

Good Afternoon. My name is Matthew Quinones. I am a Stamford resident and a graduate from the Stamford Public Schools and Norwalk Community College. I am a student at UConn Stamford and a member of the CT National Guard.

On behalf of the Stamford Public Education Foundation, we ask the Education Committee to fix the ECS formula so that Stamford public school students receive a fair per pupil allocation from the state and we are opposed to any measures that will reduce the current level of funding to the Stamford Public School district as it will have a detrimental effect on the education students receive.

We feel it is worth noting that while Stamford is in the same District Reference Group as Meriden, Norwich and East Hartford, Stamford receives approximately \$500 per pupil under the current ECS formula, while the other districts I mentioned receive over \$5000 per pupil.

In addition, we ask that the ECS formula be updated from 1999 data to reflect the 2010 Census results.

And, finally, in reference to the Supreme Court, Horton vs. Meskill ruling of 1977, we question the use of the 'grand list' as a measure of 'town wealth', especially in Stamford where over 40% of the students qualify for free or reduced priced lunch and are less likely to live in families that own homes.

Thank you.