

The current formula for state funding of education is unfair. We, taxpayers in towns like Haddam, pay state income taxes yet our town does not get a fair share of the education dollars. We then pay high local property taxes to fund our schools.

The states funding of education should be per pupil, regardless of which town they live in.

The issue in urban or under performing schools is not solved by spending more money on education. The core issue is a lack of family structure. It is a social issue and the main factor is men who are not being fathers to their children.

In fact a few years ago an analysis, done by a consulting firm, paid for by either the state or city of Hartford, stated just that. The goal was how to improve on the success of urban schools and the children. Their conclusion was the most effective way would be to have more and better family structure in these communities.

Furthermore, the proliferation of Charter Schools is grossly misguided. It is another high cost endeavor to save urban school children. If it were examined more closely it would be revealed that the children in these Charter Schools were going to succeed anyway. They are the best of the bunch and are being segregated from the rest of the poor performing group.

I can guarantee that this tax paying family will absolutely move in three years when my youngest graduates high school if something does not change. In 2014 we paid 7K in State Income Tax and over 9K in local property tax. I can work from home and will move to a lower cost state and still work for a CT company.

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