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2/15/12

To whom it may concern;

My name is Sharon Clark and I am part of the Family School Connection program. I am writing to request not to cut the Family School Connection program. This program has helped my child's education by helping me better educated and be more involved with the school. Without this program in my families life, I would^{n't} be able to know the importance of me actively involved in my daughters education.

Please consider all I have said and not cut the Family School connection program.

Respectfully,
Sharon Clark

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City, Phone Number:

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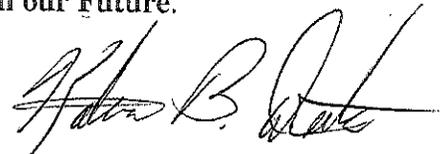
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City, Phone Number: Griswold, 376.5801

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Cynthia Brown
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1-4-12

Dear Cynthia,

I just want to let you know that Sandra has continued to assist me with communicating to families of our school who speak Spanish at home as their primary language. Recently, the week of December 12th, 2011, she assisted me in communicating to 2 different families explaining to them the urgency and importance of their preschool students needing their influenza vaccinations by December 31st, 2011. This is a new State of Connecticut mandate this year for preschool students. In addition, she helped me by calling certain Spanish speaking families that received boots from the Santa Anonymous boot drive from UCFS to encourage them to pick their boots up here at school.

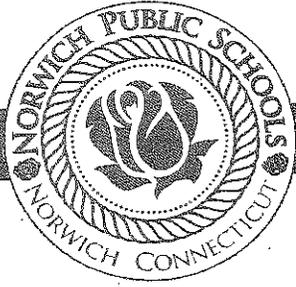
Frequently, when the Family School Staff are in our school, I inquire if they are involved with certain families and ask them if they can provide certain services to our schools' families. They are all very informative and helpful. If I am not sure if I need to make a referral to Family School Connection, they help me by clarifying what they can offer to these families. This in turn, helps me to make the appropriate decision in the best interest of the students and their families.

I find the staff with Family School Connection extremely valuable with connecting the school, the school staff and students with their home environments and their families. If I have any questions, all of the staff have been extremely helpful whether I call and leave them a message or if I connect with them while they are here at our school. They have all followed up with assisting me in many various ways.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

Sincerely,


Sharlene A. Cedrone, RN
School Nurse



NORWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Senator Prague:

I am the principal of Wequonnoc School in Taftville, CT. We are part of the Norwich Public Schools and currently recipients of grant services from the Family School Connections and the Children's Trust Fund. Specifically, the grant helps families before a crisis happens and DCF has to intervene by assisting families who are at risk of educational neglect and child abuse.

I have attached some recent conclusions that we have reached that the grant has had on our school and our families. Please note:

Involvement of FSC staff with families in need – I have witnessed numerous relationships built by FSC staff with our families. These relationships are quality in their nature, with FSC staff extending themselves to become a key resource for the client families. I have observed FSC staff's attendance at extracurricular events so that they can further assist families. Staff is very flexible with the use of time and willing to go to client families' homes, often with very short notice, to assist with a potential crisis. Examples are numerous but include accompanying me on home visits to families in need and FSC staff assistance to two families who lost their home and all of their possessions in a fire. I found FSC staff at the new home of these families late one afternoon assisting the families. In all instances of FSC involvement, I have seen growth in the "family health" of client families.

Review of monthly attendance data - Since our establishment of this grant, a minimum of one FSC staff member has attended every attendance data session. We hold these monthly sessions with the school social worker for the sole purpose of tracking attendance data and identifying solutions. FSC staff has been instrumental in this problem-solving process.

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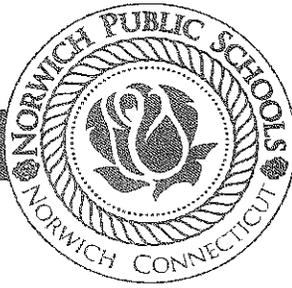
Unintended program benefits – In multiple instances where FSC staff have made a contact offering the program's services, while the family has refused help, the attendance pattern has improved. In discussion with identified families, while they express anger after having had FSC staff contact them, they have made improvements to attendance. (These families seem to do so begrudgingly and simply to prevent additional contact on the matter or to prevent referral to other agencies.)

This program has been very successful in helping families build relationships with their child's school and lowering the risk of child abuse. I understand that the State's financial situation is a serious problem. However, please take into consideration all the children and families that will be negatively affected by the Governor's cuts. I ask that you weigh the value of more prevention-based approaches like this one, as you consider making additional budget cuts.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Fain". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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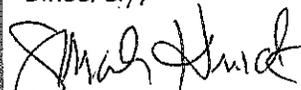
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