

I am the parent of two sons both currently attending the Metropolitan Learning Center Interdistrict Magnet School for Global and International Studies in Bloomfield CT - one in 10th grade and another in 7th. We live in Windsor CT.

I am proud that my two caucasian, suburban sons have made friends with and attend school with so many students from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds. They have thrived at MLC - both achieving high honors and receiving the kind of education I could not have received at our public school. What they have learned in terms of life from their city counterparts is invaluable in allowing them to develop into the kind of young men our community needs - young men who value others based on solely on their character.

Please reconsider these budget cuts - ALL our kids - especially the kids in Hartford deserve a chance to interact with kids from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds and to develop into successful adults.

Thank you-

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