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Members of the General Assembly:

Hamden Public Schools is deeply appreciative of your successful efforts to acquire tuition relief for our students attending Wintergreen Magnet School. Your advocacy allowed Wintergreen Magnet School to continue as a high quality, educational choice for students in Hamden, New Haven, Wallingford and Woodbridge.

The Hamden Board of Education is committed to reducing our enrollment below 55% before the 2011-12 school year. Currently, our percentage of enrollment at Wintergreen is at 59.9% (thirty-one fewer students) down from 67.2% in the 2008-2009 school year. We worked closely with ACES this year to do this and applaud them for bringing Meriden on board as our new partner. With the addition of Meriden's 50 new students, Hamden's enrollment will be below 55% in 2011-12. This will benefit all of our partners, since reimbursement rates will increase by approximately \$800 per student for each student attending Wintergreen Magnet School.

We need your continued help to insure that the tuition relief for Hamden students remains in the budget for this school year and for 2010-2011. We appreciate your strong advocacy. You have enabled parents and students to be part of a wonderful, viable school community. Through your efforts, an even stronger Wintergreen partnership has been established. Hamden has a working plan which is dependent on your tuition relief; please do not allow it to become derailed.

With sincere appreciation,
Fran Rabinowitz
Superintendent, Hamden Public Schools