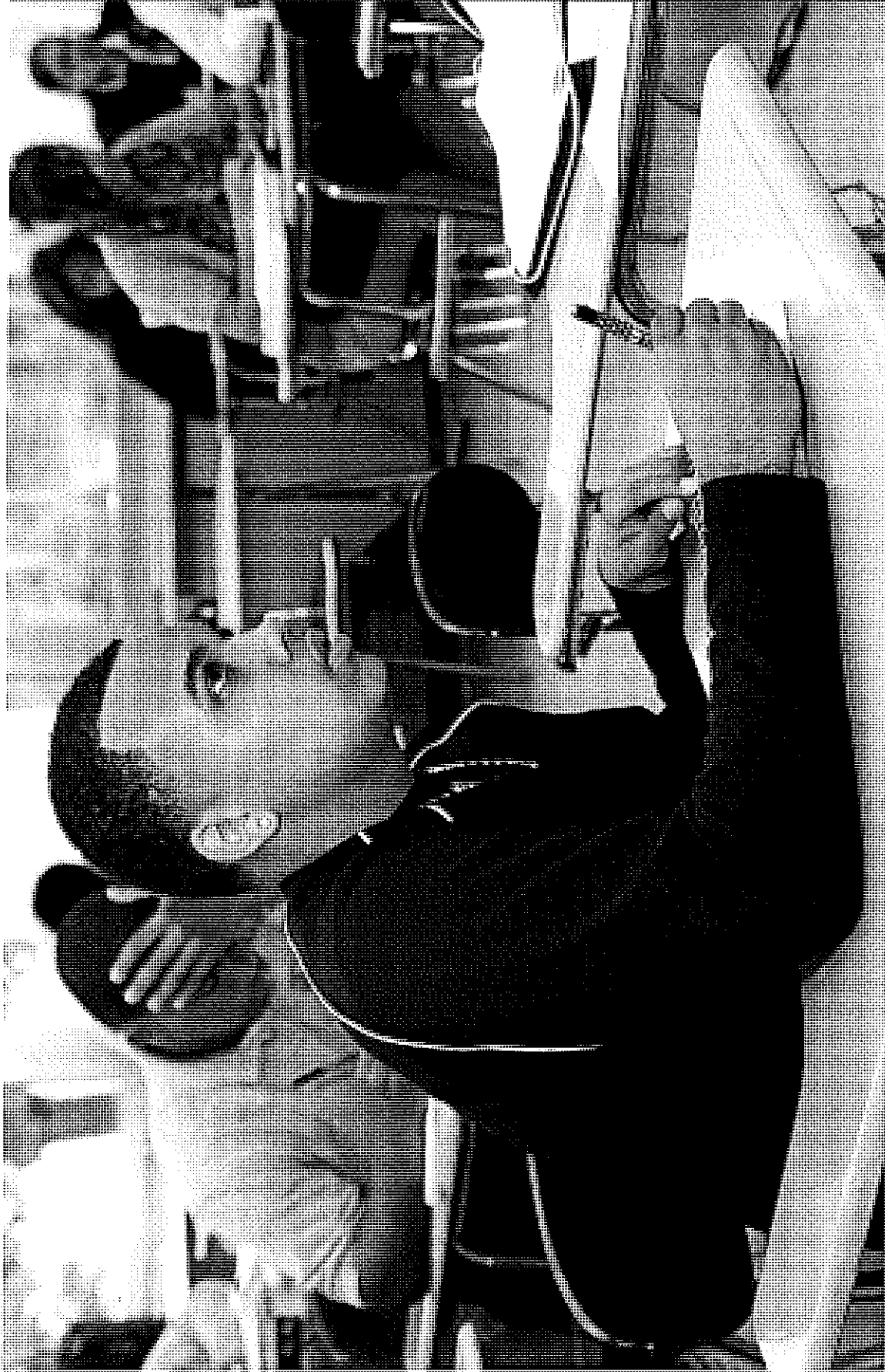
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## Final Thoughts

Thank you for your support for the children of East Hartford.





PRESS RELEASE

To: Media Contacts

From: Nathan Quesnel, Superintendent, East Hartford Public Schools

Re: 2012-2013 CMT/CAPT Results

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**Summary:**

(East Hartford, Connecticut) On Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, East Hartford Public Schools (EHPS) received district results from the 2013 statewide student assessments: the Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT). This data provides EHPS leaders and educators with important indicators regarding district level efforts of school improvement. The results show some bright spots of growth and improvement as well as indicate areas of greater need and development. EHPS is committed to the concept of developing and leading schools that are the pride of the East Hartford community through the delivery of a high quality learning experience for every child, every day. Following an initial review of the test data, Chairman Jeffrey Currey stated, "Our test data is a component and piece of larger system accountability. We embrace the concept of knowing where we are based on the knowledge of where we are going. I am excited to see some areas of growth and improvement in our scores but even more excited to know that a plan is in place to continue to move our schools along that trajectory that we all expect as a Board. We have charged our Superintendent to raise the level of achievement in the district and are excited to see that we are moving in this direction."

In alignment to statewide results, raw district results generally demonstrated a variance across grade levels and subjects. Raw district data provides a comparison of grade levels over time (ex: Scores of 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders in 2011-2012 as compared to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders in 2012-2013). It should be noted that raw data does not reflect "cohort" or similar students across grades. Most significant were gains made at grade levels 4, 6 and 10. Most significantly, students in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade scoring at the proficient and above level jumped over 12% points in writing as compared to students taking the test in 2011. Additionally, reading proficiency improved over 7% points as compared to 2011. On the Grade 6 level, gains were made in relation to 2011 Grade 6 data in all tested areas. Most significant, students improved reading proficiency by over 9% points. Further analysis and review will be done regarding grade level dips in grades 3 and 7.

A review of cohort data, Table 1 (same group of students compared across two school years, ie. Grade 5:2011-2012 to Grade 6: 2012-2013) shows significant growth areas for EHPS students. EHPS Cohort data outpaced state growth lines in 12 of 15 possible areas. Most notably, all EHPS students made growth in reading as compared to their previous years scores with the exception of current 4<sup>th</sup> grades with a minor loss of .7% points. In addition, rising Grade 5 students made nearly a 15% point increase in reading scores as compared to their 4<sup>th</sup> grade results (State growth 4.8% points). Students in Grade 8 made gains in all subject areas as compared to their 7<sup>th</sup> grade scores. The cohort analysis supported the raw score analysis of district dips in the subject area of Math.

EHPS embraces the concept of school and system accountability and is actively in process of growing a results based culture of learning. "Student achievement is the business of all of us here in East Hartford," stated Superintendent

Nathan Quesnel, "while we will celebrate any gains made, we will focus on how we can change, improve and grow. Our current scores and proficiency levels are not acceptable to me or to our system. I am extremely appreciative of the work that has been done thus far in the district, and while we have a long way to go, I look forward to being a part of the transformation that will happen." In addition to CMT and CAPT data, EHPS also utilizes local measures, graduation rates, climate survey data and student discipline data to paint a more full and robust picture of school quality. It should also be noted that based on a preliminary review, EHPS CMT and CAPT results mirrored increases and need areas with State and DRG level achievement data. A thorough and detailed analysis of the CMT and CAPT scores will be presented to the full Board of Education in early fall.

**District Data:**

**Table 1: Unmatched Cohort Data**

The following table provides a summary of cohort gains and losses for students scoring at proficiency or above comparing the cohorts of 2011-2012 to the cohort of 2012-2013. This chart provides a comparison between East Hartford growth and loss areas as well as the average state growth and loss areas. Please note that these scores reflect the same groups of students taking the test (ex: Grade 5:2011-2012 as compared to Grade 6:2013-2014). Please also note that as the CMT and CAPT are separate and different assessments; a cohort scale is not able to be accurately calculated.

Grade 2011-2012	Grade 2012-2013	East Hartford Math Prof % Change	State Math Prof % Change	East Hartford Read % Change	State Read % Change	East Hartford WRT % Change	State WRT % Change
2	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	4	0.0	0.0	2.1	3.3	5.8	0.3
4	5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.0
5	6	5.7	0.7	14.8	4.8	0.0	0.0
6	7	0.0	0.0	2.1	2.2	0.0	0.0
7	8	1.4	0.0	1.1	-1.7	4.4	1.1
Cumulative Areas of Growth		2	1	4	5	7	1

**Highlight School Data:**

- Goodwin grade 4 students increased 14% points in reading and 16% points in writing at proficient and above.
- Goodwin grade 5 students increased 12% points in reading at proficient and above.
- Hockanum grade 3 students increased 11% points in writing at proficient or above.
- Hockanum grade 4 students performed 19% points above the state average at goal and 10% points above state average at proficient and above in math.
- Langford grade 5 students moved 14% points in writing at proficient or above.
- Mayberry grade 4 students improved 24% points in reading at proficient or above.
- Norris grade 6 students improved 23% points in writing at proficient or above.

- O'Brien grade 3 students increased 11% points in reading at proficient or above.
- O'Brien grade 6 students increased 16% points in reading at proficient or above.
- Pitkin grade 4 students performed 13% points above the state average at goal in math.
- Pitkin grade 4 students performed 12% points above the state average at goal in writing.
- Pitkin grade 5 students increased 17% points in reading and 15% points in writing at proficient or above.
- Pitkin grade 6 students performed 11% points above the state average at goal in math.
- Pitkin grade 6 students performed 14% points above the state average at goal and 10% points above the state average at proficient and above in writing.
- Pitkin grade 6 students performed 13% points above the state average at goal and 16% points above the state average at proficient and above in reading. 100% of students in grade 6 at Pitkin achieved proficient or above in reading.
- EHMS grade 6 students showed improvement in all tested areas (18% points in reading vs. 2012 scores).
- 88% of EHHS grade 10 students scored at proficiency or above in writing. (14% points increase)
- EHHS grade 10 students increased 7% points in reading at proficient or better.
- 46/51 of CIBA grade 10 students received a 3 or better on all tests. (CAPT Scholars)
- 100% of CIBA grade 10 students scored at proficiency or above in writing.

**Next Steps/Action Plan:**

Throughout the 2012-2013 school year, EHPS has actively worked to structure and develop a strategic and efficient operating plan designed to focus specifically on student achievement. This plan aggressively targets areas of district need as well as seeks to capitalize on strengths. As an Alliance District, EHPS has infused the additional monies, \$4.3 Million (2013-2014), secured through legislation and the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to provide the resources for advanced student achievement and low performing school turnaround. This money is slated to provide support to the lowest performing schools within the district through specific programming, additional staffing and resources designed to promote student achievement. As the EHPS begins its second year as an Alliance District, EPHS eagerly anticipates results in accordance with the strategic plan goals and objectives.

The following chart summarizes pieces of the strategic operating plan that will guide the district through 2015.

Expectation 1	Expect student achievement	Expect academic achievement for every child and close achievement gaps both within district subgroups as well as in relation to state level performance measures.
Expectation 2	Align system and operational efforts	Align the core efforts and work of all district systems through vision, planning, and uniform implementation. Alignment includes the strategic allocation of financial, human and infrastructure capital to support the district improvement plan.
Expectation 3	Foster talent and competence	Ensure that all classrooms are led by a highly competent educator who is in turn led by a highly competent administrator.
Expectation 4	Nurture a solution based culture of safety and engagement	Develop school environments characterized by a safe and nurturing climate. In alignment with the district PBIS model, focus the actions of adults and students on teaching the values of respect, responsibility and positive leadership across schools.
Expectation 5	Build family and community relationships	Cultivate trusting, open relationships with parents and families that celebrate diversity and are marked by multiple interactions of communication and discourse to support children.

Expectation 6	Insist on Results	Insist on a results based culture of continual improvement through data informed decision making across all district, school, department and classroom systems.
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As a result of this overarching strategic plan, the following programs will be initiated at the district and/or school level or broadened as part of the larger turnaround strategy for EHPS.

- Integrate the Common Core State Standards into all curricula in all grades and subject areas to prepare students for college and career expectations.
- Identify instructional expectations for staff in all schools and provide professional support in the implementation of these strategies.
- Provide intervention opportunities for students who need extra assistance to meet new standards.
- Hire, retain, support and promote top level educators at all levels.
- Strengthen a PreK-Kindergarten partnership with public and private providers of preschool instruction to support the alignment of curriculum and instruction expectations in early childhood education to prepare students for kindergarten experiences.
- Implement and expand the Connecticut K-3 Literacy Initiative partnership with the University of Connecticut to enhance instruction and support for students in the primary grades to create a foundation for growth in reading achievement at grade 3 and beyond.
- Expand technology and multimedia literacy resources in classroom and school libraries to enhance instructional and research opportunities.
- Strengthen the partnership between families and schools through enhance two-way communication.
- Identify, procure and implement an internal assessment system capable of identifying student proficiencies and predicting future academic achievement.
- Emphasize a laser-like focus on the use of data to guide instruction and raise student achievement.


**Conclusion:**

For further details or questions, please feel free to contact the Office of the Superintendent at (860) 622 5107.

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T O W N O F E A S T H A R T F O R D  
O F F I C E O F T H E M A Y O R

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**DATE:** September 11, 2013  
**TO:** Richard Kehoe, Chair  
**FROM:** Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc   
**RE:** RESOLUTION: Dial-a-Ride Operating Grant

Attached is a memorandum from our Director Parks and Recreation and Senior Services advising that the Town of East Hartford has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$14,117.81 from the Greater Hartford Transit District for the fiscal year 2013-2014.

Please place on the agenda for the September 17, 2013 meeting. I recommend that The Council approve this award as submitted by adopting the attached resolution thereof.

Thank you.

**C:** T. Fravel, Director, Parks & Recreation  
M. Pantaleo, Senior Services  
Grants Administration  
M. Walsh, Finance Director



MARCIA A. LECLERC  
MAYOR

# TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD

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East Hartford, Connecticut 06108



I, Angela M. Attenello, Clerk of the Town Council of the Town of East Hartford, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that the following is a true copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Town Council of said corporation, duly held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013. And I do further certify that the following Resolution has not been in any wise altered, amended or repealed, and is now in full force and effect.

## RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc is authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of this corporation, any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the Greater Hartford Transit District in relation to a \$14,117.81 grant to the Town of East Hartford to be used to support costs associated with the operation of the Dial-A-Ride Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Town of East Hartford, Connecticut this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2013.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Angela M. Attenello

Town Council Clerk

seal

MARCIA A. LECLERC  
MAYOR

# TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD

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**RECEIVED**

**AUG 29 2013**

TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

TO: Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc

FROM: Ted Fravel, Director of Parks and Recreation 

DATE: August 28, 2013

RE: Request for Referral to Town Council;  
Approval of Greater Hartford Transit District Grant (Dial-A-Ride)

The Town of East Hartford has been awarded a \$14,117.81 grant from the Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD) to pay a portion of the cost of operating the Dial-A-Ride program for the current fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. This is a non-competitive award that the Town receives because it is a member of the GHTD.

I am requesting that the accompanying resolution be placed on the September 17, 2013 agenda of the Town Council so that they may authorize you to enter into this grant contract.

Attachments: Resolution  
Information Form

Cc: Michael Walsh, Director of Finance  
Clare Fravel, Grants Administrator  
Michelle Panatleo, Senior Services Coordinator

**GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**DATE:** August 28, 2013

**TITLE:** Dial-A-Ride Operating Assistance Grant

**AMOUNT:** \$14,117.81

**BUDGET:** Reimbursement is 50% of actual costs up to the \$14,117.81 cap.

**SOURCE:** Greater Hartford Transit District

**PURPOSE:** Assistance with up to 50% of costs associated with the operation of a Dial-A-Ride service utilized by elderly and disabled persons.

**DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE:** Parks & Recreation

**MATCHING FUNDS IN-KIND OR CASH:** Minimum 50% match

**SOURCE:** Municipal budget line items related to operations

**GRANT PERIOD:** July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

**APPLICATION DUE DATE:** N/A (Town is granted funding as an entitlement due to nature of services. Funding agreement due to GHTD when authorization is obtained).

OFFICE OF THE  
TOWN COUNCIL

**TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD**  
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*Robert J. Pasick*

2013 SEP 12 2:25 PM  
TOWN COUNCIL  
EAST HARTFORD  
(860) 291-7389

DATE: September 11, 2013  
TO: Town Council Members  
FROM: Rich Kehoe, Chair  
RE: Tuesday, September 17, 2013 7:00 p.m. Town Council Majority Office

In accordance with Section 3.3 (a) of the Town Charter, a Special Meeting of the Town Council will be held as follows:

**Tuesday, September 17, 2013**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Town Council Majority Office**

The purpose of the meeting is to meet in executive session to discuss the pending Workers' Compensation claims of former Town employee Trent Reopell.

cc: Mayor Leclerc  
Scott Chadwick, Corporation Counsel  
Cindy Bennett, Risk Manager