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My name is Miguel Gonzalez. I live in East Haven, Connecticut, and I go to Common Ground High School. I support Governor Malloy's Education Reform Agenda and his plan to increase charter school funding by \$2600 per student. Before coming to this school, I thought it was going to be like my old school. However, going to this school has really changed my feeling about school in general. This school makes a big difference in students' lives and does all the right things to be a great school. I did not see people at my other school doing the things I see teachers and students here at Common Ground doing, such as helping others who need help and trying their best to do what they have to do to get students where they need to be. After entering this school, I love seeing people around me all doing the right thing. This school needs to be funded fairly. It would make a big difference to the teachers, students, and staff of Common Ground and help more students to have this experience.