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Subject: FAIR AND EQUITABLE EDUCATION FOR HADDAM CT

Please note the below points are important to acknowledge as we argue that a fair and equitable education is our duty and one of our most important responsibilities as citizens of Haddam, CT.

- Haddam is the tenth most underfunded ECS town (at 42%) of all 169 municipalities.
- 19 towns funded below 50% of their fair share.
- These communities must either raise more tax revenue or go without.
- When Connecticut Yankee Nuclear Power Plant closed our grand list dropped dramatically. The formula was never adjusted for this drastic change.
- The ECS formula was created to make education fair and equitable for all but presently it does the opposite by pitting municipalities against one another.
- The inequitable formula creates winners and losers from a formula that was intended to do the opposite.
- Haddam can't compete for local businesses with a higher mill rate due to our underfunding at half of what our neighboring communities are funded.
- SB816 is a first step in fixing the funding formula for all communities throughout the state but will most directly impact Haddam.

Please review the above points, and by doing so, we believe that you will deem that Haddam has not been receiving a fair ECS for quite some time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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