

Below are the districts in ERG I, their per pupil cost for education for 2011-12 from the CSDE and the variance between the other similar Districts and New Britain. The source of these numbers were taken from the "November 2012, Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Grants Management, 2011-12 Net Current Expenditures (NCE) per Pupil (NCEP).

| <u>District</u> <u>Britain</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Variance over New</u> | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----|
| Hartford | \$17,793 | \$6,163 | 53% |
| New Haven | \$17,475 | \$5,845 | 50% |
| Windham | \$15,918 | \$4,288 | 37% |
| Waterbury | \$14,711 | \$3,081 | 26% |
| New London | \$13,757 | \$2,127 | 18% |
| Bridgeport | \$13,121 | \$1,491 | 13% |
| New Britain | \$11,630 | | |
| Average | \$14,915 | \$3,285 | 28% |

I have read that the Governor is proposing an increase in ESC funding that could lead to a 9% increase in funding for New Britain. While I appreciate any additional funding I think this is clearly inadequate. I read that other Districts including Danbury and Stanford will be getting increases in excess of 25%. I don't know if this is accurate. Either way, my questions is **why are students from New Britain valued so much less than students in other Districts that the State defines as similar?** As a citizen of New Britain and an advocate for all children I find these numbers appalling. What can we do to attempt to rectify this for our students?
Thanks, Mike Foran



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